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Dedication

After the demise of our patriarch, Thomas Musakulu, Jones Minyade Musakulu became the matriarchal head of the family, providing over a span of three decades her wisdom and guidance to the family, friends and relatives of the late Thomas Musakulu. Her tireless efforts to provide shelter, financial and educational assistance to many young children within and without the extended family, endeared her to many people. In spite of having been orphaned soon after birth, raised by a distant relative and her lack of a formal education, she grew up to become a campaigner for good health and education for her extended family. Notwithstanding all the challenges of life that she constantly faced on a daily basis, she raised her children very well. I am proud of her hard work and for providing me an opportunity to acquire an education, notwithstanding the many challenges that lay in our way. I, therefore, find it befitting to dedicate this thesis, firstly to the memory of Jones Minyade Musakulu, secondly to my four siblings and my children Sharon, Arnold, Linda, and to my wife Serah.

The legacy of Jones Minyade Musakulu is engrained in the old quotes that she cherished and which are immortalized in us in her memory. These quotes gave me solace during the many trials and tribulations that I faced during the period I undertook this study:

I. Plead my course, O Lord with them that strive with me; fight against them that fight against me (Psalm 35:1). And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose (Roman 8:28).

II. You are my rock and my fortress and for your name’s sake lead me and guide me (Psalm 31:3). For His merciful kindness is great towards us and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord (Psalm 117:2).