



**Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours,
from all your friends at ACU!**



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African Christian University - November Prayer Update

What is the significance of ACU's student labor program? What would Africa look like if a Biblical worldview were predominant in life's daily labor endeavors? We pray one day we'll see God's glory resonate across Africa as a result of the Holy Spirit's work through ACU's student labor program. Maybe you'll be a part in this African Reformation.

A Call for Labor Disciplers:

Equipping for the Cultural Mandate

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Dr. Ken Turnbull

The "cultural mandate" of Genesis 1:26-28 is the foundation of ACU's student labor program. Man was created in God's image to exercise dominion over the creation in obedience to God. Man is God's steward, and his dominion consists in procreating, filling the earth, and developing a society which will work and care for the world that God made and called "very good." However, mankind fell into sin. Now, instead of worshipping God and exercising a caring dominion over creation as God's steward, mankind bows before the creation attributing honor to it rather than God. As Paul states in Romans 1:21-23, *"although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles."* Worship of the creation dominates many traditionally animistic cultures, even overtaking formerly Christian cultures of the West who in their God-graced riches have turned away from Him exalting the environment over the Creator. Much of sub-Saharan Africa has never experienced a culture growing from the root of an understanding that God is sovereign and all creation is derived through and sustained in Christ. Such cultures have no tradition of the Christian work ethic: "working" to subdue the earth as God's stewards and "keeping" the creation to the glory of the Creator.

The intent of ACU's Student Labor Program is to draw into African service those who have developed the skills and work ethic that reflect obedient submission to the Creator's "cultural mandate". ACU seeks the Lord of the harvest for such laborers who would demonstrate such a culture for African students and laborers. Does your labor display the Christian attitude of "do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus" and "work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Col 3:17, 22-24)?

If you have skills in the practice of a technical trade or business and have the Biblical foundations upon which a worldview of submission to Christ will flourish, would you consider seeking God with us to see if He might have a purpose for you with ACU? Serving through your God-ordained talents and expertise with ACU you could help to disciple

African colleagues and students, showing by example what it means to work heartily as for the Lord. Please contact us if you have any questions in considering such a role in serving God's growing kingdom, starting here in Zambia and spreading transformation across Africa, we pray.

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Mission Frontiers Article

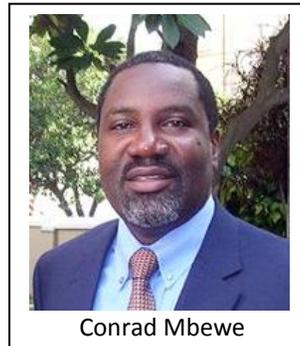
The U.S. Center for World Mission's journal, Mission Frontiers, the most widely circulated journal of its kind, has focused the Nov/Dec issue on the theme "Africa in Crisis: Finding Hope in the Midst of Tragedy". They invited Dr. Ken Turnbull to submit an article on the open door before the church **that is** offered by the hope of Christian higher education uniquely formulated to address the prevalent needs existing in Africa. We invite you to read the article and initiate a discussion, comment, or ask questions through the on-line forum at the end of the article.



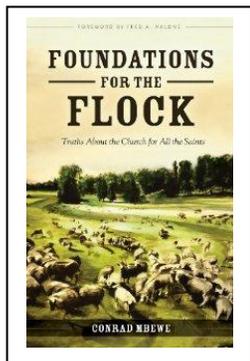
Foundations for the Flock

Hot off the Granted Ministries Press, Foundations for the Flock, a quarter century compilation of the writings of Conrad Mbewe, will equip followers of Christ in all phases of their Christian walk.

Contributing Editor of the Founders Journal, Fred Malone, highly recommends it to pastors and students of the pastoral ministry. He reiterates, "I would use it as one of my texts in a course on Reformed Baptist ecclesiology or the pastoral ministry."



Conrad Mbewe



The book has earned endorsements from the likes of Tom Ascol, Pastor and Editor of Dear Timothy: Letters on Pastoral Ministry; Martin Holdt, Rector of the Afrikaans Baptist Seminary, South Africa and Tim Challies, Pastor of Grace Fellowship Church of Toronto, Ontario. To read his book review on challies.com, scroll to mid-page.

Conrad's book sheds light on profound issues affecting the Church, while communicating God's eternal truths with plain spoken clarity. Widely known as the Spurgeon of Africa, Conrad has been pastor of Kabwata Baptist Church in Lusaka, Zambia since 1987.



"Prayer gains audience with heaven in the dead of night, in the midst of business, in the heat of noonday, in the shades of evening. In every condition, whether of poverty, or sickness, or obscurity, or slander, or doubt, your covenant God will welcome your prayer and answer it from His holy place." ~Spurgeon

Matters of Praise

- Expressions of gratitude for God's perfect timing in the publication of the ACU article in Mission Frontiers journal and the interest we pray He will generate through it.
- Acclamation for the Lord's goodness in continuing to call, equip and supply provision to those who will serve in the work here in Zambia.
- Glad-hearted appreciation for Bruce Button's diligent service in developing SGTS and the students that will migrate with him to pioneer ACU's Theological program.

(Look for information on Bruce and these students in future ACU Prayer Updates).

Matters for Prayer

- God's wisdom for Ken, Bruce and the Board of Directors in decision-making as ACU's governing structures and policies are derived
- A faultless and beneficial transition to ACU for the students enrolled in SGTS
- Unity and enthusiasm among the supporting churches.
- God-ordained growth of the support organizations behind ACU

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"I am reminded that one old saint was asked, " Which is the more important: reading God's Word or praying?"

To which he replied, "Which is more important to a bird: the right wing or the left?"

~ A.W. Tozer