

Introduction: This report provides an overview of key academic and programmatic developments within Lifesong schools in Zambia and initiatives for February 2025. Highlights include the opening of a new school, enrollment updates, vocational and higher education progress, advancements in the Unity High School project, discipleship activities, and a brief history of Mary Musonda, a student who has overcome significant challenges.



Opening of Lifesong Harmony – Racecourse: LFOZ has expanded its educational reach with the launch of Lifesong Harmony - Racecourse, located in a highly disadvantaged area with significant social and economic challenges, including high unemployment, crime, and orphanhood. The school has commenced operations with one stream of Early Childhood Education (ECE), consisting of Baby Class and Reception, and an initial enrollment of 50 students. Kaluba Kambafwile has been appointed as the head in-charge.

Lifesong's three existing schools and newly opened school— LH-Chipata, LH-Garneton, LH-Kawama and LH-Racecourse officially resumed classes for ECE, Grade 1 & Form-1 on February 10, 2025. The delay was due to the Ministry of Education's ongoing 2023 New curriculum material preparations. The current student enrollment figures are as follows: Chipata: 700 students, Garneton: 436 students,

Kawama: 200 students, Racecourse: 50 students.

Vocational Training Center (VOTEC): The VOTEC has successfully enrolled both new and returning students across five distinct courses (Bricklaying, Food processing, Tailoring and designing, Power Electrical, and Auto mechanics). The programs continue to focus on equipping students with marketable skills to enhance employability and self-sufficiency. This year 2025, 134 students have enrolled.

University Student Progress: Over 70 plus Students returning and enrolled in various universities, including Northrise University, Levy Mwanawasa University, Eden University, and Copperbelt University, have successfully reported for their academic programs.









## 1750+ Children Served



Unity High School Project Progress: Preparations for the 2026 opening of Unity High School remain on schedule. A key development this month has been the involvement of student interns, particularly Peter Phiri (pictured in red helmet), who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in safety compliance. Peter has applied his training effectively, ensuring that safety standards align with the Zambian government regulations, and has been fully engaged in overseeing compliance efforts on-site. His contribution has been recognized as a model for student leadership and skill application.

Discipleship and Community Engagement: This month's discipleship initiatives focused on outreach and community service, engaging students in weekend activities such as farm work and community service projects like road maintenance. These experiences provided students with opportunities to apply biblical principles in real-world settings, develop a serv-ant-leadership mindset, and contribute to their communities in meaningful ways.











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Mission: "Bringing Joy and Purpose to Orphans and Vulnerable Children"

## **Student Resilience Story: Mary Musonda**

Mary Musonda is a **16-year-old Grade 7 student** who has shown remarkable resilience in overcoming personal challenges. In **April 2023**, she became pregnant and was placed on **maternity leave** for 1 year and 6 months. During her time away from school, **Lifesong provided counseling support** through school pastors, which played a critical role in helping her navigate this difficult period.

Academic and Personal Support: To ensure she remained engaged in her education, Lifesong also provided homestudy materials, allowing her to continue learning despite her absence from the classroom. Her child, now 1 year old, is being cared for by her 10-years-old younger brother while she resumes her studies.

Current Progress and Future Aspirations: Despite the challenges of balancing motherhood and education, Mary has returned to school with strong determination. She is performing well academically and remains focused on her dream of becoming a nurse. Her story is a testament to her resilience and the effectiveness of Life-song for Orphans Global mission, "Bringing Joy and purpose to Orphans and Vulnerable Children".





Conclusion: February 2025 has been marked by significant milestones in school expansion, enrollment growth, vocational training, higher education engagement, leadership development, and discipleship outreach.

Additionally, the story of Mary Musonda highlights the power of perseverance, support, and faith in overcoming life's challenges. LFOZ remains committed to its mission of providing, "Discipling future leaders through Biblical Truth and Educational Excellence".

## **Prayer Focus:**

Pray that each student in our 4 schools, would be empowered to fulfill the calling You have placed on their lives.

Isaiah 54:2-3 (NIV) "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities."

