

WELCOME TO CHIPATA

At about 600 km from Lusaka to the east of Zambia and 20 km or so from the Zambia-Malawi border, is situated “one of Zambia’s most beautiful towns”, Chipata, ‘decorated’ with escarpments and mountains, as can be seen in the picture.



And it’s in this “beautiful”, quiet and “prayerful” environment, and at the foot of one of its mountains, that the Southern Africa Province has thought it right to put up the preparatory centre with a view, as its name indicates, to welcoming and preparing our missionary candidates for the first phase of formation, philosophy.



Men at work; digging of the foundation



Father Jaya on the site

It’s a big project! The Centre, being built on the plot of about 18 hectares and currently monitored by Father Jaya, the assistant provincial bursar, has just seen its foundations being put up not more than two weeks ago. The Centre will comprise, at its completion, the house for Formators, two dormitories endowed with 10 rooms each for the total number of 20 candidates, a dining hall, two conference rooms, a chapel, a playground, and of course a garden and an orchard. The Centre is expected to be operational by February next year, with the enrolment of the first in-take.

Maybe the question that may come to one’s mind is: why in Chipata, a town so far away from the Capital city, Lusaka? The reason is that the Centre is meant to welcome all the candidates originated from the Province, meaning candidates coming from Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa. In this case, Chipata qualifies as the best location, for it seems to be the centre.

We wish courage and God’s blessings to the Province of SAP in this and many other projects for Mission’s sake!

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