

News from the site:

As the year draws to a close, we can reflect back on what has been an encouraging, exciting and challenging journey. This year saw a project team take shape, comprised of several people from different professional backgrounds, each with a unique part to play in the project. Time was spent establishing strategies for the running of the project, in terms of administration and construction. Progress was made on the infrastructure for the site - plumbing, electrics and roads, and several buildings have gone up, some which will reach completion before the end of 2011. Relationships with the workers from the local community have been established and we are looking forward to a Christmas celebration in December when we will invite their wives and children. We have plans to incorporate more bible teaching and discipleship training in the daily schedule next year, including the wives once a week.



We are so thankful to God for the people and organisations who have come alongside us during the course of the year, sharing in our vision for the OM Zambia Centre, supporting us prayerfully, practically and financially.

Feature: A closer look at the Skills Training Centre:

The face of missions in Africa is changing! Young, committed African men and women are ready to serve the Lord in different fields and ministries, near and far. OM is committed towards the training and equipping of those who are willing to reach the unreached. The fields and ministry situations often have difficult and challenging living conditions. Culturally, and even according to the political rule, missionaries must enter and serve under alternative capacities.

We are convinced that a Christian should have understanding and skills to serve and obey God in every area of life. The missionary should set an example in different aspects of daily living. In order to prepare and equip our students for such ministry, we believe the *Skills Training Centre* forms part of the answer. Students can be trained in a variety of disciplines and use their knowledge and experience to serve the community where they will work.

African churches are growing in understanding of and the support of missionaries from their midst, but there are still so many candidates with insufficient support. Students who have been trained in a variety of skills, are therefore also able and prepared to follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, becoming tent-making missionaries.

We believe God's Kingdom must be represented in ALL areas of life, and are therefore very pleased that the Skills Training Centre can offer such opportunities. Alongside the Discipleship and Missions Training, we plan to provide practical teaching in basic health care, agriculture, children's ministry education and evangelism, community service, sewing, crafts, building and carpentry, mechanics and other practical skills.



The Skills Training Centre includes 10 training rooms, 2 large workshop areas, storage and toilet/shower facilities. We are excited about the possibilities and services OM may offer in the future and are confident that this building will increase the capacity to effectively train missionaries.

Christopher Agenbag
Director of Training for OM Zambia

Work on the ground:

Roads:

- All roads have been 'cut' and top soil removed
- Awaiting loader and tipper delivery to start forming new roads from granular material
- Opportunity has arisen to buy gravel close to site at a very reasonable price
- Completion of unsealed roads will ensure the site is accessible and progress can continue during rainy season

Estimated completion of unsealed roads:

End of November 2011

Skills Training Centre:

- Propping and shutter work is in progress as framework for casting first floor concrete slab
- Awaiting delivery of steel reinforcement
- All other materials to complete first floor slab have been purchased and are on site
- Aim is to pour first floor slab by end of 2011

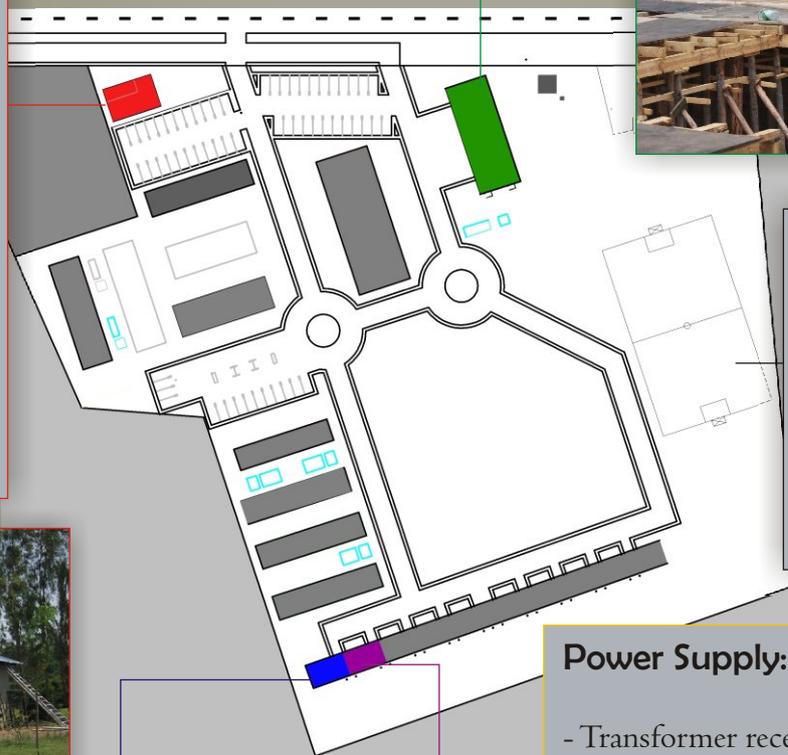


Book Warehouse and Shop:

- All rendering and plastering complete
- Floors and roof are finished
- Ceiling almost complete
- Painting 90% complete

Upcoming work:

- Fitting of front and roller doors
- Landscaping
- Shop fitting



Football / Rugby Pitch:

- Top soil removed from roads will be moved to the new football/rugby pitch and leveled to make a suitable playing surface.



Staff Accommodation No. 1:

- Undergoing final fix
- Current work - tiling, painting, bathroom installation, concrete apron around house

Estimated completion - end of November 2011

Power Supply:

- Transformer recently passed all certification tests
- Work to pole is nearly complete, fuses and insulators in place
- We are currently arranging with the electrical supplier to take an outage and hook us up to the grid

Estimated completion of full power connection:

End of November 2011

Staff Accommodation No. 2:

- Foundations complete
- Ground floor slab complete

Estimated completion - end of February 2012

