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Emmanuel Makandiwa is a popular religious leader who founded an interdenominational church in 2008 which later became a fully functional church in 2010. He was a pastor in the [Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe](#) (AFM) Church. Makandiwa has been in the media limelight with his controversial miracles ranging from manhood enlargement to changing people's HIV statuses as well as causing the birth of baby three-day-old pregnancy.^[1] [Makandiwa was sued for "fake prophecies" in November 2017](#)

Prophet

Emmanuel Makandiwa



Church

[United Family International Church](#) (UFIC)

Ministries

[Harare](#)

Province

Personal details

Birth name

[Shingirai Chirume](#)

Born

(1977-12-25) December 25, 1977 (age 41)

[Muzarabani](#) in [Mashonaland Central Province](#)

Nationality

Zimbabwean

Denomination

Christian

Residence

[Harare, Zimbabwe](#)

Parents

Lilian Makandiwa (*Mother*)

Spouse

Ruth Makandiwa

Children

(2) Emmanuel Jr, Victor

Occupation

Senior Pastor and Prophet

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Background

Emmanuel Makandiwa was born [Shingirai Chirume](#) on 25 December 1977 to Lilian Makandiwa.^[2] His family eked a living through farming.^[2] He grew up in [Muzarabani](#). Both his parents were elders in the [Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe](#) Church in Muzarabani. He attended [Zengeza High School](#) in [Chitungwiza](#) for his secondary education. After completing his secondary education, he returned to Muzarabani. He is married to Ruth Makandiwa.^[2] He has two sons, Emmanuel and Victor.

Career as a Pastor

Having been born in a Christian family, Makandiwa used to be part of the team which organized gospel crusades and was one of the preachers.^[2] He came back to [Harare](#) and was enrolled at the A.F.M's [Living Waters Theological Seminary](#) where he graduated with a Diploma in Theology in 2002. Makandiwa claimed that before he graduated he was called in a vision by God in 1995.^[3]

After graduating, Makandiwa went to [Matabeleland](#) where he worked as an assistant pastor under the supervision of Reverend [Aspher Madziyire](#) (who was once the President of AFM). He was then assigned to be the pastor of an Assembly in [Shangani](#). In 2004, he was transferred to [How Mine](#) and subsequently to Hebron Assembly in Chitungwiza.^[2] In August 2008, Makandiwa started an inter-denominational church drawing the attention of many people. His sermons were screened on [Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation](#) television.^[2]

Departure from AFM

It was reported that Makandiwa devoted much of his time to his newly formed inter-denominational church neglecting his duties at his Chitungwiza assembly. Those in the executive interim of AFM gave Makandiwa two options; either to remain with AFM or to be with UFIC. He chose the latter. In 2010, Makandiwa renamed UFIC to [United Family International Church](#) (UFIC) in 2010.^[2]

Miracles

- Miracle Baby

In November 2012, there was reported a miracle baby which was born after a certain Chitungwiza woman who had an encounter with Makandiwa got pregnant and delivered a baby within three days of conception. The woman claimed that she had normal menstrual periods which ended on 15 November 2012. On 18 November 2012, the couple went to the UFIM and when Makandiwa was praying for female congregates whose pregnancies had complications, he then declared that there was to be a miracle pregnancy which was to be delivered within a space of hours, days and weeks. The prophecy came to pass but the baby died mysteriously.^[4]

- Miracle Money

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Makandiwa was reported to have performed a miracle that saw some of his followers miraculously having money in their pockets and in their bank accounts. This ignited a heated debate with [Gideon Gono](#) who was the then Governor of the [Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe](#).^[5] Gono said that such miracle money should be considered the "proceeds of money laundering". It was reported Makandiwa, [Uebert Angel](#) and Gono held a press conference which was addressed by Makandiwa. Makandiwa and Angel were reported to have argued that the miracles were based on restoration and not on the creation of money.^[6]

- Manhood Enlargement

In 2014 at his Judgment Night 2 all night prayer, he was reported to have performed a miracle for a Namibian man who wanted his manhood to be enlarged. The man stated that he had come to Chitungwiza because he was failing to marry due to his small manhood.^[7]

- Anointing Oil

In 2014, Makandiwa launched what he termed 'miracle-working anointing oil' which was meant to pave the way for the economic advancement of his followers. He had earlier predicted an economic boom for the country that would have changed the lives of the Zimbabweans for the better.^[8]

Corruption Allegations

In 2012, Makandiwa's was implicated in a corruption scandal for illegally purchasing two stands in Chitungwiza working in cohorts with [Jemina Gumbo](#) who was the director of a certain housing scheme. It was reported that the Council had approved the construction of a stadium and hotel on those two stands that were allocated to Makandiwa.^[9]

Makandiwa and Politics

Although Makandiwa has never publicly announced his political affiliations, speculations are rife that he is aligned to the [Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front](#) (ZANU PF). On 1 March 2011, Makandiwa officiated the launch of the Zanu-PF's anti-sanctions campaign and signed the petition against the travel restrictions imposed on by the European Union (EU) on Mugabe and other members of ZANU-PF. Some religious leaders who also signed the petition include [Nobert Kunonga](#), [Trevor Manhanga](#) and [Paul Mwazha](#). He was reported to have hailed Mugabe highly.^[10]

Mass Wedding Ceremony

Makandiwa conducted a massive wedding ceremony in November 2014 contravening the government's directive which disallowed such ceremonies as it was noted that the facility was being exploited by foreign nationals who entered into marriages of convenience with locals so that they could get Zimbabwean citizenship. The mass wedding ceremony was also heavily criticized by traditionalists who argued that it was against tradition to wed people during the month of November.^[11]

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Accusations of being a fake prophet

In February 2014 a group of pastors from Ghana accused Makandiwa of using charms to perform his dubious and controversial miracles. These pastors also stated that they were intending to report him to Mugabe so his church could be banned.^[12] [Leo Mugabe](#) also allegedly supported these prophets arguing that Makandiwa failed to heal his mother, [Bridget Mugabe](#) who spent about 4 years in a coma.^[13] In the wake of this, some people began to question the authenticity of Makandiwa's healing powers as well as the power of those self-proclaimed prophets who emerged in the country around 2012. Another South African prophet claimed that Makandiwa and [Uebert Angel](#) received ritual charms from their spiritual father Prophet Victor Kusi Boateng who hails from Ghana.^[14] The prophet also made the headlines when he was said to have threatened to walk on Kariba waters to prove his critics wrong.

Business Interests

Apart from being a "Prophet", Makandiwa is also a businessman. In the last quarter of 2014, it was rumored that Makandiwa purchased a gold mine from a Chinese firm, Ming-Chang for US \$1,3 million which he was given by a certain local bank.^[15] A consortium company trading under the name Havilah Gold is also believed to belong to Makandiwa as it is run by a group of directors who are all members of Makandiwa's church. Makandiwa uses the Sterkinekor's franchise locally and in Zambia.^[16]

Brand Makandiwa Launch

On 3 June 2016, Makandiwa launched Brand Makandiwa at a colorful event held in [Harare](#). In attendance were his spiritual father Victor Boateng, his biological parents, foreign delegates and local business executives. According to the brand managers led by Randy Bediako of Ghana, Brand Makandiwa seeks to celebrate Makandiwa's achievement through various products that will be released on the market, such as books and branded wares, among others.^[17]

6,5 million Lawsuit On Fake Prophecy

In August 2017, it was reported that Makandiwa and his wife were being sued for US\$6,5million by former congregates Oceane Perfumes business couple Blessing and Upenyu Mashangwa who lodged a complaint about alleged false prophecies. However, Makandiwa sought an exception, arguing that matters of faith could not be handled by a secular court and the

[\[https://news.pindula.co.zw/2018/01/21/high-court-dismisses-makandiwas-application-says-he-must-answer-for-false-prophecies/\]](https://news.pindula.co.zw/2018/01/21/high-court-dismisses-makandiwas-application-says-he-must-answer-for-false-prophecies/) High Court Dismissed Makandiwa's Application and said He Must Answer For "False Prophecies"

Trivia

In one of prophet Makandiwa's healing sessions on November 12, 2010, a 66-year-old woman, [Rhoda Mafungautse](#) died after having traveled from [Chinhoyi](#) to have her leg healed. Eyewitnesses present said

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Rhoda limped off to death after the prophet had attempted to perform one of his “miracles” on her. Makandiwa became the first person to fill up the [National Sports Stadium](#) in April 2011.^[18]

Philanthropic Activities

Makandiwa built a house for [Chief Kasekete Changara](#) of [Mashonaland Central](#).^[19] It was also reported that Makandiwa contributed immensely to the construction of an orphanage run by [Grace Mugabe](#) in [Mazowe](#).^[19]

Prophet Makandiwa Sermon Videos

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