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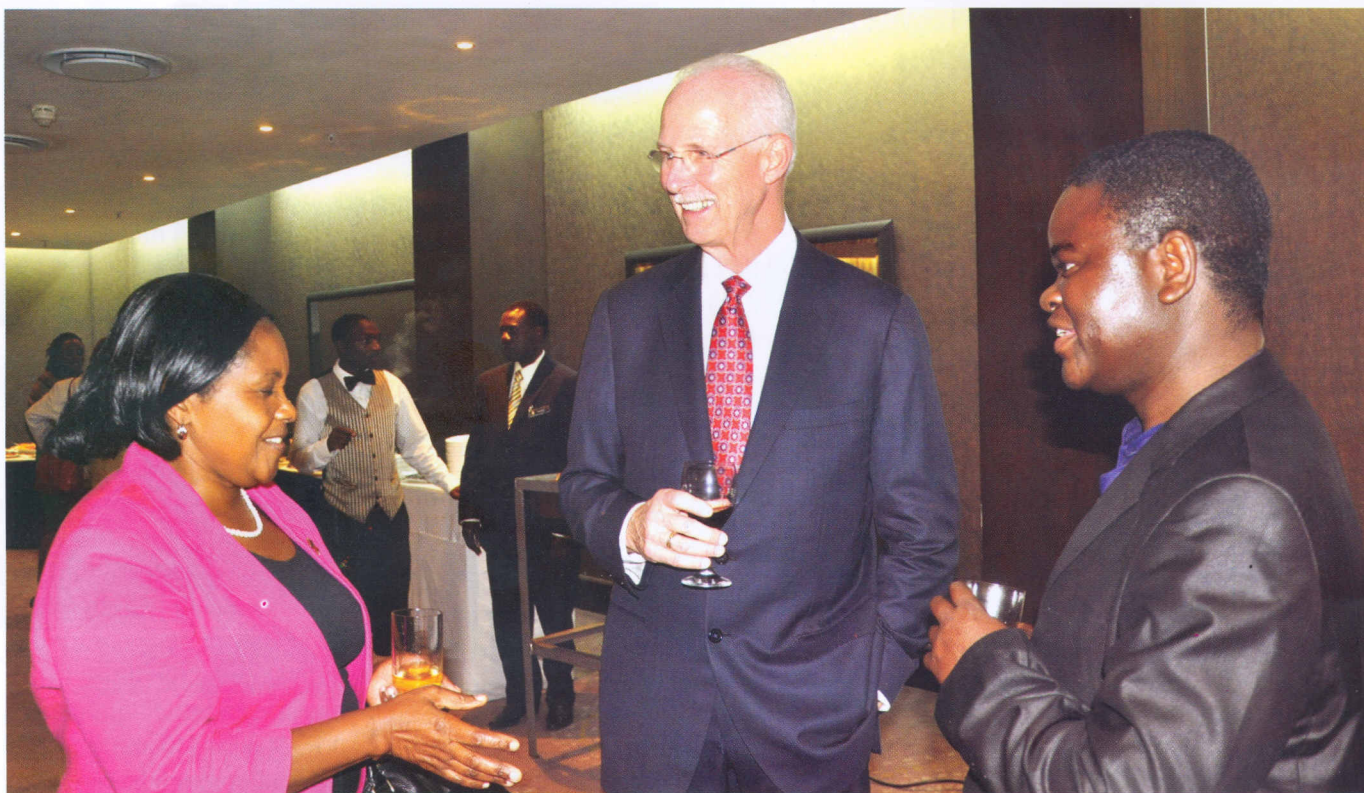
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CHAZ Executive Director Mrs Karen Sichinga chatting with Ascension Health president Charles J. Barnett and Zambia Episcopal Conference Secretary General Fr. Cleophas Lungu at Intercontinental Hotel

The Health Systems Strengthening Initiative, (HSSI), Partners visited Zambia from 9th -18 May 2013 to expose United States of America (U.S.)-based partners to the faith-based health system in Zambia and to strengthen the partnership and gain an understanding of the roles of various partners in the U.S. and Zambia.

This visit was unique because it brought together leading health systems management, academia, Researchers from the USA The Catholic Relief Services and CHAZ in exploring and designing an initiative that would engage with Church Health facilities in improving their capacities in order to improve health outcomes.

The US delegation engaged the Centre for Disease Control/ U.S. Government,(CDC/USG) mission and the U.S. business community. The delegation also visited the CHAZ training center and the pharmaceutical warehouse to understand the purpose of the two facilities in CHAZ's activities and strengthening of its member health institutions

The team also visited CHAZ's Nangoma, Chikankata, Chikuni and St. Luke's Mpanshya Mission Hospitals where they interacted with management and community leaders.

After visiting the health facilities the group made consultations with the US Ambassador to Zambia Mr

Mark Storella, USAID/Zambia Director, Dr. Susan Brems the Secretary General of the Zambia Episcopal Conference, Fr. Cleophas Lungu, and the CDC/Zambia Director, Dr Larry Marum.

The HSSI team reflected on possible project components such as training, curriculum and mentorship design and operations research.

The HSSI delegation comprised delegates from Ascension Health, Accenture Development Partnerships, Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame, St. Louis School of Public Health. Other delegation members were from CRS world headquarters and CRS Zambia.