Zambia Sunday 4th July 2021

The following is from a text received from Fr Chabala Mwansa, Priest for Mwenda Parish

“Coronavirus is very high here in Zambia, intensive care units, bed spaces inclusive of mortuaries are all full.

Coming to the issues of vaccines not everyone has been vaccinated, due to inadequate of medicines.

The link has helped in putting up the church structure and the priest house which is almost done, the wiring for both the church and the priest house are done already of which we are just waiting for the zesco poles to be installed. Once the installation is done we are pretty sure to have power to both the church and priest house.

The link is also working on the project for the bole hole, of which the quotation has already been submitted the Bishop Robert Mumbi’s office of which we are just waiting for the project of drilling to commence.”

**A prayer from Fr Chabala Mwansa**

Therefore We want to thank GOD for his mercies, goodness, love and care for making it possible for us to have the link here in Zambia particularly Mwenda parish.

We acknowledge GOD for the good works he is doing upon us and on every person who is part of the link.

We pray that GOD may bless the works of their hands, and that he may continue sustaining their lives and protect them from this pandemic of covidv19 which has fallen in the whole the world.

Our prayer is that GOD may have mercy on all his children so that his work may continue prospering throughout the world.

May GOD bless all the bishops, the clergy the laity for standing in the gap for all the believers worldwide through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**A prayer from June Best**

Dear Lord, we thank you for all the links between the Bath and Wells Diocese and Zambia. We thank you for the hope these links give, especially in the remote areas of Zambia and we pray for Mwenda in particular.

We ask you to bless the congregations of Mwenda parish, may our link with them encourage them in their faith. Bless too the time that Fr Chabala Mwansa will minister to Mwenda, guide him as he reaches out to his flock, may his ministry refresh and renew all those he meets whether through church services or in a pastoral capacity.

We thank you that our joint project with them to build a house for a Priest is nearing completion. We ask that this final part of the project, the supply of water to the Priest house and Church will soon be able to be completed.

We thank you for all Bishop’s, especially Bishop Peter Hancock recently retired, for all he did to encourage our links, and Bishop Robert Mumbi for all he has done to steer this project towards completion, enabling a Priest to minister to Mwenda. We thank you for the Clergy, especially Fr Chabala Mwansa, also the Laity, especially Purity, who work so hard to spread your word and grow your church in Zambia. We thank you that the people of Mwenda are part of our journey as we are part of theirs. We thank you that communication is now so much easier, and we thank you for those interested in the link, and ask that greater communication will encourage more involvement so that we can grow in faith together, learning from each other.

The pandemic is causing such stress and sorrow for so many. We ask you to pour your healing power and love into those in need, and to guide them through the difficult days and times they face. May there be enough vaccinations and a willingness to share them around the world.

We ask that the time will come when we can resume visits, that there may be a time when they can visit us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ’s name. Amen