



Zambia Orphans of AIDS UK (ZOA-UK) Supporter Newsletter Winter 2011/12

Chibolya Infant School Update

This spring, in partnership with Build IT International, we were thrilled to secure £75,000 to build a three classroom infant school in Chibolya, a village in Zambia's Southern Province.

Chibolya's inhabitants are extremely poor and previously their children were schooled in a cramped, disused beer hall with no running water. The new school will be bright, modern and spacious and will hugely improve these children's ability to focus and learn. Our Chair, Lord Turnbull, visited the building site in September.

On arrival he was greeted by this large, enthusiastic group of local children and villagers. He also saw the Build IT International supervisors and local trainees working extremely hard. Build IT International work in sub-Saharan Africa and train local people in relevant construction skills which greatly enhance their future employment prospects.



Please can you help us raise £5,000 to get the school off to a flying start?

The school is on schedule to be completed for the start of the Zambian school year in January. Now we urgently need to raise £5,000 to buy classroom furniture and kit out 100 orphans with clothes, text books, and stationery so they are all set to get stuck into their studies in 2012. We would be so grateful if you could make a donation using the attached appeal form.



Left: in this photo taken in October you can see one of the three hexagonal classrooms taking shape. The villagers made the 18,000 bricks and roof tiles from local materials. The site is 16 hectares and the long-term plan is to develop on-site income generating activities such as those which have been so successful at Libuyu (overleaf). Eventually these would fund the running costs of the school.

Right: The new school will look like this community school in Makangwe which was completed by Build IT in early 2011. It will hold 200 children (preschool to grade 4) and will be owned and run by village elders. In the future we would like to add extra rooms for grades 5 and 6.



Libuyu Youth Community Training Centre is a huge success!

LYCTC is a training centre based in a particularly deprived district of Livingstone, near the Victoria Falls. In 2007 we donated £3,200 to buy 100 chicks to start an income generating project. LYCTC now produce 400 chickens a month which they sell for £4 each, generating £19,000 each year!

The profit is invested into their work skills training courses for older orphans and vulnerable youths (15-25), which lead to externally validated certificates. It also funds their after school club where children, mainly orphans, come to play and receive counselling and HIV education.



Photos: These catering students were preparing lunch for a visiting group who were using the centre's facilities for a fee. This tailoring student was making some very attractive cloth books for children which are on sale as well as bags, mats and aprons. The carpentry training workshop takes outside commissions and our trustees saw students making an impressive set of chairs together with a complete set of kitchen units and a wardrobe.

LYCTC's Director, Dorothy Bwalya, has taken the centre from strength to strength by ploughing money earned from selling produce and manufactured items back into the organisation.

Lord Turnbull had the opportunity to sit in on a computer course where he met Petronella whose older sister recently graduated from the catering course and is now working in a Livingstone hotel. This has enabled her to support Petronella through her studies.



LYCTC is a fantastic example of how a modest amount of seed funding can develop a substantial revenue stream. The students are gaining relevant skills and securing good jobs. LYCTC are now self-sufficient however we are currently seeking funding for similar groups that wish to replicate LYCTC's success.

Estelle Trust Grant

Our links with the Estelle Trust are developing well. Following their generous support for the Kasama project in 2010, the Estelle Trust have pledged £100,000 over a three year period. A small proportion of this grant will go towards helping ZOAZ develop its capacity. With this in mind funds have already been supplied to assist ZOAZ to upgrade their office facilities and to commission an evaluation survey which will not only look at how well our grants have been used in the recent past but also make recommendations on our future strategy and capacity in Zambia.

The balance of the Estelle funding will go towards grants for our projects and we are pleased to say that the first tranche of £20,000 has been made available which, with money already raised in 2011, will enable us to support many of the extremely important project proposals that have been put to us.