



## Farewell Dr Temu, welcome Bishop Aboagye-Mensah

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*picture: From Left to right new director, Most Rev Dr Robert Aboagye-Mensah, board Chairperson Rev Suzanne Matala and outgoing director, Dr William Temu. BOTTOM : Rev Fr Stephen Chibubi from St John's Anglican Seminary gave the bible farewell sharing.*



**agye-Mensah has described outgoing director, Dr William Temu as meticulous and committed to hard work.**

His grace, Rev Dr Aboagye-

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**NCOMING director, Most Rev Dr Robert Abo-**

there was little else left to do. "I hope that MEF will not only be walking and running but also flying. I look forward to working with the Zambian members of staff.

I don't need to talk to Zambians about team work because you recently beat us (Ghana) in football," he said jokingly as he referred to Zambia's victory in the recent Africa cup of nations.

And in his farewell speech, Dr Temu said he was sad to leave MEF as nothing could erase the fond memories he had of the place.

"The thing I regret the most is that I did not do the thing I love the most—talking to students. I was hoping to introduce the course, 'Values in the 21<sup>st</sup>

Century'," he said.

Speaking at the same function, board chairperson Rev Suzanne Matala said Dr. Temu had started an unstoppable turnaround of MEF.

She added that Dr. Temu had done good job in giving MEF an honourable statesman, Bishop Rev Dr Aboagye-Mensah.

"I want to stand in testimony that Dr Temu has brought a good face to MEF locally and internationally. We have had a respite of peace in MEF.

Administration and Communication has changed, partners that had abandoned MEF have come back to support MEF, even if it is only for a little while longer," said Rev Matala.

By Simangaliso Chunga  
FORMER Media and Communications student, Boyd Kaimbi Chibale has revealed that he is to open a radio station based in Kitwe.

Mr Chibale who is currently British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) project manager says that his experience at the media giant has inspired him to open a radio station that will be 'different' from 'other' radio stations in Kitwe.

"I want my radio station to play only music and content that does not corrupt the morals of young adults. I want my audience to be glued to the radio station without playing or airing anything that will corrupt their minds," he said.

Mr Chibale made this revelation during an educational talk he was giving to the 2012 Media and Communications student on the Freedom of Information Bill.

The elated media students applauded as they asked Mr Chibale about possibilities to work for his radio station.

Some of the stu-

## Former MEF student to open radio station

dents said the talk was inspiring as Mr Chibale talked about opportunities media students have to work for the BBC.

Mr Chibale who graduated from MEF in 2003, worked for Radio

Icengelo and National Miners Workers' Union respectively, before moving onto BBC.

Earlier in the same week, Change Life Zambia director, Fr Frank Bwalya had also addressed the students on the Freedom of Information bill (FOI).

It is hoped by many journalists that the FOI bill will be enacted before the end of August this year.



**FR FRANK Bwalya (middle) wearing a whistle around his neck to show media students that he is a whistle blower, whilst Media Lecturer, Ms Mwiinga Shimilimo (Far left) looks on.**

## Malio is new student council president



SOCIAL Work final-year student, Humphrey Malio (insert) has won the student council presidency by a total of 33 votes out of 74 votes.

The vice presidency has been won by Enala Nalungwe, also a final-year student from Social Work Class and the new student council secretary is Temba Mundia, from first year, media class.

The vice Secretary is Faith Nambaya from first year Social Work class and the two committee members are: Alex Bob Karimu and Sophia Masoetsa both from Youth Social Work.

The student council which comprises of all class representatives, kitchen, hostels, and Information Technology, Library and Social Committee chairpersons will be officially sworn in before the end of May.



*SPECIALISED Management of Orphans and Vulnerable children graduates, from left to right, Angelina Shikongo (Namibia), Benson Aswile (Tanzania) and Salome Kagare (Kenya).*

## MEF hosts Kwa-Zulu Natal Graduation

ONE hundred and fourteen long distance students have achieved 100 per cent pass rate in the certificate course, Community Based Work with Children and Youth.

And Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation (MEF) took the centre stage as it hosted the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal at the 54<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony.

University of Kwa-Zulu Natal Lecturer, Mrs Nana Buthelezi and Africa Centre for Childhood programme officer, Ms Maria Makgamathe congratulated the Zambian students for flying high.

Speaking at the same function, outgoing student representative, Kakoma Shabiyemba said in his vote of thanks that MEF graduates had a vast array of skills but they were hampered from gaining employment by rigid work experience requirements.

“We have a vast array of knowledge that we can contribute to the working environment. I

want to appeal to employers to wave aside the several years work experience required for most jobs as this doesn’t give fresh graduates a chance to prove the quality work they have learnt at school,” he said.

Forty-two students graduated from MEF in Social Work and Community Development, whilst 114 graduates were hosted under the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal long distance Community Based Work with Children and Youth certificate course.

Meanwhile, the MEF Community Based Work with Children and Youth course coordinator, Mrs Marie Aimee Muteteshe has urged recent Social Work graduates to pursue the said course.

“I wish to announce that the MEF students who have graduated from Social Work and Community Development will find this course helpful in issues of child minding and youth work,” she said.

# Obituary: Remembering Fr Maxwell Bwalya

Story by Mwiinga Shimilimo

**F**ORTY-THREE year old Fr. Maxwell Mukuka Bwalya is believed to have served as a priest from as early as the age of 18.

The Media and Communications student who passed away in the early hours Tuesday, April 24, 2012 had a great sense of appreciation for women.

He looked forward to day when inequalities between men and women would cease.

In his last Chapel sharing, held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, Fr. Bwalya read from the book of Luke, Chapter one.

This day marked his birthday and also his anniversary of over 25 years of life as a priest.

He remembered his late mother who had raised him as a single parent and supported his decision to become a priest.

Fr. Bwalya lived with a deep sense of adoration for women like Mary the mother of Jesus and Elizabeth the mother to John the Baptist.

"We must respect all women. They are our mothers, aunties and sisters. We must pray for all women including those who sell their bodies for a living," he said.

At this point in his sharing, Fr. Bwalya's

countenance fell, appearing somewhat sombre as he said: "Instead of condemning these women, we must pray that one day God will move onto their hearts and change them."

I remember my last super with him in the MEF dining hall.

He expressed how he hated men's callous behaviour towards women.

"I dislike women being maltreated because they tend to blame themselves. Women tend to generalise that all men are bad.

"We must respect all women. They are our mothers, aunties and sisters. We must pray for all women including those who sell their bodies for a living. Instead of condemning these women, we must pray that one day God will move onto their hearts and change them."

When women come to me for counselling, they say things like 'you know how [you] men

behave' (Mwa lishiba mwe ba ume eflyo mwaba)," said Fr. Bwalya regrettably.

"Even though I am a priest, sworn to celibacy, women tend to forget this and go on complaining about how we men mistreat them. I don't want to be included in this [equation]," he added.

Media lecturer, Mr Newted phiri said Fr. Bwalya would be greatly missed as he was one of the best performing students and described him as a very understanding student. MHSRIP.

# MEF activities in Pictures...



*MEF media class students swarmed the board chairperson after the welcome thanks giving service of the new director*



*RIGHT to Left: Head of programmes, Mr Michael Mwanachongo, Africa Centre for Childhood (South Africa) representative, Ms Maria Makgathe, Dr William Temu and Guest of honour, Zambia Catholic University vice chancellor Rev. Fr. Rogers Sikwamo.*



*TOP: MEF choir sang "No turning back" at the graduation ceremony.*



*LEFT: The Beit Trust held a cocktail for all scholarship alumni. Acting public relations officer, Ms Mwiinga Shimilimo represented MEF. Here Ms Shimilimo talks about the relationship between MEF and Beit Trust to British High Commissioner, James Thornton.*

