

Rooted in Jesus in the Diocese of Luapula, Zambia

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The group is under the diocese of Luapula and led by members themselves but it receives support from Bishop Robert Mumbi in form of spiritual guidance and literature (Rooted in Jesus Christ book 1, 2, 3 and 4.) The group also receives support from the parish priest Fr. Teddy Sichinga as he has allowed us to use the church building.

The group meets every day in the morning from Monday to Saturday at 0600 hours to 0700 hours and from 1500 hours to 1730 hours except for Sundays. Rooted in Jesus Christ do hold prayers meetings from Monday to Saturday in the morning daily. The meetings on Monday to Friday the group discuss the lessons from the book Rooted in Jesus Christ. Books 1, 2, and 3 have been covered so far. The group hopes to start book 4 in November 2011.

Saturday meetings, members do praise and worship, share experiences and testimonies and pray for one another. During the morning meetings, individual members lead the lesson for a week and the method used is open discussion, the leader concludes the discussion.

Every afternoon on Sundays and Mondays Rooted in Jesus Christ group meets at 1500 hours and goes in the community for visitations. The group gives spiritual support to individuals, families and groups depending on their requests. The group does give counseling, healing prayers, cast out demons and encourage those who are spiritually weak and have stopped attending church meetings, and prayers. The group has received people from far villages for healing. The group is very much encouraged by the people's response and how they are being with the power of prayers.

Rooted in Jesus Christ group is proud of their spiritual growth maturity in their lives. The group is seeing miracles happening to people in the community. Many people have been healed, demons are cast out, broken marriages are brought together, lost items are being recovered etc. Therefore the group is encouraged on how Jesus Christ is answering our prayer requests and also some people are changing in their lives.

Rooted in Jesus Christ seminars were conducted by the training chaplain Fr. S. C. Phiri from 17 – 18th August 2011 at All Saints Church. The seminar was funded by the members and the church. 33 participants including youths attended this conference which went on for two days.

September 2012

Rooted in Jesus is still having meetings, sharing the word of God using Rooted in Jesus books, in the morning and afternoon every day except Friday afternoon and Sunday morning .

This time as a group we are teaching and sharing lessons from Rooted book 2 in four sections of All Saints congregation. I thank the Rt. Bishop Mumbi the priest in charge, Fr Jackson Shamende assistance Priest for All saints Parish, and the Church executive to recognize our role in the congregation and allow us to take and share the word of God in sections.

I am proud in Jesus name to inform you and your team that our group has started charity work in the community after learning the word of God on "salt and Light" after the lesson members of the group contributed financially and materially. The group raised 24kg maize grain, 6 bars of soap, salt, and second hand cloths.

In August 2012 our group went for one day outreach meeting to share the word of God with St Paul's Anglican Church which is about 35 Km from Mansa town we had a fruitful day . The activity was sponsored by rooted in Jesus group in terms of food and transport. The theme for the meeting was "individual relationship with God " Lessons covered were: introduction to Rooted in Jesus, salt and light, how to receive blessings from God and spiritual healing. I am proud that many Christians surrendered their lives to Jesus as lord, demons, evil spirits were cast out in many people during the alter call healing prayer time. I thank the power of God by releasing many people from the power of darkness to light.

The group has planned to reach 8 congregations before December 2012; we are going to start with St Andrews 45 km from Mansa town. The group will look for recourses for the activities.

Anglican Diocese has 16 parishes, and 110 congregations, the group has the intention of opening up more in Jesus groups in the parishes and to monitor their meetings.

