



March 2020 Newsletter On March 12, BCA Zambia students celebrated Youth Day, a public holiday in Zambia, with games and all around fun.

# In Memory of Precious Mukonge

So often with the ministry of BCA, we think of how we are impacting the lives of orphans and the poor, forgetting how these children oftentimes impact our own lives. The life of Precious Mukonge is one example of this impact.

Regretfully on Sunday, February 16, we received word that Precious Mukonge died due to complications with sickle cell disease, a genetic disorder she has had from birth. Precious was a third grade student at our campus in northern Zambia. Even though the life of Precious was short on this earth, we know the impact she made will last much longer.

In July of 2019, one of Precious' sponsors, Annie Varhalla, was able to go on our trip to this campus and meet Precious in person. From her trip experience, Annie gave testimony: "Going to Zambia was the best experience that I have ever had. It was not only overwhelming, but it was also such a blessing to be able to even go at my age. I enjoyed being able to play and just be around the kids every day by helping out with VBS. I could see what a blessing we were to the kids and how joyful they were for us to be there. Aside from the harsh traveling, I would go again in a heartbeat if I ever get the chance. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity that I had to go to Zambia and it has forever changed my life."





Annie Varhalla, with Precious Mukonge, in July 2019.

Even since the news of Precious' death, Annie's mother, Kimberly Varhalla, shares that: "[Annie's] heart has been spurred to missions... She's forever changed."

We give thanks to God as we remember the life of Precious, for the ministry she received from BCA, as well as the lasting impact of her own life.

#### **Thanks to Our Church Partners!**



We are grateful for all of the opportunities that Pastor Victor Chibangula had to share with our church partners in late February and early March. In a manner of just 2 weeks, Pastor Victor shared a total of 9 times, giving thanks and updates!

## **Coronavirus Updates**

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is affecting the ministry of BCA in a number of ways. For more information, please visit:

#### bcaministries.com/covid-19

Please pray with us as we seek to continue ministering to the BCA children and families in this time of uncertainty.

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