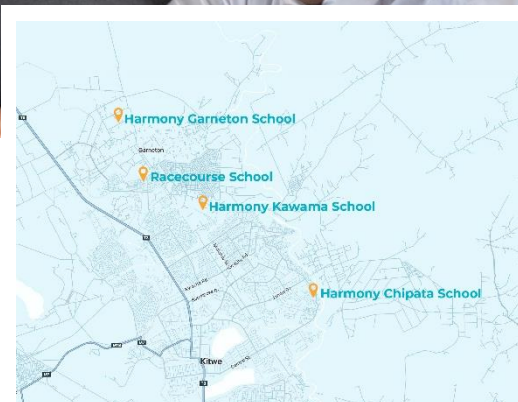


BRINGING JOY & PURPOSE TO ORPHANS



## ACADEMIC UPDATES FOR AUGUST 2025

**Introduction:** August was a great month at **Lifesong for Orphans Zambia**, balancing student recess, examination preparations, and staff development. Teaching Staff continued training in the **2023 Competency-Based Curriculum**, promoting practical, while caregivers provided personalized support to foster academic and emotional growth.

The month also underscored Lifesong's mission to **care for orphans and vulnerable children**, highlighted by the inspiring journey of **Bukata Israel Musonda**, a young Grade 1 orphan living with HIV.

### Second Term Break – 2025 Academic Calendar:

Lifesong Harmony schools officially closed on **8th August 2025** for the second-term break, following an **Open Day** where report cards were shared and parents met with teachers to discuss student progress.

Examination classes (Grades 7, 9, 12 : 201 students in total) continued for **two additional weeks** (8/12 to 8/22 ) at both LH–Chipata and Lifesong Harmony–Garneton, focusing on intensive revision in key subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science. Encouraging improvements were observed in these areas, giving hope for **outstanding performance** in the upcoming October–November final exams.



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**Staff Commitment and Student Support:** We are deeply encouraged by the commitment of our Lifesong staff, who went above and beyond to give each student the attention they needed. By recognizing every child's unique strengths and areas for growth, our teachers, chaplains, caregivers, and support staff have shown true commitment to nurturing the whole child—academically, spiritually, and emotionally.



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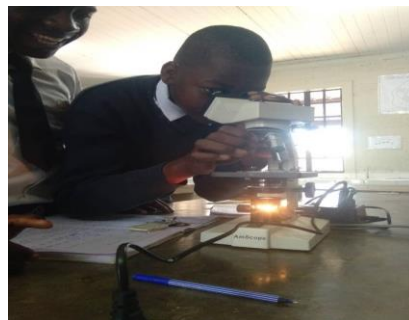
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CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK



### Implementation of the 2023 Competency-Based Curriculum:

During the month, staff underwent ongoing orientation and training in Zambia's **2023 Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC)**, which shifts education from a theoretical to a **practical, student-centered approach** focused on critical thinking, creativity, and applied knowledge. The new structure replaces **Grade 8 with Form 1**, leading up to **Form 6 (A Levels)**. Full implementation of the curriculum across the country is expected by 2027.

Although the reform promises more relevant learning outcomes, schools are still facing **shortages of materials and limited teacher preparedness**. To address this, the Ministry of Education and partner institutions are conducting **continuous capacity-building programs** to strengthen teacher competence and ensure effective delivery.



**Continued Support for Orphans and Vulnerable Children:** In August, the **Kamisheshi Community School** began the process of **handing their school over to Lifesong Harmony**, a step that opens the possibility of **supporting 350 orphans and vulnerable learners** on the outskirts of Kitwe. While the details of this partnership are still taking shape, we remain hopeful and prayerful that God will guide the way, showing the right approach for 2026.

We continue to seek His wisdom as we engage with both the **Government and the local community**, trusting that He will provide direction, provision, and favor. This partnership has the potential to bring hope, joy, and purpose to the Orphans and Vulnerable, even as we step forward cautiously, guided by faith.





**Bukata's Story – A Journey of Hope:** Bukata Israel Musonda is a 9-year-old Grade 1 boy born with HIV. His mother passed away when he was just over two years old, and his father, who was never married to his mother, remains absent. After the caregiver abandoned him, Bukata has had to navigate life largely on his own, occasionally finding temporary shelter with an aunt.

Lifesong for Orphans-Zambia has stepped in to provide care, while our trauma care team works with Bukata to restore his hope, confidence, and sense of security. While the school does not yet have a rescue home for boys Plans are underway to place him under a foster care arrangement with an onsite family, guided by the Social Welfare Department, to ensure he receives consistent medical, emotional, and educational support.



Bukata's journey reminds us of the challenges that vulnerable children face and highlights Lifesong for Orphans Zambia's calling to provide care grounded in faith and compassion. Even in the midst of hardship, there is hope.

*"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* Psalm 34:18

**Prayer Focus:** Join us in prayer

1. Staff and learners as we walk through this important transition in our curriculum. We continue to trust in God's faithfulness, seeking His guidance as we nurture the spiritual, emotional, and academic growth of every student.
2. Pray for Bukata's healing and restoration, that God strengthens his body, mind, and spirit, and surrounds him with love, care, and hope for the future.

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Medical Care



Wages for Teachers & Staff



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