

Dear Mr. Martin Canning,

Greetings to you and the entire Parish of St Andrew Backwell from St Andrew Chipulukusu and the whole Parish of Ndola North. We hope your Pentecost went well, just ours here it went well. We also had our Fathering Sunday and Mothering Sunday.

I wish to respond to your request for some information about our Parish; I have attached photos for each of our congregations and the details for each are as follows: The Parish has 1100 members on register but only 370 attend Sunday services on average. The distribution of the membership is 340 males and 760 females. 550 are children or youths and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the female adults are widows, therefore more than half of the children are orphans either single or double orphaned. You can see from the distribution of membership that we have a very small membership of active members. Our prayer request is that our stewardship ministry be strengthened so that we could meet some of our needs such as transport and a computer to keep our records up to date and even reach out to far places within the Parish especially one settlement at the border with the Republic of Congo where two families congregate in the house of one member.

The membership per congregation is : St Andrew-200, St Mary-150, St Paul-250 and St Patrick-500. As you can see on the photos St Patrick is under construction, the Church is being extended and St Andrew have just repaired the roof which was blown by a storm during the rain season. It would be nice if some members of your Parish can visit us to see for themselves what we are reporting, our prayer is that one day this can come to pass. This is harvest season most of our members will have to harvest their maize our staple food crop so on 5<sup>th</sup> July we shall have our harvest thanks giving, I will send you some more photos on this service. I hope I have covered all you wanted to know ,if there is any area I did not cover let me know I will be ready to cover that part.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Fr. Zulu Edwin Ackim

**PARISH PRIEST-NDOLA NORTH PARISH**