

MWENEZI DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CENTRE

RE. ZEPHANIAH PHIRI CELEBRATION

Mwenezi Development Training Centre Board and Staff congratulates Mr.Zephaniah Phiri for a heroic lifetime of hard work of combating soil loss in dryland. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. In your time, wetlands were designated unproductive but your Innovative ideas and efforts have proved beyond reasonable doubt to researchers that wetlands are as well productive if cultivated under good farming management practices. You settled on a dwala but realized great potential use of runoff water from the rock. Indeed you were quite the underground water table by harvesting water from the roof tops and the dwalas. Erosion has proved to be a menace to man's survival and livelihood. 3000 million metric tones of soil are lost to water and wind erosion annually. Thus loss of soil means lower food production. You won the geographical conservationist award in America in December 2005, surely, life is a succession of moments; to live each one is to succeed. Thank you for recognizing the great potential of halting erosion through the mechanical structure established in your field. Harmful practices were combated through agroforestry and organic practices adopted in your field. Indeed you are now enjoying the fruits of your sweat.

Today we celebrate your lifetime innovative achievements which were spread national and international. Thousands have learnt about your achievements through look and learn visits, presentations at other public forums you participated in.

Thank you VaPhiri

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