



LIFESONG FOR ORPHANS ZAMBIA - ACADEMIC UPDATE > FEBRUARY 2026

Introduction

We are grateful to report that the month of February reflected encouraging growth across our schools and programs. While real challenges remain, we continue to observe steady progress—not only academically, but also in the hearts and lives of the children and young people we serve.

During this month, we also celebrate God’s provision in a tangible way. Two additional safe homes for girls have been established, enabling us to continue rescuing and caring for children coming from situations of severe abuse and neglect. These homes are already providing safety, restoration, and hope to vulnerable children. We remain deeply grateful, recognizing that God continues to provide at the right time through faithful partners like you.



LH-Schools Academic progress

Academically, we continue to see gradual improvement across our schools. This is especially evident in newer schools such as Lifesong Harmony Kamiseshi, where many learners initially struggled with foundational literacy and numeracy skills. Through time, patience, and intentional effort from our teachers and chaplains, we are now seeing students begin to read, write, and express themselves with growing confidence.

Our staff have gone above and beyond by offering additional academic support, conducting remedial lessons, and adapting their teaching methods to meet each child’s individual needs.

Most importantly, over 2,000 orphans and vulnerable children are receiving not only an education, but also a safe and nurturing environment that includes spiritual care, meals, medical support, and opportunities for future growth.

Spiritual Development

At the heart of all we do is discipleship. It has been deeply encouraging to see students engaging with the Word of God through class devotions, school assemblies, and small-group mentorship. During weekends, safe home learners gather in their respective cafeterias for worship, Bible teaching, and mentorship sessions.

We are witnessing clear impact—students are opening up, asking questions, and in many cases, choosing to give their lives to Christ. Others are seeking guidance on how to grow and transform their behavior and attitudes. These moments remind us that God is actively at work among the students.



Lifesong Votec

Our vocational training program continues to equip students with practical skills that will help them build sustainable futures. Areas of training include electrical work, bricklaying, auto mechanics, tailoring, and food production.

Students are gaining valuable hands-on experience while also learning discipline, responsibility, and the value of hard work. We are observing a growing sense of pride in their learning and practical output.

This program is not only about skills development—it is about restoring dignity, instilling purpose, and preparing young people for independent living.



Gap Year Program

We currently have approximately 56 students enrolled in our Gap Year Program, which continues to serve as a meaningful platform for growth. These young people are engaged in a variety of practical projects, including farming, construction, media production, and bookkeeping, where they gain both technical and life skills.

A key highlight of the program is the development of character. We are seeing increased responsibility, accountability, and a deeper understanding of stewardship. Many students are also growing spiritually as they begin to take ownership of their faith and their future direction.

University, College and Vocational skills Students

Our students in universities and colleges are continuing their studies and performing well overall. It is encouraging to see many of them growing in maturity, leadership, and personal responsibility.

However, we also recognize that this stage presents unique challenges, including peer pressure, independence, and the need for strong spiritual grounding. In response, we have strengthened our engagement through weekend Bible studies, mentorship programs, and counseling support led by our chaplains and staff.

These ongoing connections are proving vital in helping students remain focused both academically and spiritually.

Prayer Focus

We kindly ask you to stand with us in prayer in the following key areas:

- 1. Spiritual Transformation:** That more students will come to know Christ personally and grow in faith, developing strong character rooted in integrity and obedience.
- 2. Strength and Provision:** For God's provision of needed resources (staff, classrooms, and materials), and for strength and endurance for teachers and staff as they faithfully serve and disciple students.
- 3. Student Growth and Protection:** For continued academic progress, protection over students' health and safety, and for university students to remain grounded in their faith despite ongoing challenges.

"The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." — Psalm 9:9 (NIV)