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**PRAISE
ITEMS
FROM
ZAMBIA**



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MIZINGA MUBIANA

Mizinga came to ZMH in July 2015 during her last month of pregnancy. She was unable to walk for 1 month because her legs were paralyzed. She delivered a healthy baby boy in August.

She traveled to Lusaka for an MRI of her lower back which

revealed tuberculosis of the spine. After completing 1 year of treatment with TB drugs, she started home physical therapy to build up the strength in her legs. After 1 year, she began to walk again for the first time. By January 2017, she improved enough to return to work as a school teacher. In September 2017, we paid a visit to Mizinga and her family at their home.



EUNIVIA CHIKUBWAI

Eunivia delivered 2 days before Christmas. Her baby was born with a birth defect known as amniotic band syndrome. While the baby was still growing inside the womb, the amniotic fluid formed a string and it wrapped around the lower leg severely reducing

the blood flow to the foot. After the delivery, the concern was that the foot might not survive due to the poor blood circulation. The baby was transferred to the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. Dr. Goran Jovic is a plastic surgeon from Serbia who has been in Zambia for 20 years. He performed the delicate operation to release the tight band so that the baby's foot was saved.

Monthly Prayer Requests: (please keep these items in your prayers) 1) We are having severe drought in Zimba. There has not been much rain so far during this rainy season. 2) Future direction of partnership between Global Partners and ZMH 3) More financial support needed for ZMH from the National Wesleyan Church Office in Lusaka 4) Wisdom and strength for the ZMH Management Team to make good decisions and implement action plans. 5) National staff members at ZMH to take to heart the mission of the hospital and display more compassionate care to the patients coming for treatment.

NEW ADMIN BLOCK



The new administration building was completed last month. The project was funded by Africa's Child in Holland, Michigan and Global Partners in Fishers, Indiana. The Zimba Mission Hospital Management Team led by the Hospital Administrator, Mr. Khondowe, successfully oversaw the project. It was completed over a 2 year period. Of special note, missionary personnel provided no assistance for the project. This was a significant achievement because it was the first time for the Zambian nationals to manage a major building project at ZMH from start to finish. This is a good sign for capacity building and sustainability for the hospital.



LENTIA SIAMWEENZU

Lentia delivered prematurely on Christmas Day. Her new baby boy weighed only 3 pounds and was admitted to the NICU. On January 6, the baby suddenly stopped breathing. We don't have neonatal ventilators at ZMH. Resuscitation with bag/mask ventilation was unsuccessful.

The baby was declared dead. Over 30 minutes later, the maternity ward staff were surprised to find the baby had amazingly come back to life and even started crying. It was a miracle with no medical explanation other than God's healing power was at work. Lentia took her miracle baby home on January 12. The baby weighed 4 pounds on discharge from the NICU.