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## Our College

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### Dean's introductory message

Zera International College of Health Sciences a project of Chisomo Hospital – Stump Mission in Zambia is pleased to announce the very first Quarter One Newsletter of covering January - April 2020.

The development of an education system with the expected importance of preparing graduates to be exemplary health workers is what gives Zera International College a compelling opportunity to differentiate itself from other educational institutions. Zera International College is practically and decisively moving towards a much more distinctive and resilient College. This is because we envisage much of the future success of our students and the future of Zera International College will depend on creativity, innovation, social engagement and commitment to our Christian ethos facilitating our desire to contribute to improve the health and wellbeing of the world

Consequently, the main purpose of this Newsletter is to communicate and disseminate information to all our strategic partners and thereby galvanize interest and concerted efforts towards achieving equitable and quality implementation of all aspects of teaching and learning in this part of Lusaka and Zambia in general.

The Board and Management of Chisomo Hospital bought into the idea of setting up Zera International College of Health Sciences. The name Zera is a Hebrew word meaning SEED in the Holy Bible from the Book of Isaiah 6:13.

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Zera is the Holy Seed in this part of Lusaka to implement a College focusing on Health Sciences Programs. The comparative advantage for Zera is the location situated adjacent to Chisomo Hospital. Few institutions of Health Care Learning in our country offers this kind of privilege to the learners. Students will have easy access to real time practical learning even at the commencement of their programs.

### Our Vision

To be established as a Model College of excellence in Health Sciences Instruction, Training, Leadership and Research.

### Our Mission

The College envisions itself as a model of excellence in the field of Health Sciences founded on strong Christian ethos and principles that provides an enabling environment for an education system that develops a caring, compassionate, competent, committed professional who is globally competitive.

### Our Core Values

1. Quality education.
2. Development of competent and compassionate critical thinkers.
3. Responsive to local needs
4. Up to date with global concerns.

### Our Motto

*“Excellence through and through”*

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# INCEPTION OF ZERA

The College was formed in response to health care needs of the Zambian population and in fitting with supporting the theme of ‘A Nation of Healthy and Productive People’ as documented in the National Health Policy of the Republic of Zambia and the Seventh National Strategic Plan that has prioritized health and the attainment of ‘equity of access to cost effective quality health services, as close to the family as possible’ (SNHSP 2017 - 2021). Hence in supporting Zambia’s Vision 2030, Zera International College was being designed to bring internationally acceptable health concepts, techniques and practices in a Zambian Christian learning context. Thereby differentiating Zera’s programs from other learning institutions. Not only will students be provided with the requisite knowledge in the key health disciplines, but this will be done within Christian principles.

In January, 2020, a committee was set up under the guidance of Mrs. Irene Singogo to spearhead the process of setting up the College. The committee met weekly to share tasks and updates and made very good strides until the outbreak of the COVID 19 global Pandemic. Activities began to slow down as priorities and financial support began to be channeled towards Covid-19 emergency preparedness.

This Newsletter will share what has been done thus far and future plans towards implementation.

The college currently has the following in place:

1. **Three(3) Classrooms**
2. **One large auditorium**
3. Skills simulation Laboratory
4. Microbiology Laboratory
5. Library
6. Space for Computer Laboratory
7. Staff Offices
8. Convenience rooms for Students
9. Student Tuck-Shop

The College is located on a large plot of land with space for further developments. Future plans include the construction of more classrooms and boarding houses.



Members of Planning Committee

## PLANNED PROGRAMS

Zera International College plans to commence implementation of the first three programs in year one (2020/21) and the rest in subsequent years as tabulated:

1. Nursing Program
2. Clinical Officer Program
3. Pharmacy Technology
4. Environmental Health and Hygiene
5. Ultrasound technology
6. Dental Technology and Hygiene

Furthermore, the college intends to offer an assortment of short Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Courses alongside these programs for In-Service Professionals. Our initial plan has been to have the first three above listed programs accredited and ready for implementation by July 2020. Unfortunately, this has been overtaken by the global pandemic of the COVID 19 Virus, which has slowed down the implementation process. In this Newsletter, we showcase pictures of some college rooms and pictures of staff members and support staff members from Chisomo Hospital.

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SIMULATION LABORATORY  
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Overtime, Chisomo Hospital has been blessed with international partners who have continuously donated various items for skills laboratory, library, microbiology laboratory and classrooms. For instance, the simulation laboratory will be the closest students will get to working on real patients at the initial commencement of their program. This is where students will practically demonstrate knowledge learnt in the classroom before health facility practicum. The college currently has basic Low and Medium Fidelity Manikins. It is our desire and in fitting with our Motto “Excellence Though and Through” to acquire High Fidelity Manikins as well and become a Centre of Excellence in Simulation in the whole Country

The other donations received from partners were Library shelves and various Nursing and Medical Books. With assistance from our volunteer, a young man who recently completed Library Studies with the University of Zambia and awaiting graduation, a physical library has been set up including the classification and cataloging of the books in subject groups. In the next quarter, funds and resources permitting, the college will embark on setting up the Library information system in the College Server, thus facilitating synchronisation with Students Information system.

### Microbiology Laboratory



Each classroom is able to accommodate a maximum of 100 students

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Coordinator - Nursing Program

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**God bless your efforts and may our partnership be strengthened and grow to greater heights for His Own Glory. AMEN!**

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