

### Introduction

July was a wonderful month across our six Lifesong Harmony schools — a season marked by academic milestones, discipleship, social responsibility, and infrastructure growth. Children in vulnerable circumstances were provided with safe housing, quality education, nutritious meals, and the opportunity to grow in Christian faith.

### Academic End of Second School Term

All six Lifesong schools completed the second term of the academic year on August 7, 2026, and will reopen on September 7, 2026. (Zambia's school year runs in three terms, roughly January–April, May–August, and September–December, so this marks the midpoint of the year rather than a full year-end.) During the break, exam classes — Grade 7 and Grade 12 — will receive remedial lessons, while teaching staff remain on campus for professional development and planning for the third term. Students, meanwhile, return home for closing devotions, holiday assignments from their head teachers, and reminders to stay safe within their communities.



### Student Recognition: Chess

Pristine Mulenga, a 14-year-old Form Two high school student, was named Best Player in a recent chess competition and earned the opportunity to play against the top player from Kansanshi School, a well-known school in a mining town in Zambia's Northwestern Province. Lifesong is proud to celebrate this recognition of Pristine's hard work, talent, and discipline.

### Co-Curricular Life Skills

#### Production Unit: Growing Vegetables for School and Community

As part of Lifesong's school programming, we provide practical co-curricular life skills for our students by maintaining a vegetable production unit. Beyond providing food, the project is designed to teach three things:

- **Stewardship** — students learn to use resources responsibly and value the effort behind what they eat.
- **Work as worship** — students are taught to see honest work as an act of service to God, not merely a chore.
- **Sustainability** — vegetables are consumed as part of the school menu, cutting costs from the feeding programme's budget.

## Discipleship

### Ukubyala: Peer Discipleship Sessions

"Ukubyala" (a Bemba-language term meaning roughly "to plant" or "to sow") is Lifesong's name for a peer-led discussion program that plants spiritual and moral principles in students through open dialogue. In July's session, students discussed why young people struggle to make good choices, sharing personal challenges from home and school with candor. The discussion closed with time in Scripture, reflecting on what it means to act with integrity. These sessions give students a safe space to be honest with one another and build a foundation for spiritual and moral growth.



## High School Student Conference

From July 24–26, Lifesong, together with the local church Mercy Generation, hosted a three-day, region-wide gathering of students at one of Lifesong's facilities, under the theme "Go and Make Disciples." The conference combined worship, biblical teaching, and student participation. Students left equipped with practical tools and a renewed sense of purpose to live out their faith in their schools, homes, and communities.



### Three Students Baptized

In July, three students — **Bwalya Kasongo**, **Mictas Chisenga**, and **Jeanie Mwankulukusa** — were baptized at a local church. This baptism marked a public step of faith for these three students and served as an encouragement to their classmates, many of whom are now exploring their own faith journeys.



### Parent-Teacher Engagement

#### Parent-Teacher Committee (PTC) Meetings

Lifesong's schools hold regular Parent-Teacher Committee meetings — the Zambian equivalent of a parent-teacher association — bringing teachers and caregivers together as partners in each child's development. In July, these meetings addressed:

- Student behavior and discipline
- Personal hygiene and health
- Academic testing and homework support
- Involvement in community life

These meetings reflect Lifesong's holistic approach: education is reinforced at home as well as in the classroom, with parents and guardians equipped as active partners rather than distant observers.



### **Social Responsibility**

Lightcon, one of Lifesong's sustainable business partners, expressed social responsibility not only through its business operations but also through a hands-on visit to one of our rescue homes. The team helped with cleaning linens, sweeping, general maintenance, and repairs — sharing the heart of Lifesong's love for children through practical service. In the process, they also ministered love to the students and donated groceries to the home.

### **Infrastructure Development**

Construction is underway at Lifesong Harmony Mulyata School on a new classroom block (four classrooms) and an administrative office. The expansion responds directly to growing enrollment and planned grade-level roll-outs, and will allow more students to be taught in properly resourced classrooms.

### **Prayer Requests**

- For God's continued provision as the ministry grows.
- For the safety of students and staff as the second school term comes to a close.
- For the three newly baptized students, that their faith will grow and bear lasting fruit.

Thank you again for standing with Lifesong for Orphans and the children of Zambia. Your partnership makes each of these stories possible.