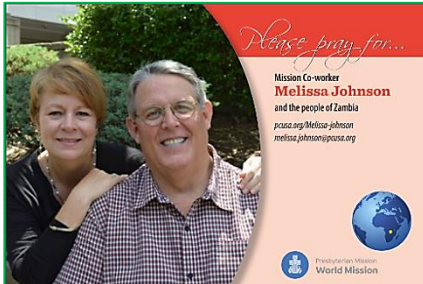


Mission Haven Update – June 2023

CHARLES & MELISSA JOHNSON: *Welcome, Welcome, Welcome!*



Mission co-workers Charles and Melissa Johnson have joined our Management Team!

After serving at the invitation of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Zambia Synod (CCAP) for many years, Charles ended his mission service in holistic community development, food security, and agriculture education in September 2020. He and his wife, Melissa, have since moved to the Atlanta area to be near family.

Meanwhile, Melissa is [continuing her work](#) remotely as a PCUSA mission co-worker at the invitation of the CCAP to help expand its ministry of community development. She serves in the Health Department as a Health Education Program Facilitator. She works at clinics in Egichikeni, Ndaiwala, and Phalaza near Lundazi in eastern Zambia.

Construction

Focusing on improved infrastructure, the church has built a mother care shelter in Egichikeni and installed solar lighting in both Egichikeni and Ndaiwala. A 2023 PW Thank Offering grant provided funds to finish construction of a new rural health center in Phalaza.

Health Services

All three locations provide:

- Education on malaria, Covid-19, and cholera
- Cervical cancer screening & treatment
- Pre-natal, labor and delivery, and post-natal care

In 2019, a PW Thank Offering grant was awarded for Cervical Cancer Prevention. Melissa helps facilitate her co-workers to train community health volunteers who encourage and educate their neighbors about cervical cancer screening and the importance of screening and early treatment.

Melissa is instrumental in making [menstrual health and hygiene](#) (MHH) a priority to help girls stay in school. In the past three years, Melissa's team taught local women to make Days for Girls kits, and they have provided close to 2,000 kits which have been distributed all across Zambia.

Melissa describes the Zambian people as loving and kind, and she hopes to travel there again soon.



Cecilia Shawa teaches girls at Mphamba Primary School in Lundazi District, Zambia, about feminine hygiene and reproductive health. (Photo by Melissa Johnson)

Housing ~ Hospitality ~ Clothing ~ Prayer