Presbyterian
CHURCH IN IRELAND

Diane Cusick

Location: **Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

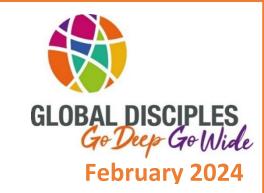Mission: **Early childhood education**

'But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Saviour; my God will hear me.'

Micah 7:7 (NIV)

January has seen the onset of the heavy rains in Zambia and unfortunately it has also brought with it a lot of problems! Here in Lusaka, there is little or no drainage and so flood waters become stagnant, and we have a really bad outbreak of Cholera with over 480 deaths so far. It has spread to other parts of the country too. This meant that schools, which were meant to open at the beginning of January, were re-scheduled for the 29th January and they are now scheduled to open on 12 February. Unfortunately, many of the affected are young children.

Even though schools are not open, I have been able to meet with ministers in Southern Province (who have just been transferred over the Christmas period). We had a good meeting discussing how they can support Early Childhood in their churches. I am also travelling to the Copperbelt province to visit the three Presbyteries we have there. This is exciting as we do not have any Early Childhood centres right now in this area, but hopefully we will have good discussions and see how we can move forward.

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I am also helping the Synod in organising a retreat for the Female ministers, assisting in the planning for a Women's Guild project, and helping the Sunday school plan for a new curriculum!

So, even though schools are closed I still have plenty to do!

Thank you for your continued support. Keep updated with my life and work by checking my blog…www.dianecusick.blogspot.com

Please pray:

- Give thanks for a successful teachers' workshop in December. Pray for teachers as they prepare for schools opening.
- Pray that the Cholera epidemic might be contained quickly so that schools can re-open soon.
- Pray for Diane as she assists the Synod with other projects as well as her daily work in Early Childhood.
- Continue to pray that Diane's health will remain good in the coming months.