



REPORT ON CHURCH HISTORY



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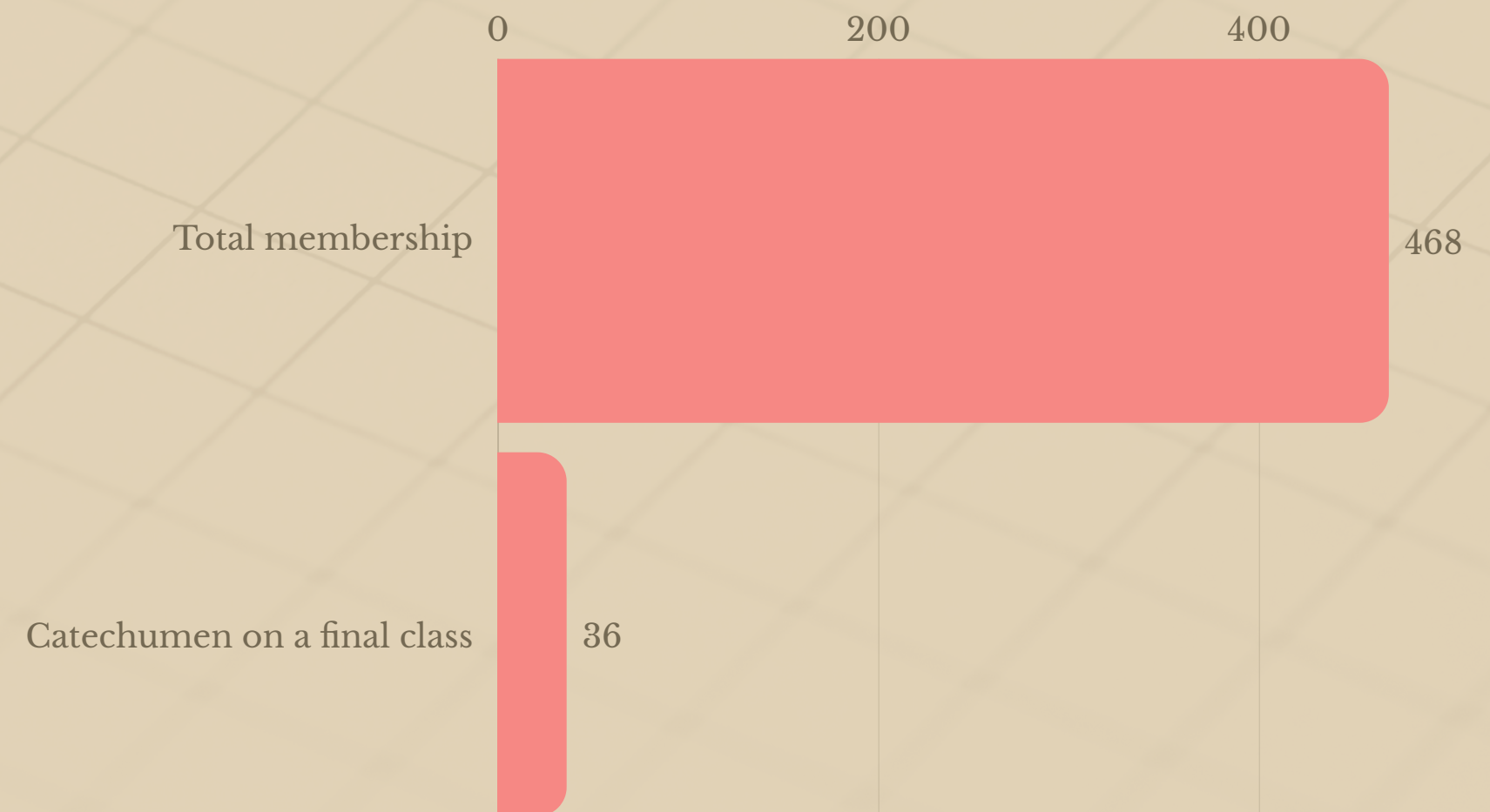




Findings

The Reformed Church in Zambia was founded through the Missionary activities of the Dutch Reformed Church of Orange Free State of South Africa, which began at Magwero in Chipata – Eastern Province of Zambia on 5th July 1899. In 1966, Reformed Church in Zambia attained its autonomy from the Dutch Missionaries.

Chilenje Congregation was born from Kamwala Congregation. The initial membership at the time of its establishment was as follows:



The first adult baptism was conducted in December 1977 by the first Minister Rev. J S Lungu who lived in a house No: 115 in New Chilenje. Sunday worshipping Services were being conducted at Chilenje Community Hall while other meetings like Church Council Administration etc were being conducted at Chilenje B and Timothy Mwanakatwe Primary Schools.

The visiting Minister was Rev. Enos A Phiri from Chelstone Congregation. Rev. Enos A Phiri played a major role in the construction of the Church building and ensuring its completion. He also made sure that the benches like the ones at Chelstone Congregation where he was resident Minister were also purchased.



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REVERANDS WHO SERVED AT CHILENJE CONGREGATION

i) Rev. Jason S Lungu (he came from Matero Congregation) 1976 -
1983

ii) Rev. Felix C Banda (came from Justo Mwale Theological College)
1984 - 1985

iii) Rev. Peter R Ndhlovu (came from Mpatamatu Congregation)
1986 - 1991

iv) Rev Jepherson DK Nkhata (came from Kamwala Congregation)
1992 - 2001

v) Rev. Ackson Banda (came from Buchi Congregation) 2002 - 2010

vi) Rev. Penius Mbewe (came from Ndola – Lubuto) 2010 – 2020

vii) Rev. Dr. Madalitso Banda (came from Paradise Congregation)
2020 - todote



CHURCH PLOT

The Church Plot located at corner of Muramba and Pemba Road was commissioned by Rev. J S Lungu the first Minister on 4th September 1977. The construction of the Church building started after the commissioning.



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SINGING GROUPS

At the time of Church establishment, there were three Singing Groups namely:

- Chisomo Women's Choir
- Chivumbulutso Choir
- Israel Youth Choir

Praise God that Chilenje Congregation today has three (03) more new singing groups namely:

- Kuunika Women's Choir
- Fountain of Life Praise Team
- Mucedwelanji men's Choir



PROJECTS

The Congregation has built the Reverend's house, Church building, Classroom block, Office, Wall fence, Toilets and the Kitchen. The Church also acquired a plot along Kasama Road in Chilenje South where a number of activities will take place which includes a school currently under construction.

Chilenje Congregation under the leadership of Rev. Peter R. Ndhlovu spearheaded the establishment of Bauleni Congregation. Chilenje also assisted in Church buildings at the two Sections of Bauleni Congregation i.e. State Lodge and Mikango Baracks. Bauleni Congregation was born from Chilenje Congregation on the 2nd April 1989.



FIRST COMMITTEE MEMBERS AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHING CHILENJE CONGREGATION

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| 1. Mr. Wailes Y Nkhata (Libala 3) | Resting Elder (Late) |
| 2. Mrs. Grace Phiri (Chilenje 8) | Resting Elder |
| 3. Mr. Henry L Tembo (Libala 2) | Resting Elder (Late) |
| 4. Mr. Martin L Maunda (Chilenje 8) | Resting Elder (Late) |
| 5. Mrs. Emelia Phiri (Libala 2) | Resting Women's F/Ship |

Amai Achiwiri



FIRST CHURCH EXECUTIVE

1. Rev. Jason S Lungu

2. Mr. Aaron Phiri Chisulo

3. Mr. Charles L Chirwa

4. Mr. Atlass Mbizule

Reverend

Secretary

V/Secretary

Treasurer



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