

- I/We would like to know more about the work of Zambesi Mission and the evangelical Churches in Malawi and Mozambique.
 - I/We would like to support Mike's work financially.
 - Please accept the enclosed gift
 - send a Gift Aid form
 - send details about regular giving
 - I/We would like to go on the mailing list to receive the *zm Update* and *In Prayer* leaflets each quarter.
 - I am willing to arrange a meeting in my Church/home to inform about the work.
 - I would like to learn more about the possibility of serving as a local honorary representative for zm.
- (Please note that requesting this information does not involve any kind of financial commitment.)*

Please use capital letters

Name.....

Address.....

.....

.....

Postcode.....Telephone.....

Email

Please send to **The Administrator, zambesi mission, York Baptist Church, Priory Street, York YO1 6EX.**

or call **01904 674748**

or email **office@zambesimission.org**

Registered charity in England & Wales (1078673) and in Scotland (SC039167)

www.zambesimission.org

zambesi mission
Surviving Jesus and His church in Malawi and northern Mozambique

We would be delighted to hear from you!

The ZAMBESI EVANGELICAL CHURCH, which the Lord used **zambesi mission** to establish, now has well over 600 congregations with around 200,000 members across Malawi. In addition there is a rapidly growing number of 'prayer houses' yet to be constituted into recognised churches with their own pastor.



zambesi mission supports ZEC in a variety of activities, including:

Evangelism	Youth Work
Bible Student Sponsorship	Orphan Care
Leadership Training	Health Clinics
Bible Teaching	Women's Ministry
Bible Distribution	Sunday Schools
Relief & Development	Literature
Outreach & Churchplanting in Malawi and Northern Mozambique.	



ZM's New Mission Director



introducing
Mike Beresford



Responsibilities

Mike started working for **zm** early in 2012, taking over as Mission Director when Jim Hasnip retired after nine years of faithful and extremely effective service. Like Jim, Mike is responsible for the management of all aspects of **zm**'s work both in the UK and Malawi and Mozambique. He is accountable to **zm**'s Trustees and also reports regularly to the Executive Committee of **zm**.

Experience

Since graduating Mike has worked in engineering project management for most of his working life. He worked for a variety of oil and petrochemical companies, most recently ConocoPhillips at its Humber Refinery near Grimsby, where he had been employed for nearly ten years. His work involved managing teams of individuals in order to deliver successful multi-million pound projects.

The Path to ZM

Through his prayer times, Bible study and general reading Mike was challenged about his personal response to a world of poverty, hardship and real need. This led to him studying for a Masters Degree in Community Water and



Teaching in a rural location in Uganda

Sanitation, as he sought to use his engineering skills to serve others in the developing world. During his research he made a number of visits to rural communities in Uganda. He determined to use his gifts and new

skills to serve poor and marginalised communities as far as he was able. Mike writes, "Although I knew about Jim Hasnip's role within **zm**, and that Jim was retiring, it never entered my imagination that I might be the Lord's choice to take over

introducing Mike Beresford



his job! However, whilst reading the **zm** Update leaflet in June 2011, I felt that there was just a possibility that I should apply for the role of Mission Director. After much prayer, two interviews and clear guidance from the Lord through the Scriptures and through the **zm** Trustees and my family, I find myself eagerly accepting the challenge of full-time work for **zm**".

Family

Mike and **Bryony** have been married for over twenty years and live with their two children, **Jack** and **Lucy**, in a small village just outside York. They are active members of York Baptist Church, where Mike has been a deacon for nearly ten years. Mike has often been involved in a practical capacity looking after the fabric of the building or helping organise the construction of stage sets for the annual children's holiday club.

Bryony teaches in Club Sunday classes and also helps lead the church youth club. At an early stage in their marriage they felt God was calling them to use their gift of hospitality. Together they host and lead a house group which meets weekly in their home.

Colleagues

Mike manages all UK staff, including Dave Brown, **zm**'s UK Development Manager and Richard Brassington, UK Administrator. He is also very thankful for the work of the honorary representatives Ralph Gunn and Tom Jardine, as well as the extensive team of volunteers based in York and elsewhere in the UK. Mike is line manager to **Simon Chikwana**, who was appointed **zm**'s first Malawian Field Director last year.



Together during Simon's 2012 visit to the UK

Together with **Rosie Chirwa** the Projects Co-ordinator, Simon oversees all **zm**'s ministries in Malawi. Mike also has responsibility for the overall pastoral care of **zm**'s **David and Kirsty Kanyumi**, who serve at the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi.

As he joins **zm**, Mike comments, "It is very exciting to be involved at this stage in the history of the mission and I am really looking forward to finding out the Lord's 'good, pleasing and perfect will' for the future. I am also very keen to meet, worship and pray with everyone involved in the work, both in the UK and in Africa."

It's great to welcome Mike and his family.....

...and YOU can also be part of the team !

By your prayers. Mike's role is very challenging and he is aware how much he needs to depend on the Lord and rely on the prayers of **zm**'s supporters.

By your gifts. As it has in the past, **zm** wants to continue to operate in a professional and efficient manner, as well as share the gospel in the UK. Mike's appointment will ensure that this happens. Your support for him would be greatly appreciated.

By giving your time. Perhaps you or someone you know may be able to spare some time to serve as a volunteer. **zm** urgently needs people who are able to minister to churches in the UK and link them with churches and projects in Malawi and Mozambique.

Please use the slip overleaf if you would like to be involved.