



Member Application Form

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Fees: \$10 for joining, \$10 per year. So \$20 for the first year and \$10 for each year thereafter. Cheques should be made payable to "Blessed to Bless Incorporated" and sent to:

Blessed to Bless Incorporated
PO Box 177
St Ives, NSW, 2075
AUSTRALIA

Or, transfer the money to the following account:

Name of Account: Blessed to Bless Incorporated

BSB: 032188

Account Number: 332037

Branch Address: 186 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives NSW 2075

Branch Phone Number: 02 8440 8166

Swift Code: WPACAU2S

Blessed to Bless is a non-denominational Christian organisation. It is important to us that the principles behind our organisation are adhered to now and in the future. All new members are asked to read and sign the following form to ensure that there is an understanding between the members and the organisation.

Please read the following and sign the bottom

The mission statement, vision statement and objectives/aims outline what our organisation does.

Mission Statement

To help alleviate poverty in Zambia, primarily through quality, Christ-centred education.

Vision Statement

We aim to provide quality education for more Zambian school children. Our goal is to see more children attending school, learning biblical values and being given two meals daily to enable them to learn and grow to their maximum potential. We also aim to bless those in need in Zambia in various situations as we see fit, through assistance with healthcare and other urgent matters.

Objectives/Aims

- a. To fundraise for a variety of projects in Zambia as needs arise, to help alleviate poverty, and to deliver services with a Christ-like attitude. This may include hospital work, education, family assistance, food and clothing support, etc.
- b. To continue supporting Manyando Youth Community Action School in Kitwe, Zambia.
- c. To gain financial support from Australia to build a school in Chingola – see school objectives below:
 - i. To provide quality Christian education for the poorest primary school children in the community.
 - ii. To provide the children who attend the school with 2 nourishing meals each day of the school week.
 - iii. To provide qualified local people with jobs in teaching, farming, cooking, dress-making, building, driving, carpentry, etc.
 - iv. To ensure that those who complete primary school have the opportunity to continue their education (either by paying their tuition fees at another school, or depending on the funds available, building a High School on the same site.
 - v. To provide use of the school facilities out of school hours to approved organisations as a meeting point.

Further Information:

Many people may wonder why we would bother helping people in another country, when our country has problems of its own. The truth is, while Australia does have its own problems, and there are instances of homelessness and even some poverty in Australia, it is in fact one of the wealthiest countries in the world. People seem to forget that we have access to clean water ON TAP, doctors, free medical attention, and most importantly, social security, so that no-one really has to suffer in our country to the same extent that people do elsewhere. A lot of the problems in Australia are actually caused by excess wealth and materialism leading to problems in society. We believe that in Australia, WE ARE FINANCIALLY AND MATERIALLY BLESSED, therefore WE CAN BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS.

Zambia is a country full of poverty and needs. AIDS (as well as other diseases, such as malaria) has contributed to Zambia being the country with the 2nd most number of orphans worldwide. Statistically, in Zambia, every mother is likely to lose one child due to preventable causes. The majority of Zambian families have extra children in their care, due to the large number of orphans. Health care and education are very basic, and many people can not afford even the basics. We see it as a privilege and a blessing to be able to help people with these basic needs.

The people of Zambia are dependant on God for their day-to-day needs, and are very open to hearing the gospel. We see it as a wonderful opportunity to be able to share the love of Jesus with children in particular, and to be able to attribute any assistance they are getting, to the fact that God cares for them and uses us (who are blessed) to help them. (Hence the name, "Blessed to Bless").

For more information about what we do and why we do it, please visit our website at www.blessedtobless.com.au .

I have read all of the above and would like to become a member of Blessed to Bless.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

If under 18 parent / guardian must also sign: _____