



Loaves & Fishes; Change for Chipata

A Catholic non-profit ministry serving the needy of Chipata, Zambia, one person at a time, one project at a time, regardless of creed. Based in Joliet, Illinois, USA

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Fr. Mark Cote, Pastor

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www.LFChangeforChipata.com

OUR WEBSITE: This website is a Catholic, non-profit outreach, and is intended to raise people's awareness of the poverty in the **Eastern Province of Zambia** and to show what is being done to help regardless of Creed. **Fr. Dennis Phiri** is the now the Vicar General of the Diocese of Chipata, and Director of Social Needs (Caritas) in the diocese. He informs our group about various needs of the people.

GEOGRAPHY: The area of this province is 19,875 sq. miles and has a population of 1,592,661, accounting to 12.16% of the total Zambian population. (8 April 2020). Though there are some urban areas (the city of Chipata, for example), most people live in rural areas.

LAST YEAR WAS A BLOCK BUSTER! Through the selflessness of St. Paul's Parishioners, friends and relatives, and in partnership with the awesome people of Care and Share (www.careandshare.com) Change for Chipata's solar power project was completed in Late October, 2020, and now the mission hospital can operate off the electrical grid whenever necessary. Sr. Asperanza, the administrator, has sent multiple emails of appreciation (along with many prayers) as the solar power has changed their lives. One of the "firsts" of the newly running mission hospital was the delivery of a premature baby. The child needed both a *ventilator and an incubator* which was operating beautifully, thanks to solar power.



Zambia's Eastern Province

Diocese of Chipata



Zambia



Sr. Asperanza



Premature baby and mother



Solar Panels Installed at the Minga Mission Hospital. Sr. Asperanza shown

Go to: www.LFChangeforChipata.com to learn more!
<https://www.lfchangeforchipata.com/our-current-support-shekaina-m>

Previous Projects of Loaves & Fishes; Change for Chipata

• Water Tank for Convent.....	2017	\$2,000
• 2 Repairs of Bore Holes.....	2018	\$275.00
• Priests' Vestments & Altar Vessels.....	2018	\$1,240.00
• A new church for rural population.....	2017-19	\$4,000.00
• Vehicle Repair for Diocesan Work.....	2018	\$1,000.00
• Washing Machine/Dryer & Bed Linens for Cheshire Home for Disabled Children.....	2019	\$2,131.00 (40 children)
• 2 years of payment for Seminarian's Tuition, Room & board (Now: Fr. Simon)	2019	\$4,000.00 Raised through St. Paul's Cookbook Sale
• <i>Solar Power-Minga Mission Hospital</i> 2020		\$31,000.00 <i>St. Paul the Apostle and Care and Share</i>
Total:		\$45,646.00

Current Projects:

- (1) Helping 4 year old Shekaina M. with brain cancer \$750.00 + Lenten Collection, to date.
- (2) Cheshire Home for Children w/disabilities *Lenten Collection Dependent*

**EVERY DOLLAR HELPS! SO FAR WE COLLECTED \$6,100.00
IN THE 2021 LENTEN COLLECTION!**

It's Tax Deductible

Write checks to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 18 Woodlawn Ave., Joliet, IL 60435

Note on the check: "Chipata"



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Our Story

Our relationship with Fr. Dennis Phiri began when he visited St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Joliet, Illinois for the Mission Appeal in 2016. Then, in 2018, during one of Fr. Dennis' visits from Zambia he celebrated Sunday Mass and read the Gospel of Jesus feeding the 5000+ people (Jn 6:3-13).

Go to Change for Chipata's website and read about the boy who gave his basket of two fish and five barley loaves to Jesus to feed the multitude. Now, St. Paul's, under the leadership of Fr. Mark Cote (and previously, Fr. John Klein) has gone from just a *Mission Appeal to a Catholic Parish Outreach*.

We put what we have in a basket for Jesus. We ask Him to multiply it and help the poor.

www.LFChangeForChipata.com



**100% of all donations
go to help the people of the
Eastern Province of Zambia
through the Diocese of Chipata.
Though this is a Catholic Outreach
we help all people, regardless of
*Faith or Creed.***



What's in your basket?



Loaves & Fishes; Change for Chipata **Letter of Appeal**



Easter Season, 2021

Fr. Dennis Phiri sends his greetings and his thanks for your kindness!



Dear Fellow parishioners at St. Paul the Apostle Church, St. Paul the Apostle School, friends, and relatives,

We cannot express properly the joy and thanks which we have in our hearts because of you! Truly Jesus is working through you as *the Body of Christ* here on Earth. Year after year you have helped to support **St Paul the Apostle's Mission Outreach-Change for Chipata**. 100% of what you give goes directly to help the people. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to check out the website which highlights all that has been done in the Diocese of Chipata, in the Eastern Province of Zambia. www.LFChangeForChipata.com There are many pictures and explanations of what you and your generosity have done to help these people.

*Our Mission: Working through the Diocese of Chipata, Zambia,
we seek to help the needy, one person at a time, one project at a time.*

This year St. Paul the Apostle School sent a "bank" home to each family so that they can help support our Lenten Collection to help with the medical needs of little Shekaina M. of Zambia. *Shekaina is 4 years old and has brain cancer.* We are working with Fr. Dennis Phiri and his relative, Priscilla, to get the best treatment needed for Shekaina. We are reaching out for international assistance programs as well, which may be able to help with the cost and to arrange for surgery.

We desperately need your financial support! ***Your prayers for this little girl are just as needed as your financial support, however, because of the seriousness of her condition.*** **We really need a miracle!** In the past, our financial support has gone to install solar power or wells, repair bore holes, build country churches, and more. This is the first time that we are helping one child to get the medical help she needs (her mother is a single-parent--and they are destitute). We already paid for her MRI to move one step closer to surgery. We did not go looking for a situation like this, but it virtually fell in our laps at the end of 2020. *If God hands us a situation, we will not turn away.* For that reason, we are doing all we can, even if it means finding a charitable organization here in the states, or elsewhere. If you have knowledge about these things which could get Shekaina support through a charitable hospital or organization, please contact us with your ideas. Collective brainstorming is what we need because right now Zambia's best hospitals have said that they don't have the equipment to properly do the surgery she needs. Our information is below.

Once again, thank you and God Bless you for your sacrifices and love.

John and Jacque Klika, Chairs

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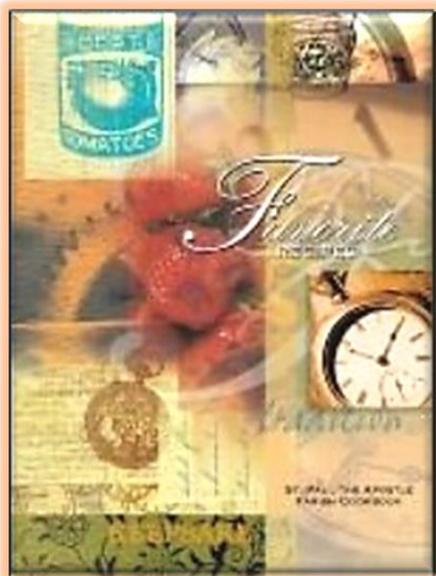
*"And this is what I bring before you – to love one another until it hurts. Don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. Remember to love them until it hurts... I can enjoy this, but I give up; I could eat that sugar, but I give up that sugar... you would be surprised of the beautiful things that people do to share the joy of giving."
~St. Teresa of Calcutta*



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