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Briefs

Three Norwegian students from Oslo University College are attached to Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation for three months.

The students are studying Early Childhood Education.

Their names are; Anniken Andresen, Mari, Bjornerud and Birgitte Haav Stokkan. They arrived on campus on January 18 and will leave on April 16.

Ms Ireen Munkena is attached to Public Relations Office from January 6 to January 30.

Ms Munkena has been on attachment in preparation for her diplomancy and international relations training with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Two students from Zambai Institute of Business Studies and Practice (ZIBSIP), Mildred Chota and Cathreen Banda are attached to Catering Section for three months from December to February.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth Nkhoma and Lilian Mulopwe, from the same institute ended their three months attachment on January 18. The students are studying Food Production.

Media and Communication lecturer, Ms Mwiinga Shimilimo has pledged to bring prestige to the institution after undergoing teaching methodology at Technical Teachers Vocation College in Luanshay. Ms Shimilimo said although the course was challenging, she had graduated with a merit. She is thankful to management for sponsoring her. Training members of staff is one of the policies of MEF.

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Mwiinga Shimilimo**

MEF introduces new courses

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation has introduced new Zambian based programmes.

Head of Programmes, Mr Cliven Katebe, disclosed in an interview that apart from the Pan-African programmes the institution has been offering, three other Zambian based courses from January 2009 have been introduced. Mr Katebe said Zambia Primary Teacher Training Course (ZATEC), Social work and Community Development are the newly introduced programmes. He said ZATEC was a certificate course, while Social Work and Community Development were Diploma courses.

Mr. Katebe said other courses such as certificate in Social Work, Community Development, Home Management and Child Minders and Carpentry and Joinery will also be introduced. He said fees range from K1,300,000 to K1,450,000 per semester.

He said Examination Council of Zambia will examine the students at the end of their academic year.

The institution opened the first academic year on January 19 for Zambian based courses and the Pan-African academic year will open on February 9.



Mary Sikaneta becomes primary school

Mary Sikaneta Demonstration Pre-School at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation has been upgraded to primary school level.

School supervisor, Mr. Titus Masaba, said the school which opened on January 13 had one class for grade one and 25 pupils had reported for classes.

Mr Masaba said the school started as a nursery for children who came with mothers studying at MEF. He said these children used to receive early childhood education from the school while their mothers were in classes. He said the school later became a demonstration for participants who were being trained in Pre-School.

Mr. Masaba said later the Pre-School was open for Children within Mindolo Community and surrounding areas in Kitwe such as Mindolo, Buchi, Chimwemwe, Racecourse, Kawama and Kitwe Teachers Training College. Due to demands from the public, the school has been up graded to primary level.

Grace Ilunga dies

'Amayi' was how some members of staff and guests addressed the late Mrs Grace Ilunga who was put to rest on December 29, 2008 at Chingola Road Cemetery.

Mrs Ilunga, 49, died in Kitwe Central Hospital on December 27 after an illness.

She was born in Solwezi on July 18, 1960 and joined the Foundation as a Secretary in 2002. Later she was moved to Public relations office as Secretary/ Receptionist until her death.

Speaking at the Church Service held at Chimwemwe Evangelical Church, MEF Head of Administration, Mrs June Muleya - Kangwa described Mrs Ilunga as a committed worker with a sense of humour. She described her as a committed christian.

May her soul rest in peace!



Take lead in prevention of HIV/AIDS

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation staff have been urged to take a lead in the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

Head of Conferences, Research and Projects, Mr Micheal Mwanachongo urged the staff when he officiated at the workshop on World Aids Day on December 1, 2008 in the Chapel. Mr Mwanachongo said a number of people had died and many numbers were being infected and others were being affected and for this reason solutions to the problem needed to be found. He said one of the solutions to this

problem is the prevention of the disease.

He said the theme: "Leadership Stop Aids and keep the promise was appropriate for the day and for this reason staff needed to take a lead in prevent the disease. Closing the workshop Management Information Officer, Mr Tyson Mumbi thanked members for attending the workshop and for being open when deliberating. He urged them to take responsibility of their lives.

The workshop was attended by all programmes and departments of the Foundation.

'Trust in God'

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director, Rev Reuben Daka has urged staff to trust in God for Mindolo to prosper.

He said this in his welcome message when he preached in the Chapel on January 5.

Rev Daka who read from Mathwe 3: 18-24 said God was with Mindolo, just like in the bible God was with Joseph for him to accept Jesus in his family.

He urged staff to continue praying even in times of difficulties.

The Director thanked staff for the unity and sacrifice they had shown in 2008.