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Zambia: better education services through solar power generation



For decades, Zambia has relied primarily on hydropower for its electricity generation. Recently, however, climate change has led to longer dry spells, which have significantly disrupted the operation of hydropower stations and resulted in numerous power cuts. The government is now turning to solar energy, and the Moravian Church in Zambia is embracing

this trend. When the kindergarten and vocational training center VTC in Lusaka were affected by frequent power cuts, the Provincial Board asked its partners in Europe and North America for support in installing photovoltaic panels on several buildings. The American Board of World Mission (BWM) and the German Herrnhuter Missionshilfe (HMH) subsequently joined forces to carry out this project. Electricity – and with it artificial lighting and internet access – has been available to the two Moravian Church institutions in Zambia for some time now, enabling them to provide better educational services. More [here](#).

From the ‘Weltweit verbunden’/Mission Festival in Neugnadenfeld



The people of Neugnadenfeld can look back on a joyful, eventful and colourful Sunday, having celebrated their ‘Weltweit verbunden/Mission Festival’ on 5–6 September. The video of the festival service can be viewed [here](#). Songs and testimonies on Saturday evening already provided a glimpse into the worldwide Unity. On Sunday, 50 guests from the partner

congregation in The Hague were welcomed; with their distinctive Surinamese charm,

they made the day truly special. The service was conducted in a multilingual atmosphere, featuring Dutch, Surinamese, English and German. There was much marvelling at God's wonderful creation – the theme of the day – as well as plenty of singing, praying and playing. The sight of the many home-baked cakes in the afternoon elicited particular cries of delight from the guests. After a fulfilling day and a blessing for their journey, the guests boarded their coach to return home. What remained was a firm resolution to nurture this newly revitalised partnership even better in future. Pictures [here](#).

A dental team is bringing joy to the Mwanza region



On 28 August 2026, Svend Løbner reported in a post by the Brødremenighedens Danske Mission (BDM) on a visit by a dental team to the Mwanza region of Tanzania. The team of 13 students from Hong Kong provided dental treatment and oral hygiene education in five villages. They also carried out eye tests. "God cares for our bodies just as much as He cares for our souls, which is why we asked the team to provide medical care," said Reverend Elias Mlewa, Chairman of the Lake Victoria Region of the Moravian Church Tanzania. The young dentists, who were assisted by interpreters, were members of the Wan Chai Church of the Church of Christ in China. The examinations and treatments took place on church premises belonging to the Moravian Church. The patients – between 160 and 180 in each village – lay on church pews or tables. Any reservations some patients had about the young dentists' age soon disappeared. Read more in Danish [here](#).

The Moravian Church in Suriname presents its 'City Mission' in Paramaribo



On Facebook, the Moravian Church in Suriname presents its Stadtmission in Paramaribo. It describes it as a place to relax and feel at ease. Alongside its other facilities, it also offers a guest house with quiet, comfortable rooms for a pleasant stay. Within the large, centrally located building complex, visitors can linger, meet friends, hold conferences, carry out other work and, of course, be creative. The City Mission also features a Christian book and gift shop, a well-equipped studio for in-house TV and video productions, multi-purpose

rental spaces for offices and shops, and a hall for larger events. Photos offer a glimpse into a small guest room and a newly refurbished bathroom. See [here](#) and [here](#). The Stadtmission in Paramaribo was founded in 1914 as the centre for social work of the Moravian Church in Suriname.

The Moravian Church in Nepal has not been directly affected by the floods



The Board of World Mission (BWM) reported on 28 August 2026: "We are grateful that the Moravian Church in Nepal has not been directly affected by the flood disaster on 26 August 2026 on the border with Tibet. The Moravian Church's centre is located in and around Kathmandu – some distance from the flooded region. Our contacts confirmed today that they are safe and

that neither members nor church premises were directly affected ... Information from ecumenical partners indicates that a number of churches were damaged and that many pastors, parishioners and others from these communities are missing or have lost their lives. An ecumenical appeal for aid has been launched on the ground to provide food, shelter and other essential support to bereaved and homeless families." Donations for emergency relief are welcome. Link to donate online [here](#).

Wisconsin Rapids, WI: Inner Mission at the laundrette



After two small congregations in the US state of Wisconsin had to be dissolved and their properties sold, the Provincial Board of the Moravian Church in America North decided to use the funds available for parish-based pastoral care projects. Following lengthy discussions at the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church, it was decided to use the money to help

those who cannot afford to do their laundry in laundrettes (up to 50 US dollars a week, depending on family size). After the project to install public washing machines, tumble dryers and showers in a side room of the church failed due to opposition from neighbours, two parishioners now regularly visit a private laundrette in the town and cover the laundry costs incurred by those in need. Rev. Beth Rohn-Habhegger said: "We are blessed to be able to support people in need." More [here](#).

Study materials on the topic ‘Everyone Wants a Better World’



The Board of World Mission (BWM) has recently launched a Bible study curriculum entitled Everyone Wants a Better World. See [here](#). This new resource invites people to explore important issues together – from access to clean water and gender inequality to poverty and hunger. Each individual contribution highlights

the distinctive Moravian identity and draws attention to the ministries of individual Unity provinces and congregations through which they address local and global challenges. A detailed examination of the topic of sustainable development is made possible by a 110-page Bible study guide and a wealth of supplementary materials. Download the full curriculum [here](#). Introductory material [here](#). Unit 1: Care for Creation [here](#). Unit 2: Care for Each Other [here](#). Unit 3: Care for Right Relationships [here](#). Worship Materials [hier](#).

Children and young people in the UK with a passion for mission



The Moravian Church British Province is home to the YPMA (Young People's Missionary Association), which was founded in 1957. It is overseen by the *Provincial Youth and Children's Committee* comprising four to six members, and aims to introduce children and young people to the worldwide Moravian Church and to encourage them to engage in missionary

activities. In addition, the British congregations of the Moravian Church have young mission collectors, who raised a total of 4,442 British pounds (approx. 5,175 euros) in 2025. Those in charge at the YPMC decided that 2,500 pounds should go to the Moravian Church school in Binnakandi (Assam), in north-eastern India, where the roof had been infested by termites and had collapsed. Furthermore, one of the school's financial backers had withdrawn their support, meaning that the teaching staff had to work without pay for a time. A further 3,650 pounds (4,250 euros) is to be donated to the mission hospital in Sikonge (Tanzania, Western Province), which is over 100 years old. More [here](#) (page 100).

Bethlehem Moravian College now has a mascot



Bethlehem Moravian College in Malvern, St Elizabeth, Jamaica, now has a larger-than-life mascot: an owl in the college's sky-blue colours. The vocational college, which was founded in Newport in 1861 by Moravian missionaries and is of national significance, proudly presented Archie the Owl. The college management wrote on Facebook: "The owl – more specifically, the

little owl, the city bird of ancient Athens – symbolises wisdom, strength and pride in our institution. Archie embodies the heart of Bethlehem Moravian College. He accompanies students on their path to success and cheers us on at every stage of our learning journey. Whether in class or at events on campus – Archie is always ready to instil energy, confidence and a sense of togetherness. Keep an eye out for Archie during your next visits to the college campus. And don't forget to take a photo with him if you spot him!" See [here](#).

Ten years of working to provide clean drinking water to communities in Cuba



For more than ten years, the Board of World Mission (BWM) has been working with various congregations in Cuba to provide people in rural areas with clean drinking water. In Cuba, drinking water wells are sometimes located right next to chicken farms, with the result that water used for drinking, cooking and bathing becomes dangerously contaminated. To remedy

this health hazard, the Moravian Church has installed ten water filtration systems in Cuban communities. These are not located in individual homes but in central locations, so that many people can access clean water and members of the Moravian Church can engage in conversation with others. Once the filter systems have been installed by foreign specialists, they are operated and regularly maintained by local residents. More [here](#).

New cold-water pump installed at the Deaconesses' Home in Paramaribo



There is good news from the Deaconesses' Hospital in Paramaribo, Suriname, which is largely supported by the Moravian Church. The urgently needed new Biral cold-water pump for the air-conditioning systems in two operating rooms has now been commissioned. The Zeister Zendigsgenootschap (ZZg) has contributed 5,000 euros towards this upgrade. It would like

to thank those whose donations made this contribution possible. The new pump ensures the circulation of cooled water within the ventilation system of the large, modern building. At the same time, the cooled air is filtered and thus purified. Dr Clyde B. Cairo, the managing director of the Diakomnissenhuis, said at the commissioning ceremony: "Cooling the operating rooms makes an important contribution to the safety of patients, doctors and nursing staff. The system enhances the quality of our work." Pictures [here](#).

Great success at a taekwondo championship in Kathmandu



Once again, numerous children from the International Kindergarten & Shristi Academy of the Moravian Church in Kathmandu-Baneshwor, Nepal, enjoyed tremendous success at a sporting competition. On 1 September 2026, the school posted on Facebook: "Congratulations to all our young athletes on their outstanding performances at the '1st Gokarneshwor District

Level Taekwondo Championship'!" Among 645 participants from twelve schools and clubs, the children from our school demonstrated incredible skill, as well as dedication, discipline, self-confidence and sportsmanship. They brought home 12 gold medals, 8 silver medals and 7 bronze medals – a total of 27 medals. An incredible achievement! You are now true champions! Please keep it up, keep improving and continue to shine! Your school is proud of you." Twelve photos [here](#).

News in Brief

1. Teachers from the Stichting Onderweis (Moravian Church School Foundation) on the Coropinakreek in Suriname gathered for a social event at a party venue on the site of the former Vier Kinderen plantation in Suriname. A video set to

music can be viewed [here](#).

2. On 14 August 2026, the newly elected Provincial Board of the Eglise Morave Burundi met for its inaugural session following the most recent Provincial Synod on 18 July 2026. The new Vice-Chairperson, Onesphore Nsengiyumva, opened the meeting with a sermon on Luke 17:11–19. Chairperson Edward Agustino Nsengiyumva welcomed Bishop Pascal Benimana and the other Board members for the new term of office and inducted them into their posts. Many photos [here](#).
3. In South Africa, 14 museums have joined forces to showcase themselves at the NAMPO Cape Expo 2026, taking place from 9 to 12 September in Bredasdorp, including the Moravian Church Mission Museum in Genadendal, which will be located in a marquee. A poster can be found [here](#). The title of the four-day fair is: Museums Connecting People, Places, Heritage.
4. On 8 September 2026, the Moravian Church in Albania posted on Facebook: 'We had a blessed time of worship in Bathore together with a group of sisters and brothers from Denmark. Despite all the distances and changes, what unites us is greater than what divides us. We give thanks for the love of Jesus that transcends borders.' See [here](#).
5. In Montmirail, Switzerland, from 16 to 22 August 2026, young people from Tanzania, South Africa, Germany and Switzerland came together for a joint workshop entitled Boundless – Peace begins where walls come down. They worked for half a day each day, engaging in intercultural learning.
6. A 90-second video provides information about the small museum Het Hernhutter Huis in the Herrnhut district of Zeist, the Netherlands, and invites viewers to visit the museum. The video describes Zeist as a town founded in 1746 to send missionaries from the Moravian Church out into the world, which is indeed what happened. See [here](#).
7. Reminder: On Saturday 19 September 2026, the Moravian Church in the Netherlands will be holding its Mission Festival from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This traditionally takes place in Zeist. See [here](#) and [here](#).

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