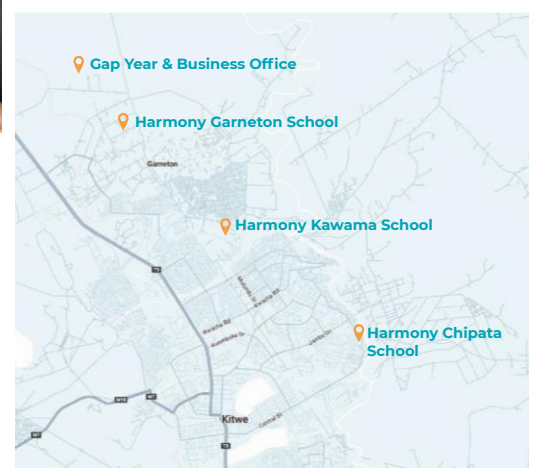




BRINGING JOY & PURPOSE TO ORPHANS



ACADEMIC UPDATES FOR OCTOBER 2024



Introduction: October was a month of outstanding progress across Lifesong Schools, the Gap Year Program, the Vocational Technical College (Votec) and Unity High School project. This report highlights key achievements in academics, character development, and community engagement, reflecting our commitment to nurturing students' growth and excellence.

1750+ Children Served



Lifesong Harmony Schools: This month marked a pivotal academic milestone for our Grade 7 students as they prepared for the National Examinations, a critical step towards advancing to Grade 8. A total of 65 students from the two schools (Chipata and Garneton) participated in these exams. Our dedicated teachers guided students throughout the preparation process, demonstrating our commitment to educational excellence and student success.

Prayer focus:

1. Pray for God's provision and guidance as we build Unity High School.
2. Pray for God to continue encouraging and strengthening our teachers and staff.
3. Pray for students growth in faith and character.
4. Pray for God's wisdom as Lifesong Leaders work on 2025 strategic planning.

Discipleship Program: We are excited to welcome two recent graduates from Eden University, Davison Mwanate (Clinical Medicine) and Gideon Lemu (Environmental Health), as Graduates at Lifesong. Both completed five years of study and acquired their degrees. They are now contributing their expertise to our healthcare and environmental programs.



Zambia Independence Day Celebrations: On October 24, campuses (Chipata, Garneton, and Kawama) celebrated Zambia’s Independence Day with exciting celebrations. Students showcased their talents through music, drama, poetry, and dance, highlighting Zambian culture and history. Dressed in national colors, students embodied Zambia’s rich heritage, fostering a strong sense of national pride within our school community.

World Teacher Day: Lifesong organized a special celebration for World Teacher’s Day, bringing together all our teachers and pastors from Life-song Harmony staff, Gap Year staff, and Votec staff—at a resort in Ndola. This year’s theme, “Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education,” highlighted the vital role our educators play in transforming lives. Approximately 95 teachers attended, enjoying games, dancing, and a heartfelt awards ceremony recognizing long-serving staff members. Each teacher also received an incentive as a token of appreciation, accompanied

450+ In-Country Staff



by messages of gratitude for their invaluable contributions to our mission: *“Bringing joy and purpose to orphans and vulnerable children.”*



Staff Evaluations: We held an end-of-year evaluation and planning meeting for teachers and pastoral staff, providing a platform to reflect on our 2024 achievements and prepare for 2025. This meeting fostered open communication, allowing staff to share valuable feedback, celebrate successes, and discuss areas for improvement. It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our commitment to a transparent, inclusive workplace culture that values continuous growth and alignment with our mission.



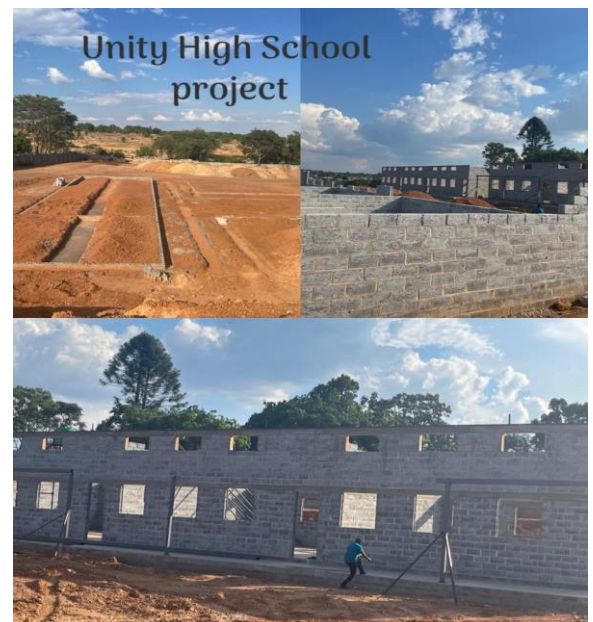
Gap Year Outreach: The 46 Gap Year students reported in the October outreach program to have been engaged in services of supporting vulnerable students in some of the community schools, assisting with community service works (fetching water, Gardening, etc.), and sharing the gospel with community members. Feedback from these experiences underscores the program's transformative impact, as students develop a sense of purpose, empathy, and commitment to serving others.

100+ Students in the Vocational Program



Vocational Technical College (Votec): Our 91 Votec students are diligently training in high-demand trades, preparing for careers that provide financial independence. These courses offer students practical, hands-on experience, equipping them with the skills and confidence needed for professional success.

Unity High School: We have made impressive strides in infrastructure development, bringing us closer to realizing our vision for the institution. Recent progressions include new classroom block, and specialized facilities. Looking ahead, we continue to trust in the Lord's guidance for Unity High School's future. Plans are under-way to ensure a holistic approach to student development that prioritizes spiritual growth, academic excellence, physical health, and emotional well-being are in progress. We are prayerfully considering staff roles in teaching, trauma-care, counseling, health services, and discipleship to support our students more comprehensively.



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