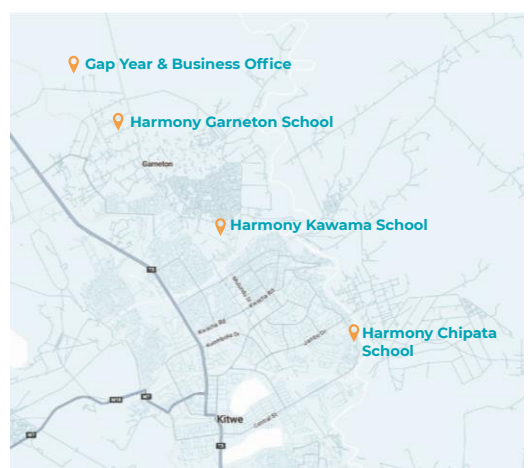




BRINGING JOY & PURPOSE TO ORPHANS



ACADEMIC UPDATES FOR FEBRUARY 2024

2024 Academic Calendar: In February 2024, 3 schools, under the Lifesong Harmony banner, opened their doors after a delayed start due to a cholera outbreak in Zambia. The excitement was deep as the new school year brought in the first-ever students to the new Lifesong Harmony Kawama School, led by Head Teacher Faith Mulenga. The school enrolled a total of 150 new students from pre-K to Grade 1.

1750+
Children
Served

While the return of students was a joyful occasion, it was also a time for reflection as we mourned the loss of a student, Womba Nkolomba, a Grade 7 student from Lifesong Harmony Chipata School, who passed away during the holiday season.

However, the extended break led to the unfortunate news of three girls falling pregnant, highlighting the ongoing need for our trauma team to provide counselling and support to these children.



2023 Exam Results: On the academic front, the results from national exams were released, showcasing the exceptional performance of Lifesong students compared to the national average. Grade 7 students achieved an average score of 96%, significantly higher than the national average of 53%.

Similarly, Grade 9 students averaged 96% compared to the national average of 69.7%, and Grade 12 students achieved a perfect score of 100%, surpassing the national average of 69.3%. Particularly encouraging was the significant improvement seen in Grade 12 - Mathematics subject.

Abeka Curriculum: In terms of curriculum enhancements, the Lifesong schools were blessed with the Abeka curriculum, a generous resource from the USA. This new curriculum is aimed at boosting literacy levels among our students. These resources are expected to elevate literacy rates from the current average of 50% to 80%, significantly impacting learners in the 3 schools with access to these materials. The leadership team expressed their excitement and gratitude for the donors' support, which enables Lifesong Zambia to continue providing essential resources to fulfill the school's vision.



450+ In-Country Staff

Gap-Year Camp: The Gap-Year program kicked off with a camp in Ndola, providing 50 participants with lessons in endurance, teamwork, and the discipleship program.



100+ Students in the Vocational Program

Votec: Additionally, the Votec students welcomed new courses in Electrical and Auto Mechanics, set to begin in April, expanding the vocational route options for our students.

Prayer focus:

- 1) Prayer for the well-being and academic success of our students
- 2) Prayer for the continued growth and impact of our programs
- 3) Prayer for the strength to overcome challenges as they arise

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