



**MISSION EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCE  
2018 REPORT**

***“To the end of the Earth”***

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## 1. Executive summary

IMPACT Missionary Movement (the “Movement”) is a supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The movement is incorporated as IMPACT Volunteers Limited, a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act, Chapter 388 of the Laws of Zambia. The word ‘IMPACT’ is an acronym that stands for *Inspired Missionaries Proclaiming the Advent of Christ Today*.

The Movement is a youth-led grassroots movement that exists for the purpose of proclaiming the advent of Christ with power and urgency in this generation. It also envisions itself as an instrument the Lord will use to play a part in the up-building of the youth to prepare them for the responsibilities of the present life, the revival and reformation of the church, and for the accomplishment of the gospel commission in Zambia and beyond.

## 2. Report review

### 2.1. Background

Mission Empowerment Conference is a bi-annual event organized by the Movement. It was first held in Zimbabwe in conjunction with ALIVE USA and East Canada Youth Conference (ECYC) in June 2011, which was followed by a mission attended by the delegates where two churches were planted and 64 souls got baptized. The churches that were planted were still vibrant and thriving as at the reporting date. The conference was well attended locally, and equally drew manpower from Kenya, South Africa and Botswana.

Furthermore, IMPACT has attended, helped organize similar conferences in Kenya and South Africa in collaboration with sister movements in the countries where these were held. IMPACT has also attended Mission Empowerment Conferences in Nigeria as well as GYC in the United States of America. It is also



great to know that IMPACT initiative was birthed with the founding members of the group attending a similar conference on youth and community service in Taiwan, which was organized by the Youth Department of General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

The Mission Empowerment Conferences are organized to connect young people from all over the world for the purposes of revival and reformation and Mission. It is a platform that helps young people get a sense of belonging to the Adventist Church in the sense of Mission and reaffirming the distinctive beliefs of the Church. It also provides opportunities for service around the world were young people make decisions as to where to serve.

## 2.2. Key objectives

- ❖ The key objectives of the conference are:
- ❖ To challenge young Seventh - day Adventists to get actively involved in evangelism.
- ❖ To keep the vision and urgency of a completed Gospel commission and the soon-coming of Christ alive in the hearts of the attendees.
- ❖ To network Seventh-day Adventist youths and adults for Mission.
- ❖ To challenge young people to spiritual, social and professional/academic excellence.
- ❖ To provide a platform for sharing ideas on effective biblical methodologies of undertaking missions and preaching the word.
- ❖ To give young people a mission practicum works in the field.
- ❖ To instill the missionary spirit in the attendees.

## 2.3 Mission Empowerment Conference 2018

The Mission Empowerment Conference 2018 (the “Conference”) was planned and executed by the Movement in conjunction with Seventh-day Adventists Student Missionaries (SASM) and Students Missionaries Movement (Stu-MM) of Zambia. The conference took place from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June-3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2018, at NIPA Conference Centre. The theme for the Conference was ‘*To the ends of the earth*,’ which was re-echoed by the 14 speakers, of which 10 led different seminars focused primarily on missions. The Conference was attended by an average of 325 delegates with maximum attendance on Sabbath reaching 800. The delegates at the conference represented **10** countries and 3 continents. At the end of the Conference 2 precious souls were baptized. The Conference was then followed by a mission which was organized for the delegates and was attended by 52 missionaries. A further 58 Souls were baptized during this mission, bringing the total number of baptisms to 60.

## 2.4 Registration Report

### 2.4.1 Registration and Attendance

The registered delegates were about 320 and the average attendance during the conference was around 325 with Saturday having the highest attendance of 800 as it was open even to those who did not register.

### 2.4.2 Countries Represented

The countries represented at this conference included Netherlands, Philippines, USA, Kenya, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Namibia, Papua New Guinea and South Africa giving a total of 10 countries including Zambia.



### 2.4.3 Composition of Delegates

The composition of the delegates was encouraging as it consisted of missionaries, evangelists, Adventist youths, campus ministries, AY structures, ASI members and a few non-Adventists. About 6 pastors were in attendance as well.

### 2.4.4 Mission Groups Represented

The following mission groups were officially present: SASM from University of Zambia, Stu-MM-Copperbelt University, Mission Cohort- South Africa, 1,000 missionary movement-ASIA, Mission Caleb and Impact-Namibia, Rusangu Missions (RuMM)- Rusangu University, and Medical Missionary Movement Zambia, bringing the total number of mission groups to 9 mission groups present.



## 2.3 Speakers for MEC 2018





Pastor Steve Conway (Main Speaker)



Pastor Joe Orbe (Seminar Speaker: Technologies and Media)



Michael Likuluta (Plenary sessions)



Pastor Irvine Gwataringa (Evangelism to the Children)



Pastor Vanny Munumbwe



Janet Oyende (Seminar Speaker: Our High Calling)



Elder Sydney Ngoma (Seminar Speaker: Effective Evangelism on campus)



Simeon Ngubeni (Seminar Speaker: Righteousness by Faith)



Pastor George Mwansa (Seminar Speaker: Publishing Ministry)



Dr Alywn Mwinga (Seminar Speaker: Medical Evangelism)



Penelope Kanyembo (Seminar Speaker: Medical Evangelism)



Elder Edwin Mukonka (Seminar Speaker: Ministry and Entrepreneurship)



Elder Austin Ng'ona (Seminar Speaker: Mission and Marriage)



Pastor John Shumba (Seminar Speaker: Organizing Churches for Mission)



## 2.4 Programming, Spiritual and Training

### 2.4.1 Programming

We successfully managed to train over 300 attendants through the 10 seminars. 8 out of the 10 seminars were recorded and are currently being sold. The seminars that were recorded were also playing with life destiny TV for 6 months following the Conference. Some of the seminars were uploaded on Impact **YouTube** page.

### 2.4.2 Lessons learnt

The seminars were structured in such a way as to explore the opportunities of taking the gospel to the end of the earth and emphasize the role of the Holy Spirit in ministry. The seminars aimed at instilling a missionary spirit in the attendees. The lessons reminded the attendees that they can participate in spreading the gospel in their current field work or stage of life. The table below highlights the seminar topics and their focus points:

Seminar topic	Description	Speaker
<b><i>Practical Godliness</i></b>		
<b>Our High Calling: Living a Purposeful Life</b>	The seminar aimed at challenging the attendee to live the same life differently from the rest of the world. It was a call to live an inspired life.	<b>Janet Oyende</b>
<b><i>Doctrine</i></b>		
<b>Righteousness by Faith</b>	The centrality of the Cross in the foundational doctrine of Righteousness by Faith was brought to the fore in this seminar, as well as its significance in daily Christian living and its role in finishing the work.	<b>Simon Ngubeni</b>
<b>Mission and Marriage</b>	The seminar challenged the attendees to use their homes as mission centers. The attendees learnt methods on how to build a mission focused family. Great emphasis was placed on how to stay in ministry after marrying.	<b>Austin and Christine Ng'ona</b>
<b><i>Evangelism</i></b>		
<b>Effective Evangelism Methods on Campus</b>	Missionaries were trained on effective methods of reaching the busy mind of the student in the present generation and effective tools to use. A strong emphasis was placed on lifestyle as a mode of evangelism on Campus.	<b>Sydney Ngoma</b>
<b>Organizing Churches for Mission and Church Planting</b>	The seminar emphasized the need to organize churches for mission and planting churches. It horned in on the importance of nurturing and the Holy Spirit in this ministry. Attendees were lectured on how to find a suitable place for church planting	<b>John Shumba</b>
<b>Medical Missionary Evangelism</b>	The focus points of this seminar included: the role of the Holy Spirit in the health reform message and how we can be more effective medical missionaries.	<b>Dr Alywn Mwiinga and Penelope Kanyembo</b>





<b>Evangelism to the Children</b>	The attendees learnt diverse ways of reaching the children and how to train the child in the Lord. During the seminar attendees were given an opportunity to share their own personal effective methods they use in reaching out to children.	<b>Irvine Gwataringa</b>
<b>Evangelism and Emerging Media Technologies (Evangelism Through Data Bytes)</b>	The seminar presented the great opportunities that lie in technology to spread the gospel to the end of the earth. The missionaries were exposed to effective technological methods to reach the dying world. The seminar also emphasized the need to use technology in ministry in these end times.	<b>Joe Orbe</b>
<b>Publishing and Literature Evangelism</b>	The audience was encouraged to write and publish spiritually edifying materials. The discussion was centered on using literature evangelism to get the gospel to the end of the earth.	<b>George Mwansa</b>
<b><i>Entrepreneurship</i></b>		
<b>Business Enterprise Evangelism</b>	The seminar exposed some of the opportunities at the disposal of business owners to spread the gospel to the end of the earth. Attendees learnt the biblical principles of entrepreneurship & industry.	<b>Edwin Mukonka</b>

## 2.5 Baptism

The Conference was spiritually awakening and reviving to missionaries who were previously active in mission and to new missionaries alike. The Conference generated 3 interests for baptism, two of which were baptized on the last day of the Conference. Further 58 souls were baptized in the post conference mission.

## 2.6 Post Conference Mission

Following the Conference, we undertook a mission to Mpika in Muchinga Province of Zambia with a team of 52 missionaries who had attended the Conference. The mission ran from 4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 and 58 souls were baptized- to God be the glory!



## 2.7 Financial report

### 2.7.1 Sources of Funds

IMPACT subsidizes the budget for the MEC as an investment in motivating and training church members for mission. The other major source of income is delegate registration fees and donations from well-wishers.

### 2.7.2 MEC 2018 Income and Expenditure

The table below shows the actual income and expenditure per category:

	<b>Amount (ZMW)</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Delegates - Registration fee	71,400	34%
- Accommodation	1,400	1%
- Meals	9,970	5%
- Mission fee	200	0.1%
- T-shirts	5,230	2%
IMPACT contribution	47,238	23%
Board members	48,372	22%
Friends of IMPACT	24,350	12%
Mission offering (MEC Sabbath collection)	3,000	1%
<b>Total income</b>	<b>211,160</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accommodation for delegates	1,230	1%
Accommodation for speakers	10,500	5%
Airfare and VISA for speakers	42,180	20%
Courtesy	4,100	2%
Decoration	1,500	1%
Catering for speakers and delegates	21,145	10%
Local transport for speakers and musicians	10,910	5%
Logistics, airtime, publicity and provisions	3,841	2%
PA system hire	8,000	4%
Post MEC mission	18,250	9%
Program brochure and other programming expenses	2,305	1%
Publicity	8,200	4%
Registration	2,120	1%
Venue	70,000	33%
Video shooting	6,829	3%
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>211,160</b>	

Note:

Some donations in kind and few expenses incurred by some individuals have not been included above owing to their nature and hence the total cost would be slightly higher than K211, 160.



## 2.8 Testimony Bank



### *To the end of myself*

I got baptized 2014, I heard many sermons, I went to camps, for evangelism, I sang “I surrender all many times”, I read the Bible and I prayed. I thought everything was okay with me as a Christian. But MEC just made me realize how poor, naked and wretched I was.

I can say; despite all that I just got converted through MEC. It’s like MEC dug out those hidden treasures in me and helped me see the kind of woman God wants me to be, to love God and his will more, to want to be a missionary at any cost even more, to want to communion with Christ every time. Everything that happened there just brought me end of myself and at the beginning of living my God

to the given purpose. Am very happy, joyous and I thank God for attending the MEC. Hoping to attend the next one and see what he has in store for me there.

*Lucia Frans (Namibia)*

### *Learning on the Lords*

Before MEC I had no money at all for my travels or my stay, so I took to the Lord in prayer and start fundraising, learning on the Lords mercies. Prior to the conference I had 3 struggles that really needed Gods intervention on, and one of these things was witnessing to one of my close friends who was struggling with the idea of theodicy (the vindication of divine providence in view of the existence of evil). Sleepless nights and praying about it had left my soul thirsting and in need of spiritual nourishment.

In his divine power, God used MEC to rekindle the faith I greatly so delighted in. Like the church at Ephesus, to me the message was “Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works “because thou hast left thy first love.” My first love, to bring glory to God through my actions, speech and thoughts and live a life wholly consecrated to his will. This I was gladly remaineded, as I was just as much challenged by the faith of the many others I had the privilege of meeting at the Conference.

*Martin (South Africa)*



## Pray more

Early 2018 the Lord had begun to teach me more about prayer.

But I had been neglecting his direction. Through the MEC my eyes were opened to more about abiding in Christ and I reflected more on my neglecting of my prayer life. From the powerful sessions and sermons he kept on impressing on my heart to improve in this element. And since the beginning of MEC until this very evening (the date of the testimony) the Lord continues to reveal to me the wonderful works done through prayer. My younger sister met with a demon possessed young girl shortly after MEC a spiritualist just last week and it is through prayer particularly last night the Lord demonstrated immediate answer to prayer and his battle with evil. She felt something in the night and asked for my siblings and I to pray and we did. It is a spiritual warfare and I am convinced that it was through the reflection of my prayer life during the MEC that he helped me realize that I should humble myself and pray. During this MEC the Lord used so many who all reiterated and emphasized that God keeps every promise and meets all our needs. Unmistakable evidence that he loves us and he is ready to give us more than we can ask or think. I was deeply impressed that I need to abide in him. I am so grateful the Lord always has my best interests at heart. "Yea, I have loved Théé with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn Théé." Jeremiah 31:3.

*By Brenda Maoga( Kenya)*

### *Our first time but certainly not our last (Zambia)*

We heard about MEC at a church meeting we had at school (David Kaunda National Technical High School). The reason we decided to attend MEC was because we realized the importance and urgency of mission in these last days, the Gospel of Christ is to be preached to everyone in this world and only then will the end come. And we would like to be part of the people who will take it upon ourselves to do God's work and reach out to as many people as we can, in different ways and languages. So we saw it necessary to attend the conference and be empowered by it.

"To the ends of the earth" was the theme of MEC 2018. We learnt that in order for us to go to the ends of the earth, we must first go to the end of ourselves. We must first die to self, surrender our wills to the Lord so that He may take them, make them noble, make them His and give them back to us that we may do as He wills and live as He wills.

Going to the ends of our hearts, knowing who we really are in Christ will make us desire him more and more. As we behold Christ, we become like him. We become love and that love will give us the zeal and the drive to go and preach to our brothers and sisters out there so that they too may be saved and experience the wonderful love that God has for us.

All the sermons we heard and the seminars we attended impacted our lives in different ways. We learnt to depend upon Christ for anything. We realized that we can do absolutely nothing.

The Seminar "*Our Higher Calling*" by JT was very helpful. As Christians, we realize that we were created for a specific calling, a specific purpose. When we discover



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why we were born and start living a purposeful life, we then feel a sense of worth, we have something to live for, we stop feeling useless. To find your purpose in life, first get to know the Purpose Giver who is our Creator and our Father God.

We also learnt how to use social media effectively as a tool to evangelize and reach out to as many people as possible in an attractive manner so as to draw people's attention and have them focused on Christ.

We learnt a lot at MEC 2018 and we will never be the same. We are glad we attended the conference and we were most definitely blessed by everything there, the music, the sermons and presentations and now it's left up to us to go out and bless others.

**Chipego and Maleele**



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## 2.9 Photo Gallery



Come to the feast



Lovers of souls



Questions and answers



Meal time



Teach of Gospel



Inspired Missionary



Reunion of Gospel workers



Sitting at the feet of Jesus



From every tribe



Prayer Time



Preaching of Gospel



Children, come unto Me



Training Room



Welcoming smiles



The young and the old



The joy of the gospel



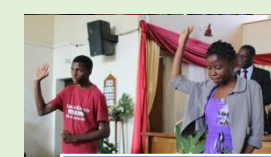
Gaints of the Lord



Gift Sharing



Fear and Near



Vows to serve the lord



Sharing strategies



Baptism



The joy of seeing one get baptised



Teaming up for Jesus



Focus on the missions



From different nations with one Mission



Mission & Marriage



Go on God's errands



Make friends with God's children



Charged to Go



To the end of the Earth



Inspired music



Welcome to the missionary life



Learning New methods



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