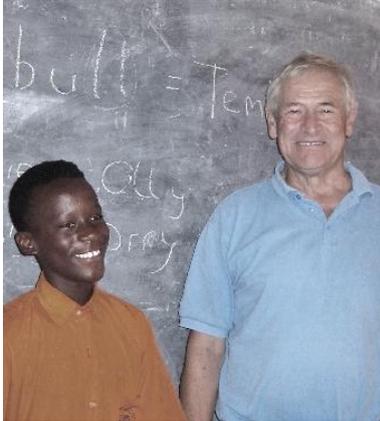


A message from our Chair



My wife and I were unexpectedly given an opportunity to visit Zambia last month which gave us the chance to catch up on ZOA's progress just as we approach our 10th anniversary celebrations - ten years in which we have provided over £1 million for our beneficiaries.

We visited three of our seven partner schools and community groups, and talked to the staff and trustees of ZOA-Zambia.

Like all such visits, the experience was very uplifting. We saw first-hand how lives are being changed, children who had been orphaned are being brought into school where they are educated and cared for. We also saw the invaluable work our partners do filling the role which in Britain would be undertaken by children's social services: intervening to stop abuse and early marriage.

At all three schools, we fund daily feeding programmes. This produces not only healthier children but ones keen to come to school and who can concentrate the whole day. We were also shown three recent capital initiatives which you, our supporters, have made possible:

- **Two new laboratories at Hope and Faith community school (below) which enables very poor children to stay on for Grades 10-12 and the education received is better quality than in government schools.**
- **Desks for Twavwane School..... getting hundreds of children up off the concrete floor.**
- **The ever-growing garden at Chibolya School, half of whose produce goes to the school kitchen and half is sold to the local market.**

Everywhere we saw children smartly dressed, well behaved and keen to learn. One thing stood out above all - the tremendous gratitude for the help that is being given. No visit goes without a song of welcome and thanks.

After ten years, many of the children you have helped us support from an early age are approaching leaving age. Our ambition is that, as far as we can afford it, we will support them into training and higher education as this is the level of education that can move an entire extended family out of poverty. Some very heartening stories are beginning to emerge and you can read about Cleopas (page 3). But as the children get older, support costs rise substantially. If you could help with our tertiary education appeal (page 4) we would be truly grateful. After 10 years our work is far from done, but with the continuing support of all our donors we can continue to build on the achievements of our first ten years.

Best wishes, Andrew





ZAMBIA ORPHANS AID UK

10th ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2016

Our Impact in Numbers: 2006 – 2016



1,002,000 invested in orphan support projects



3,671 years of primary education funded



1,156 years of Secondary Education funded
178 students have reached Grade 12 (GCSE)



48 students currently in Higher Education
38 College and University graduates



800,000 community School meals provided



4 capital projects

1 roof at Mkushi School; 2 science laboratories at Hope & Faith School, 5-classroom primary community school in Chibolya; 110 double desks for Twawwane Community.



17 small social enterprises seed-funded

Including piggeries, chickens and arable farming, grinding mills, tailoring, and metal work. Enabling our partner community groups to generate income to support additional children.



18 disabled kids supported at Chibolya School



320 Solar lights - Enabling students to do homework after dark



We help partners network and share their positive lessons

By Shimwaayi Muntamba (ZOA Co-founder; ZOA-UK Vice Chair)

ZOA-UK supports orphans and other vulnerable children living in areas and communities not covered by larger charities. This means that our seven, local partner organisations are spread across the country. We are, therefore, fortunate to have two excellent local staff at ZOA-Zambia (ZOA-Z) office in Lusaka, responsible for project monitoring and evaluation. They maintain contact with our partners and operate as a year-round information hub through visits, emails and phone calls. ZOA-Z also brings partners to Lusaka for a highly productive AGM where additional time is given to review projects. Reviews enable our partners to share positive lessons and challenges. **(continued on page 3)**

(continued from page 2) In addition, ZOA-UK’s Trustees, who know Zambia well, make regular, self-funded project visits to further facilitate networking. In May this year, I visited Twavwane Community School in Kabanana slum, Lusaka, to discuss their requested assistance for a kitchen. Every day, Twavwane feeds 500 hungry pupils; cooking on an open fire on the dirt ground, the woefully inadequate shelter (below left) means it is often not operational during the rainy season.

At one Review session, Twavwane learned about a wood-fired modern kitchen recently installed by another ZOA-UK partner, Chibolya Community School, Southern Province (right). I visited



Chibolya and spent time with the Director discussing various options for Twavwane and taking photos. With guidance from both Chibolya and ZOA-Z, Twavwane have sent us plans and builders’ quotes. We are now trying to raise £8,500 to build this at Twavwane.



One of ZOA-UK’s very first beneficiaries graduates from university



Cleopas Simwinga (25) was one of the children ZOA-UK started supporting when the charity was founded in 2006.

Cleopas is a single orphan and his mother, a peasant farmer, could not afford school. A local church group sponsored his primary education but were unable to make the jump to secondary, so we stepped in to prevent him dropping out.

Cleopas is also visually impaired which has created many challenges, but he is an extraordinarily focused and determined young man and passed his Grade 12 exams with flying colours. Thanks to our donors, we were then able to support him through a four-year B.Ed at Kwame Nkrumah University and Reed Elsevier kindly funded his laptop.

Cleopas received a merit in his July 2016 exams and graduates in November. Next he will be posted to teach social sciences in a government secondary school.

His family currently live below the international poverty line of £30 a month. Cleopas’ government teacher salary of £390 a month will lift them from their knife-edge existence to a comfortable life with regular meals and the ability to pay for healthcare when needed.

10th Anniversary Appeal – Tertiary education

Please can you help bright older orphans and vulnerable children gain the tertiary qualifications that can lift their entire family out of poverty?

We are thrilled that so many of the children we started supporting at primary school are working hard, and gaining good exam results that qualify them for college, vocational training or university.

These are young men and women who, without education support, would now be living hand-to-mouth, with no hope or means to create a better future.



However, thanks to your support, and their commitment our 38 graduates are gaining good salaried, secure jobs; many as teachers, but also as civil servants and nurses.

Several are now feeding their extended families, funding siblings and cousins through school and replacing derelict shacks with modern, brick family homes. They will also be able to provide a good life for their own future children.

This is also highly beneficial for Zambia, as it currently has a desperate shortage of the qualified professionals needed for its development.

Left: Beauty Chisanga, receiving her Advanced Certificate in Secretarial & Office Management from LTTI.

In our anniversary year we wish to raise £60,000 to support 20 worthy new candidates right through a college course. We would be very grateful for your help.

Example tertiary costs:

- £2,000 for a two-year trades or secretarial diploma from a respected Institute
- £3,500 – for a three-year teaching or nursing diploma
- £5,000 for a four-year Bachelor University Degree

How to donate:

- Cheque for 'Zambia Orphans Aid UK' posted to Jim Potter, Treasurer, ZOA-UK, 2A Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, Cambs CB21 4ES. Please write 'HVEF' on back.
- Online via our appeal page: www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/zoauk/tertiary or click the DONATE button at top of our website homepage: www.zoa.org.uk
- To discuss a major donation or setting up a bursary or scholarship scheme in your name, please contact our Treasurer at jim.potter@cantab.net