



## MPONELA REFORMED CHURCH – ARPC.

We seek to be devoted to God and our neighbor, firmly committed to the authority of God's Word alone.

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Act 2:46-47).

I am very thankful to the Lord for the favor which He continues giving us. Challenges abound but the Lord is doing amazing things in our midst. At Mponela church, we continue receiving new members every Sunday. While I rejoice in the fact that people are joining our church, I also realize that the responsibility is huge. Please pray that the Lord would raise faithful men from our midst to serve as elders and deacons.

At Bwemba church, I am very thankful as the building project is coming to an end. The project has been mostly funded by Pace Academy Foundation and our contributions. I am very thankful to the Lord for the support received from Pace Academy Foundation. I am also very thankful for all the work done by brother Noel Chatata who is the resident pastor there, supervising the work and making sure everything is done properly. Please pray for his strength and commitment of the elders and deacons as they lead the church there.

At Kapangalika church, I praise the Lord for what the Lord is doing through brother Happy Nyirenda serving as a resident pastor there. I am also very thankful for the elders and deacons serving the Lord there. The Lord continues bringing people there constantly. Please pray that the Lord would enable him and the other leaders to continue providing godly leadership and oversight of the church.





At Dzuwa as a mother church, I am very thankful for the leadership of brother Elliot Khembo serving as the resident pastor there. Just like at Mponela, Bwemba and Kapangalika, more and more people are also joining the church in Dzuwa. My prayer is that the Lord would enable us to start construction of a church building in Dzuwa. All along worship service and other church meetings have been conducted at the school facilities for Joy to the World Ministries and I am very thankful to the Lord for this. Due to the increased number of people joining the church, the classroom block has proved small and therefore the need for a church building there. Please pray for the necessary resources.

I am also very thankful for the food support received from Pace Academy Foundation during this year's rain season. This year with the hunger alert there were a lot of needy members from our churches who needed support. I am very thankful for brother Elliot Khembo who took the initiative to ask support from the leadership of Pace Academy Foundation on behalf of the church. I am very thankful to the Lord for the partnership we have enjoyed and continue to do as a church with Pace Academy Foundation.

I am very thankful for the support received from you all through prayer and finances. Above all, pray that we would be faithful in our proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in our country.

Your brother in Christ,

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