

Happy New Year!

It's another brand new year to serve the Lord and to get transformed, revived daily as we apply ourselves to the Word of God. It was humbling to attend the 2008 NSBI graduation ceremony. It was a great privilege on my part to preach on the day of my graduation, December 6 is an experience that I will live to cherish!!!

Moreover, I met many fundamental Bible believing and living preachers during my NSBI stay. Many of those preachers have had a tremendous influence over my life as well as the lives of my former fellow students. We observed how their posture, flow of points and use of illustrations as those seasoned preachers preached. We had many practical and live homiletics sessions compared to class! We could even count the number of illustrations, how they were spaced out throughout a given sermon and time used up in the entire sermon. Whenever we had a visiting preacher, it was unusual to see NSBI students sit with small note books with their ball pens in one hand ready to jot down points.

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you to brother Bonner for exposing NSBI students to "heaven class" preachers who preach not stories on the pulpit. They'll preach nothing but the Bible as well as use Bible illustrations to light up their sermons, and real life experiences. The Bible is alive!!! I know that there many times that brother Bonner faces many moments of discouragement as he goes from Church to church sharing with people in the US about the work in Zambia. The fruits of his commitment may not be seen within the next few years but it will have huge impact on posterity especially in Zambia and Southern Africa. May the Lord continue to add more days, even more years to brother Bonner's life!

I also would like to express my appreciation to brother John Sarra for putting up with my perpetual visits on the porch for prayer letters. Thank you for sparing a moment to attend to me. Not forgetting Ba Lorna for putting up with my many requests that she passes through the Post office and check if there was mail for me. I would like to also extend my appreciation to Laura Lordi for ensuring that every student had a particular time slot to sit and check mails from computer in NSBI administration offices. Thank you Laura for making sure there was orderliness in the manner students used the computer to either send or receive e-mails.

To Kevin, I can never thank you enough for the many "evening" conversations we had in your home on Bible related topics. Thank you for the extension of your true friendship to me as well as all the students. I miss those many lively class sessions..... I was privileged to have with you.

Thank you for everything, for the many hours of class instructions and numerous Sunday morning trips to preach I took with you to plenty of Churches dotted around the Copperbelt. Thank you!

-Kennedy Chilufya.

'The Christian worker should always watch for new methods and new means of presenting the gospel. The message is change-less, but we must not be blind to the changes in our civilization which offer the possibility of fresh approach with our message'.—R.A Torrey.