

LIFESONG FOR ORPHANS – ZAMBIA, ACADEMIC REPORT FOR APRIL, 2026

Introduction

April 2026 marked the successful conclusion of the first school term across all Lifesong for Orphans schools and discipleship programs in Zambia. Throughout the month, we witnessed meaningful moments of academic reflection, spiritual growth, and strengthened mentorship among students in our six schools, as well as among our university, college, and vocational students.

Student Baptism



At Lifesong for Orphans, discipleship remains central to our mission and reflects the calling of our Lord Jesus Christ. In April, we celebrated a special spiritual milestone through the baptism of several students.

A total of nine students were baptized on 19th April 2026 after publicly expressing their commitment to follow Christ. This was a joyful moment for the ministry and a reminder that God continues to work in the hearts and lives of the children and young people entrusted to our care.

We thank God for the transformation taking place in the lives of these students and continue praying for their spiritual growth, strength, and commitment to Christ.

Launch of “The Jesus Story” Discipleship Tool



In April, Lifesong for Orphans strengthened its discipleship and mentorship efforts among university, college, and vocational students through the launch of “*The Jesus Story*” discipleship resource on 26th April 2026.

One of the ways Lifesong supports tertiary students is through intentional mentorship and discipleship programs that encourage spiritual growth, leadership development, and biblical understanding. “*The Jesus Story*” presents a blended account of the four Gospels and is designed to help students engage more deeply with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of this initiative is to extend discipleship opportunities, strengthen relationships between students and mentors, and raise mission-minded young leaders who reflect Christ within their academic institutions and communities.

The launch marked an encouraging step toward equipping students to become faithful ambassadors of Christ in their future careers and spheres of influence



Closing of Schools for the First Term of the 2026 Academic Calen-

All six Lifesong schools officially began their one-month April break on 10th April 2026 and are scheduled to re-open on 11th May 2026. While students were on holiday, staff members remained actively engaged in report preparation, staff development workshops, and planning for the second school term.

The end-of-term activities created a joyful opportunity for both students and staff to reflect on the term and prepare for the holiday period. The gatherings included devotion sessions led by campus pastors, presentations from Head Teachers regarding holiday assignments, and encouragement for students to remain safe and responsible within their communities during the break.



Bereavement

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our beloved reception student, Phiri Samuel, from Garneton School, on 20th April 2026.

Samuel was dearly loved within the Lifesong community and will always hold a special place in our hearts. During this difficult season, we continue praying for God's comfort, peace, and strength for his family, classmates, teachers, and all those affected by this loss.

Conclusion

We thank God for His continued faithfulness throughout the first school term and for the ongoing transformation taking place in the lives of our students through education, discipleship, mentorship, and care.

As schools prepare to resume in May, Lifesong for Orphans remains committed to providing Christ-centered education that equips vulnerable children and young adults

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for continued spiritual growth among the students who were baptized and for their faith to remain firm in Christ.*
- *Pray for the successful implementation and impact of "The Jesus Story" discipleship program across universities, colleges, and vocational campuses.*
- *Pray for wisdom, strength, and unity among teachers, pastors, mentors, and school leadership as they continue serving and discipling students.*
- *Pray for comfort and peace for the family and friends of Phiri Samuel during this difficult time.*

A memorial poster for Samuel Phiri. It features a photo of a young boy in a green sweater. The text on the poster includes a quote from Jesus, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14. It also includes "ENCOURAGING WORDS" and a "BURIAL PROGRAM" for Wednesday, 22nd April 2026. The burial site is Nakayombo. The program order includes Arrival and Reception, Holy Mass / Church Service, Tributes & Eulogies, Viewing & Final Farewell, Procession to Burial Site, and Committal & Prayers. The poster concludes with "CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF Samuel Phiri Forever in Our Hearts" and "Rest in Peace, Samuel."