



**Gilly Mwanza**, pictured left, was orphaned at just nine years old. Thanks to ZOA-UK, Gilly was educated at **Hope & Faith School**, where she gained **good results**. She's just completed a teacher-training course and has returned to Hope & Faith as a volunteer; the school contracts all ex-students who train as teachers to support its work in this way.

## Zambia Orphans Aid UK - Summer news 2017

### Latest news

**10<sup>th</sup> anniversary:** In November we celebrated at the House of Lords with the inspiring Exillia and Samson, two students we are supporting to gain vocational qualifications that will help to give them a brighter future.

**Staff changes:** We waved goodbye to our long-standing, sole fundraiser, Sophie, who left ZOA-UK to take on a new challenge. We've recruited Katy and Danielle to manage our fundraising and communications, doubling the time we can spend raising money for our vital work.



Patricia, Leonard and Elizabeth at ZOA-Zambia.

### 2016 results:

**339** children in primary  
**195** children in secondary  
(tuition & exam fees,  
uniforms, books,  
transport, & stationery).  
**48** youths in tertiary  
training

**Keeping children safe:** Elizabeth, Patricia and Leonard at ZOA-Zambia hosted our annual partners' review meeting in Lusaka, when all the community groups we work with get together to discuss progress and share challenges.

One of the issues discussed was child abuse, as some partners find local police do not always take reports seriously. Lyambela Sibeso from the Child Protection Unit at Lusaka Police Force attended and provided guidance that will help partners to protect children in their care.

## Our future plans

We have set six new objectives that we will be focusing on alongside our existing commitments to orphans, vulnerable children and youth over the next three years. These are;

**Expand tertiary scholarships:** as more ZOA-UK supported students get good Grade 12 results we will help them gain vocational qualifications. High unemployment means that tertiary graduates stand a much better chance of getting work.

**Improve girls' access to education:** (see right).

**Help partners meet the needs of orphans, vulnerable children and youth:** (see below).

**Demonstrate the impact of our work:** to attract more funding we need to improve the way we show the impact of our work and develop better systems to track students' progress.

**Grow and diversify income:** We are hugely grateful for the support we receive but must also recruit new funders and help ZOA-Zambia to fundraise locally. If you know anyone who may be able to support us please get in touch.

**Increase communications:** We want more people to know about our work and will seek media coverage to build our profile. If you have any media contacts that could help please let us know.



*“Girls and women don’t just benefit from progress, they drive it” – Melinda Gates*

By early secondary school girls in Zambia are dropping out 3X faster than boys, leaving them lacking the skills and resources to support themselves. The reasons are varied but include lack of funds, abuse, early marriage and low self-esteem and aspirations. Equal access to education is crucial for Zambia’s development and ZOA-UK is committed to help tackle some of these issues and open up education for girls by funding additional social support and community engagement.



Items produced at the skills training centre at Hope & Faith School.

## Building partners' sustainability

We want all of our partners to be working towards sustainability and will seed-fund at least one small business activity with a partner, profits from which can be used by them to support the basic needs of orphans, vulnerable children and youths in their community. We will also improve the facilities of at least one of the community schools we partner with, creating a better learning environment for impoverished students.

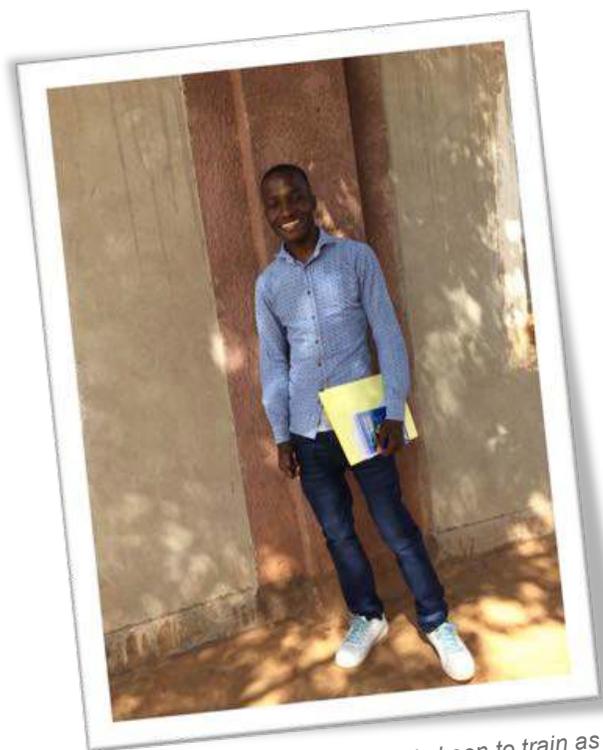


## A lasting legacy

Over 1,800 children depend on ZOA-UK each year and many more are out of school. Leaving a gift in your will is an investment which will have a long-lasting impact, helping to build a better future for the communities we work with. Having spent your working life providing for yourself and your family, we understand that what you leave behind has been hard-earned, carefully managed and is extremely important to you. If you do choose to leave a legacy we will ensure this continues to be the case and promise to use your gift carefully.

In 2016 we received a legacy of £25,000 from the estate of Mrs. Kathleen Potter, (pictured above with her son, Jim). Mrs. Potter was born in Zambia and spent some of her youth there as the daughter of a medical missionary. We were able to use her legacy to invest in the future of the communities we work with and create a better life for them for years to come.

**To discuss making a legacy please contact her son, Jim, our Treasurer on 01223 891211.**



*G12 student Misheck, who is keen to train as an accountant when he finished school.*

## Progress on the Higher Vocational Education Fund

In our last newsletter we appealed for your help to raise the £60,000 needed to support 20 new students into tertiary vocational education this year. To date we have been able to raise **£25,700**, which is **43% of our target** and we would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who has contributed so far – it's making a huge difference!

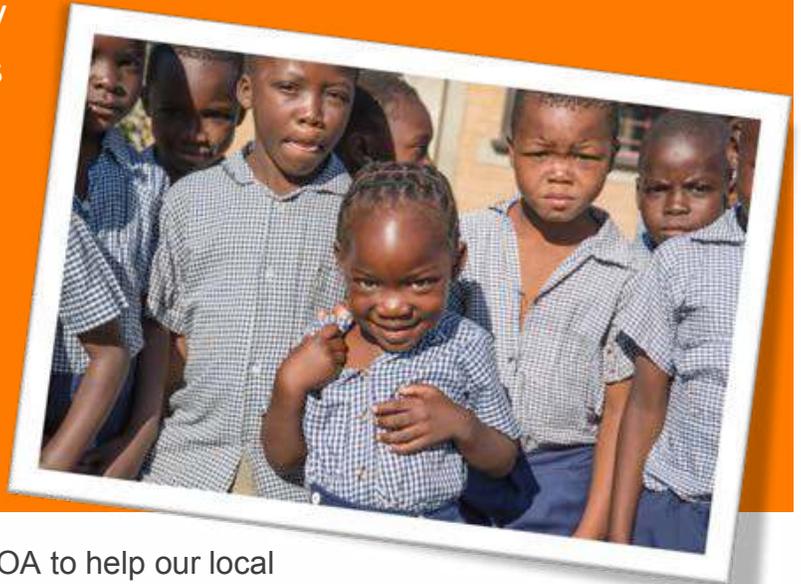
We now have 47 students in or set to enter vocational courses in 2017, with 15 of those due to complete their courses this year. The vast majority of students are studying to become teachers or healthcare workers, careers the Zambian Government is actively recruiting for.

If you would like to help us to reach this target and ensure all 20 students can go to college this year please see 'How to support our work' on page 4.

# Please can you help us to buy school uniforms so that children don't miss out on an education?

We need your help to buy compulsory school uniforms so that very poor orphans and other vulnerable children in Zambia can attend school and receive the education they deserve.

*Pictured right, are the children of Chibolya Community Primary School in Mazabuka, wearing their school uniforms.*



Just **£9,127** would be enough funds for ZOA to help our local partners to provide all of the socks, shoes, uniforms and bags needed to ensure that 304 of the children we support can attend school. Out of school these kids would be at high risk of **forced early marriage, abuse or child labour**. If these children don't have the right uniforms they cannot attend classes and are highly likely to drop out of education forever.

## What your support could fund:

- 85p – the cost of one pair of school socks
- £10.96 – a pair of shoes
- £28.39 – a full uniform, including socks, shoes and school bag
- £283.90 – send 10 kids to school in full uniform

## How to support our work

We could not continue our vital work without your support. If you would like to make a further gift to ZOA-UK here's how to do it;

- Donate online by visiting [www.zoa.org.uk](http://www.zoa.org.uk) and using the DONATE NOW button on the homepage.
- Send cheques for 'Zambia Orphans Aid UK' to Jim Potter, Treasurer, ZOA-UK, 2A Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, Cambs, CB21 4ES.
- To discuss a larger gift or other ways to help please contact Katy Dore by email, [katy@zoa.org.uk](mailto:katy@zoa.org.uk) or call +44 (0)7727 109413.

Thank you.

