



ZAMBIA ORPHANS AID UK SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2016

ZOA-UK Treasurer Jim Potter attends Partners Meeting in Lusaka

ZOA-UK supports poor orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) by fundraising on behalf of our dedicated local partners; 7 well-established community organisations and schools. Led by knowledgeable and highly compassionate Zambians they get good results for supported children despite operating on a shoestring.

Jim (centre, blue shirt) attended two days of this annual 4-day conference, convened by ZOA-Zambia. The conference was well-attended with lively debate and useful exchanges of views and experiences.

Our partners provide far more than education and feeding. Their projects and schools are places of trust, care and refuge in areas where government social services are virtually non-existent and they spend much time helping individual children suffering from particular difficulties or abuse, often girls.



In 2016 our generous donors are supporting:



431 children in primary school (£50 each) £21,550



182 children at secondary school (£150 each) £27,300



48 orphans in tertiary education (£1,000 each) £48,000



165,000 school meals for 943 children (12p a meal) £19,800

Our urgent priority is to secure continuation funds for these children by the start of the new school year in January 2017.

Additionally, we are fundraising for:

- A boarding house for disabled pupils at Chibolya Community School
- A kitchen for Twavwane Community School
- Solar lights (appeal on back page)



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Desks for Twavwane Community School, Kabanana, Lusaka



Twavwane is a volunteer-run, slum community school, which provides free education and a daily meal to 500 children too poor to attend government schools.

Thanks to several very generous Charitable Trusts and individual donors, we have recently installed 105 new double-desks and 4 teacher desks and chairs.

Previously four pupils squashed onto each of the original 35 desks; most sat on the cold concrete floor which made writing and concentrating almost impossible. Volunteer teachers stood through two school sessions with no place to mark work.

The pupils are delighted to all have a place to sit and write in comfort, and this wonderful legacy will benefit hundreds more children in the years to come.



Chibolya Memorial Primary School update



The school has grown to 245 pupils, half are orphans, all are very poor. We are thrilled that the funder of the school's build has now agreed to fund teacher salaries for the next three years, 25 refurbished computers, and a vehicle to take disabled pupils to weekly physio and school farm goods to market.

ZOA-UK is now working to raise £17,000 p.a. for pupil sponsorship (uniforms, shoes, meals, stationery) and to run a boarding house for the school's disabled pupils.

Scott Bader Commonwealth Ltd have kindly funded new text books (*above right*) and teachers guides in all the new curriculum subjects. Previously, five children shared each outdated book. Now there are sufficient books for all and enough for older children to take home at night.

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Brian Katongo (24), student nurse and midwife



While in Lusaka, Jim met Brian, a third year student at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka.

Zambia has a desperate shortage of health professionals so when Brian graduates next June he will be able to provide a vital service *and* earn a decent living.

Brian was raised by his uncle who had little money, but despite spending most of his time out of school due to fee arrears, Brian managed to pass his Grade 12. He was then accepted to read Economics at the University of Zambia, but without sponsorship he had to decline.

After this huge disappointment he says *'life became meaningless'* and for three years he scraped a living selling ice blocks; at his lowest point he was eating just once a day and had no shoes.

Then in 2013 Brian moved to Lubushi where the parish priest put him in touch with ZOA-UK. He was encouraged to apply to college and was accepted by the school of nursing. We are delighted to have the opportunity to help such a deserving and able young man.

Brian said *'I just want to thank you, all our sponsors who have been sponsoring this organisation (ZOA)... just know that lives are being changed by the gifts that you are giving.'*



Enala Mumba (17), vulnerable child

In 2008, following a work-place HIV test, Enala's father was found positive and fired. Her mother also tested positive and with no income for food or medicine they moved from Lusaka to their village to be cared for by family. They took their three younger children and left Enala, then 9, in Lusaka with her grandmother.

Without her dad's salary Enala had to drop out of her government school to help grandma sell biscuits on the street. If they sold enough in a day they ate but there was no money for school.

In 2010, Enala's grandma fell sick and neighbours called in the Twavwane team (who also deliver home based health care). They asked Enala why she wasn't in school. When she explained they enrolled her in Grade 5 at Twavwane Community Primary.



Enala is now in Grade 11 at Highlands Secondary. Her favourite subject is English literature and after finishing school in 2017 she would like to train to teach English. She told us that a teacher's salary would fund her little brothers and sister through school and help her parents whose health is very poor.



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Superheroes raise over £2,000 for ZOA-UK



On May 15th, five lycra-clad superheroes ran 10K through Regents Park in London and raised over £2,000 for ZOA-UK.

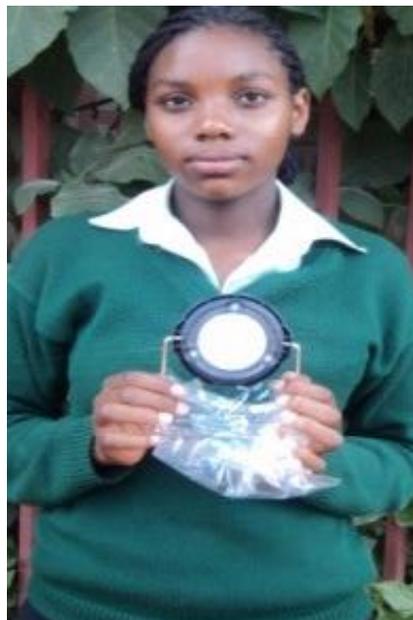
We are a small charity, with no public profile, and raising sufficient funds year on year is challenging.

We would be so grateful if you could do something sponsored on our behalf; a walk or cycle or perhaps something more sedate like a coffee morning or 'Come Dine for Zambia'.

Your imagination is the only limitation. Please contact admin@zoa.org.uk for support and ideas.

Solar Light Appeal - Please can you help?

Many of our students have no electricity at home; those that are connected are frustrated by frequent, long power outages. Cheap, only £10 each, robust and durable – solar lights enable students to do homework after dark and revise for important exams.



Solar lights also benefit the health and income of the entire household by reducing reliance on expensive, polluting paraffin.

In early 2014 we carried out a very successful pilot, with 40 secondary students. All but one are still in use and recipients now do an extra 1-3 hours study each night.

Rachael Chilubi (15) left told us "It is true revolution in my home - it has certainly given me joy and confidence that I am going to make it even in the final exams!"

Please can you help us raise £3,000 to provide an additional 300 older students with these brilliant lights?

Please click the 'DONATE' button at the top of our home page (zoa.org.uk). Alternatively, you can send a cheque payable to 'Zambia Orphans Aid UK' to:

Honorary Treasurer, ZOA-UK, 2A Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, Cambs CB21 4ES

Thank You!