



# SPOTLIGHT ON G.B.ZAMBIA

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR COUNTRY

Zambia is a landlocked country situated in the southern part of Africa; and sharing borders with Angola, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Tanzania, Namibia and Congo DR, It was declared a Christian Nation in 1991. The national motto is "One Zambia, One Nation". Zambia, is one of the most politically stable countries in southern Africa, It has successfully undergone five peaceful transfers of presidential power since the end of one-party rule in 1991.

**CAPITAL CITY:** Lusaka

**Population:** 16 million people

**Climate:** Zambia is a land of three seasons - Rainy season - December–April: Cool dry season - May–August: Hot dry season - September–November. Zambia, is within the tropics, and has temperatures ranging from 16 to 30 degrees Celsius.

**Economy:** Mining, Agriculture and Tourism

**Currency:** Kwacha (ZMK); 1US\$=K9.24

**Places To Visit:**

**Livingstone & Victoria Falls:** It lives up to its local (Tongan) name, *Mosi-oa-Tunya*, meaning “The Smoke that Thunders.”

**Kafue National Park:** Zambia’s oldest and largest national park.

**South Luangwa National Park:** known for its abundant wildlife.

**Lake Kariba:** the world’s largest man-made lake, .

**Kasaba Bay on Lake Tanganyika** has spectacular waterfalls

**Lower Zambezi River:** great for bush camp excursions, hunting, fishing, and boat cruises.

**Language:** English (official language) and more than 73 local languages/ dialects including local languages such as Nyanja/Chewa, Kaonde, Luvale, Lunda, Tonga, Lozi and Bemba

**Flag:** It is green with an orange eagle in flight over a rectangular block of three vertical stripes in red, black, and orange. Red represents the struggle for freedom; black, the people of Zambia; orange, the country's mineral wealth; and green, the natural resources. The eagle in flight symbolizes the freedom in Zambia and the ability to rise above the country's problems.

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## PHOTO GALLERY



GB girls after worship



GB members on parade



Victoria Falls



Youth Camp



Zambia Flag

## SPOTLIGHT ON A GB MEMBER

Dear Friends

My name is Selina. I live in a rural area of Zambia and I have been a member of GB since I was five. My company, like many other companies in Zambia meets on Sunday afternoon after worship; although some urban churches have GB meetings on Saturdays.

As well as attending my own company, we meet every year for girls' camps for a week in April and for the National Rally which also runs for 3-4 days (usually in August). The National Rally is held in order to see how (we) the girls have mastered the lessons we are taught in Girls' Brigade by putting it all in practice. It is also a way of teaching and learning from one another.

Girls' Brigade has given me Christian (religious) training but it has also imparted me with knowledge and life skills, which have empowered me for the future. Tuition and living costs increase every year in my country. As costs rise beyond many people's reach, more and more people find that their goals and aspirations may be limited. As employment levels are quite low in Zambia, GB has established a project at their headquarters to help the girl-child to learn skills like catering, tailoring and design which help them to be self-reliant and to sustain a livelihood.

Thank You Girls' Brigade,  
Selina



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Every GB country around the world has the same:

## Aim, Motto, Principles, Badge & Vision

But, look at the GB facts here and spot the similarities and differences between GB in our country and yours!

## Our History

Three organizations namely Girls' Brigade of Ireland, Girls' Guildry and Girls' Life Brigade all came to Zambia through different missionaries dating back to 1950. GB has since spread throughout Zambia and is now in 13 different churches.

## Statistics

(As at 31 Dec., 2016)

Companies: 215

Girls: 7,600

Officers: 1900

(Additional members believed to be present in the country )

## Age Groups & Sections

5-8yrs Explorers

9-11yrs Juniors

12-14yrs Seniors

15-17yrs Brigaders

18-25 young leaders who are being trained to become officers.

## Uniform

Uniform wearing in Zambia is a vital component of Brigade work – it unites members, creates identity/belonging and responsibility to God's calling recorded in Eph.6:10-18. The official uniform is a white blouse and blue skirt with black shoes while a navy blue suit/white shirt is also used for ceremonial purposes. Use of jewellery is discouraged whilst in the GB uniform.

## Programme & Awards

Badge-Work is linked to and completes the purpose of the entire Teaching Programme. Badges are given to deserving girls as motivation. Programmes are designed to give girls:

- SURVIVAL SKILLS;** This is the awareness raising wing of Girls' Brigade. Girls are taught to guard themselves against different vices in the society such as Early Marriages, Defilement, Child-Abuse, Child-Labour, Human Trafficking, Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Alcohol/Drugs/Substance Abuse.
- SKILLS TRAINING;** This is the ENTREPRENEURSHIP wing of Girls' Brigade. The aim is to teach girls to be self-reliant and creative
- SERVICE TO COMMUNITY;** This is the wing of Girls' Brigade in which members conduct special activities in their communities as a way of showing social responsibility. This is conducted once in four months. Girls are trained in advance and after 3 months they are made to go out to sensitize their communities on the importance of maintaining public facilities for cleanliness and prevention of diseases in the community. During this time, girls also raise awareness on protecting public facilities and preventing them from vandals.

## Activities

In Zambia, worship forms an integral part of everyday life, and this includes GB. Girls enjoy camping and going for expeditions where they learn a variety of skills, interact freely amongst themselves and with their Officers. They are able also to learn and exchange rich Zambian culture of sharing and caring for needy people in our society by carrying out different works of charity e.g. visiting mission places, orphanages and old people's homes,.

## Something Interesting you should know

Zambia is home to the 2006-2014 International President – Ruth Mulenga Chikasa.

In Zambia we have a theme for the year. In 2018 it is 'Think Big Increase the Mission.' It is based on Isaiah 54v.2-3

In 2018 GB Zambia are hosting ICGB, the four yearly gathering of GB leaders from around the world.

## And Finally An Idea To Share:

In GB Zambia, we have a variety of games we play as a family – to keep our minds relaxed and our bodies stronger! Here is a game we'd like to share called, "The great ice breaker."

Divide the girls into 2 groups.

Label or name them (group A) & (group B)

Ask all of group A to think of any 'question' and write it down on a piece of paper. Ensure they don't tell it to anyone.

Ask group B to each think and write an 'answer' on a piece of paper. They should all keep it to themselves.

Afterwards, randomly ask any girl to read a question from group A and randomly any girl from group B to read the answer.

You will discover that all the questions and answers will be so random that the girls will laugh, creating a moment of laughter and joy amongst themselves.

## Find Out More

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