

# Rotarians support religious broadcaster

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LISTENERS of African Bible College (ABC) radio station are now enjoying current sermons from different preachers across the world and gospel music, thanks to a donation of high speed broad band internet to the college by Lilongwe Rotary Club.

Speaking at the official handover of the donation that also included 17 computers founder of the college, John Chinchin said the Rotary donation had helped the college to move into the 21st Century where instant communication is vital.

"As a religious institution our radio station which is listened to by a lot of people in the city of Lilongwe and Mzuzu need sermons almost every day and gospel music for different programs and we were having difficulties because of slow internet but now its instant because of the Rotary donation," Chinchin said.

He said the donation had also benefited other sections of the institution including the campus hospital and academy and college libraries that are now able to connect with library of the congress in the United States of America.

"With additional computers the academy has managed to include computer lessons in the curricula starting from the reception stage so that the children will grow up used to the internet which is fast becoming a necessity in the modern world," observed Chinchin.

Radio ABC has several programs that are aired from Monday to Friday that require current sermons from preachers like Focus on the family, Turning Point and Back to the Bible.



AT THE CEREMONY – Mpata and Clinchen with some of the donated computers. Picture by Marcus Muhariwa

"There are also several messages from preachers that we need on programs like Sunday Worship and Sunday Morning Message that with fast speed internet we can just get at any convenient time. Listeners now are able to select a song and if we don't have it in our library we download right away and play it instantly," said Programmes Director for the institution Paul Kamlongera.

Kamlongera said the donation had helped the radio station to enrich its music library because now it was

possible to access free gospel music from different sites which is giving listeners a wide variety of choice.

Past president for Lilongwe Rotary Club Stallard Mpata said the club was proud to be part of ABC's technological development because it appreciates the services that the institution renders to Malawians.

Mpata said Rotary made the donation to help ABC enhance its communication, which would in turn assist in providing best training for human resource and initiate linkage with other religious, medical

and academic institutions worldwide.

"ABC touches a lot of people through its religious programmes on its radio station, Malawians are getting high qualifications from the college and this institution also offers some of the best medical services so Rotary Club wanted to encourage that because we know it will benefit a lot of people," Mpata said.

ABC is situated in area 47 in the city of Lilongwe and it was established in 1998.