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Location: **Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

Mission: **Early childhood education**



*'Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures for ever.'*
Psalm 125:1

I have had such a busy time over the last few weeks!

I had another visit to our Mazabuka centre to meet with the Early Childhood Development (ECD) committee. It was a good meeting although it went on much longer than anticipated.

We had a surprise on 12 April when Zambia received some Covid-19 vaccines. There was no clear rollout plan except to say that health workers would be offered the vaccine first. Clergy were also mentioned and so on 20 April, I was vaccinated, together with my colleagues from CCAP Synod of Zambia.

The day after I was vaccinated, I had an ECD Board meeting. I had a blinding headache all day, but I got through it. This was our first Board meeting as three had been postponed due to Covid-19. Only one member was unable to come. It was a fruitful meeting and the members seem keen to help in Early Childhood, so I was quite relieved and very thankful.

During the last week of April, I was doing teacher training with teachers from Southern Presbytery. It was a good workshop and hopefully the ECD centres will continue to improve.

May also looks like it will be an extremely busy month with a visit to three Presbyteries in the Copperbelt region of Zambia, orienting them on the importance of early

childhood development. I also have a two-day visit to the Southern Presbytery to meet with ministers on the same topic. At the end of the month I hope to travel to Muyombe in eastern Zambia to have an ECD meeting with ministers from Muchinga Presbytery.

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Photo: Members at the ECD Board meeting

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the ECD centre at Mazabuka and for the teachers who are really doing their best with 50 children.
- Give thanks that we had our first ECD Board meeting at last. Pray that the resolutions may be able to come to fruition and pray for me as I have to do much of the work for this to happen.
- Pray for Diane and Synod officials as they travel during the month of May to the Copperbelt, Southern Presbytery and Muchinga Presbytery.