

June – July 2025



Dear Friends,

This last two months has been a buzz of excitement as Youth Camps have kept the Nyangombe Team busy. As well as Youth Camps locally we also managed to help organize three major camps at our sister Discipleship Centers. This has been a great blessing and in truth we are hard pushed to meet the increasing demands for additional youth camps!! A great place to be when observing a renewed interest in the things of God amongst youth in general.

Youth Camps at Nyangombe

Letters to Secondary Schools in the area are sent out in advance allowing for 20 students from one school and 30 from another, depending on size of school, until we reach capacity at 120 campers. This year for various reasons, tears shed by many being one reason, we increased numbers to 180 which was a first for us. Having boys and girls is always a challenge and keeping them from pairing off is a responsibility we take seriously. This involves having Senior Friends sleeping across doorways of dormitories so that the trust parents put in us to keep their children safe is honoured. With the greatly increased numbers attending often three lads on one bed in the male dormitory became 'the norm' and no-one complains!

Transport of students is so much safer and easier with our own truck and trailer carrying 60 students at a time. The safety cage was built in our workshops and protects students from branches on our bush roads. Police give their permission readily knowing that this is probably the safest transport in the district.



The arrival of the young people is heard from a long way as they enthusiastically sing and get excited about arriving at Camp.

At Nyangombe preparations are well underway to register and house the students and we begin to feel the 'burden' for these young people as 70% do not know the Lord.



Food must be prepared for 180 hungry boys and girls three times daily and the Nyangombe ladies, as usual, rise to the challenge.

Nshima is the staple diet which consists of ground maize cooked and stirred until like a thick, stodgy porridge. This is eaten together with diced cabbage, onions and tomato and some little dried tiny fish. The amount that the boys can eat always amazes us!

Calisthenics 'Africa Style' using a trailer with an amplified sound beat gets the young folks moving and active before sports which include races, tug of war, rolling old tyres across the line as well as tournaments for Volley Ball, Basket Ball and Football. The objective is to tire them out!!



Discussion between teaching sessions are lively and often focus on contemporary issues such as correct use of mobile phones and avoidance of harmful web sites.

In Africa, 'ALL' would want to receive forgiveness and salvation and it takes experienced local people to identify who genuinely desire to commit to and to follow the Lord. Over 30 such commitments were identified. Letters were written and sent to good Church leaders who will make every effort to help these youngsters grow in their new found faith. They leave Nyangombe and we keep praying that a work of eternal value has been done in many lives.



Grateful thanks for prayer! Gordon & Sybil