

What in the World is MU doing? ...

Combating poverty and malaria in Zambia

The petrol station at the junction of the main roads leading from Zambia to Congo and Tanzania is a notorious pick-up point for women and girls who have resorted to prostitution to support themselves and their families. To tackle the problem, MU in Zambia has bought a piece of land near the notorious junction, to build a training centre and school for the girls, to offer them the opportunity for a better future.

Throughout Zambia MU is also offering vocational training and helping women to develop entrepreneurial skills so they can generate income to support their families.

Zambia's MU is also active in addressing violence against women through the Tamar Campaign—an international advocacy campaign that aims to break silence on gender-based violence. It is named after David's daughter Tamar who was raped but spoke out about her abuse.

The Campaign aims at adding to the voice of the church by challenging, educating and equipping it to break the silence on gender-based violence. Those countries participating in the Tamar Campaign are Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, NW Kenya, Tanzania, Eritrea, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia. The Campaign aims to mobilise girls, women, men, media, faith-based communities and others to denounce rape and domestic violence.

In Luapula diocese a particular focus for MU has been addressing the problem of malaria. Zambia has one of the highest incidences of malaria-related deaths in the world and is responsible for 40% of the deaths among children under five. Two workshops were held last year to train women as Malaria Control Agents. These women are responsible for distributing mosquito nets and raising awareness of the dangers of malaria and how it is spread. The program aims to prevent the spread of malaria, especially in children and pregnant women.



Population: 11,862,740	MU Members: Approx
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