



# Mindolo News

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## Message from the Director

I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation, we thank the almighty God for having seen us through the 2007 academic year.

The year brought to us a number of visitors and participants that came to attend workshops, meetings, certificate and diploma courses. All these people brought their own experiences and skills to the institution.

On October 26, 2007 through the almighty God we sent to the World 45 participants that graduated in the areas of English, peace and, media studies, ecumenical, youth, women and care and management of orphans and vulnerable children.

As we carry out our training, we want to share our activities through a monthly Mindolo News which has superseded Mindolo Weekly, which was our internal newsletter.

It is our prayer and wish that Mindolo News will provide you with news on the activities of Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation on a monthly basis.

I thank you and may the Lord bless you abundantly.



## Notices

Ms Bertha Mwanza from Hostels died on April 29 after a short illness. May her soul rest in peace!

Mindolo will celebrate its golden Jubilee in September 2008

## EDITORIAL TEAM

Chief Editor: Rev Reuben Daka  
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## Forty five participants graduate at MEF

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation graduated 45 participants on October 26 at St Francis Square.



Some of the graduated participants

General Secretary of Council of Churches in Zambia, Rev. Suzanne Matala officiated at the 49th graduation ceremony, which was attended by MEF Board members, Management and staff, government officials and Church leaders.

Rev Matala urged the participants to go and fit in the global world that had become complicated place to live in. Rev Matala reminded graduating participants to ask them-

selves on the role they would play in the complicated world in relation to the skills and experience they had acquired at Mindolo.

She said globalisation was a mixed bag which had the good, the bad the ugly. She said poverty, diseases, illiteracy, infringement of basic human rights, war and conflict were some of the challenges that they would face in the communities they were going back to.

She said the world needed visionary, effective, efficient and honest leadership to tackle the challenges of the world. She therefore called upon the graduating participants to be leaders of integrity in order for them to be Care takers of God's creation.

Speaking earlier, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director, Rev Reuben Daka advised the participants to look to God if they were to achieve anything in their work.

Participants graduated with certificate in English as a Foreign Language, and diplomas in Peace Studies, Media and Communication, Women Leadership, Youth Leadership, Specialised Care and Management of Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Ecumenical Leadership.

Participants were drawn from Africa and Asia.

## MEF gets new director

Moderator of Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa- Zambia Synod, Rev Reuben Daka has taken over the Directorship of Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation.

Rev Daka, who was appointed Director by the Board of Governors at the Board meeting of March 2007 started work on May 2.



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Rev Daka holds a Master of Theology degree from University of

South Africa. Before joining the Foundation he was the Moderator of Uniting Presbyterian Church and he also served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church in Zambia Synod Headquarters.

Rev Daka has become the third Zambian director, the first being Canon Jason Mfula, who until last year was Zambian Deputy Speaker of Parliament and the second being Canon Francis Makambwe, who is currently serving as a missionary priest in United Kingdom.

Rev Daka has taken over from Rev Canon Charley Thomas, who had served for six years and has since returned to Anglican Church, who seconded him to

### Staff Development

Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director, Rev Reuben Banda (below) attended a two week Teaching methodology course from August 20 to 31 at Technical and Vocation Teachers College in Luanshya



Former Peace Lecturer, Ms Tasila Mbewe (below) graduated with a Masters in Gender and Peace Building from University of Costa Rica in July. She returned to Mindolo in July. She has since been appointed Coordinator for Youth and Women Leadership Development programmes.



## New staff/Volunteers

Mrs Enny Mateo (right) has joined the Foundation as Library Assistant, effective, July 17. Mrs Mateo holds a certificate in Library Studies from ZAMTEL Staff College in Ndola. Before joining the Foundation, she worked for Copperstone University College in Kitwe.



Mrs Florence Makasa Nkwabilo (above) joined the Foundation as Secretary on July 19. Mrs Nkwabilo holds a certificate in Secretarial from Kabwe Trades Training Institute.



Mr Bruce Mubanga (above) has been employed as Youth Organiser, effective, June 22. Mr Mubanga has taken over from Ms Anne Tyllstrom who returned to Sweden after serving as a Volunteer for one year.



Mr Peter Smith (above) along with his wife, Cheryl and sons, Brendan (6) and Jason (4) arrived in Mindolo late August from the United States, to work in the Peace Centre as instructors. Peter and Cheryl are Volunteer service workers with Mennonite Central Com-



Mrs Mailess Milo Mashilipa (below) joined the Foundation as Secretary, effective, July 19. Mrs Mashilipa holds a Secretarial certificate



Mr Mikael Rosen (below) from Sweden has joined the Foundation as Information Technology Volunteer for four months, effective, August 22.

Mr Rosen holds a bachelor degree in Communication Science.



mittee, assigned to MEF for the next three years. In the several years prior to moving to Zambia, Peter was researching and writing his PhD dissertation in theology at the University of Wales. Before that, he spent several years working as an administrator and mediator at Centre for Conflict Resolution, an NGO in Southern California.

## Obituary

“You know” was always her expression, whenever the late Lecturer In -Charge of Women and Youth Leadership Development Programmes, Ms Sharon Muchangwe was in agreement with the discussion.

Ms Muchangwe, 32, was crashed to death by a Tanzanian truck coming from Congo D R on July 7 at Chimwemwe junction as she was coming from Church.

Before her untimely death, she religiously made arrangements for her participants' field work. She escorted everyone to his/ her place of placement. What remained was for her to go on Monday, July 9 to introduce them to their fieldwork supervisors, but two days before, she was crashed to death together with her relative Constance Lumbu.

When news was broken to staff and participants on Sunday, July 8 they could not believe, as they still believed it was someone else.

However, the Head of Programmes, Mr Michael Mwanachongo together with Assistant Head of Administration, Mr Mauhu Nawa and Garage Supervisor, Mr Abdul Hussein confirmed her demise after being to Kitwe Central Hospital Mortuary.

Ms Muchangwe joined the Foundation in June 2004 as Lecturer in Specialised Care and Management of Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Due to her hard work and positive in-put to work, she was requested to be Lecturer in- charge of two programmes , Women and Youth Leadership programmes, until her death.

Speaking at the burial in Kabwe on July 9, Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation Director, Rev Reuben Daka said she was a hard working lady and always wanted to make positive contribution to Mindolo. He said it would be difficult to find another person like Ms Muchangwe.

May her soul rest in eternal peace.

### **Zambia's American Corner exhibits at the Copperbelt Agricultural Show**

American Corner based at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation participated in the 50th Copperbelt Mining and Agricultural Show which was held from May 31 to June 3 in Kitwe.

Zambia Republican Vice President, Rupiah Banda officially opened the Show.

Over 500 people visited the stand during the show The show goers were educated on the services and operations of the American Corner.

The Corner showed some video tapes on prominent people like Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Ella Fritzerland and famous African Americans. The Corner which was at the same time celebrating its two years existence at Mindolo also presented some of the IIP publications i.e. Muslim in America, Economic perspective, Democracy, Human rights & You, U.S Government, Studying in the U.S.A. There were a lot of questions that the public had for the Corner as it carried the American Flag.

