



Summer Newsletter 2018



Pictured is Floyd Chanda, a teacher at Twavwane School in Lusaka. Floyd first came to the school as a pupil in 2004 and was able to complete his studies thanks to ZOA's support. Floyd has now qualified as a teacher and has returned to the school to help educate a new generation of children.

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Latest news

Cholera in Zambia: In January, due to a steep rise in cases of cholera, schools, colleges and universities were not allowed to open at the start of the new academic year. We helped our partners in badly affected areas comply with new guidelines around cleanliness by funded cleaning products. By late January the restrictions were lifted and students we support were able to begin to return to the classroom.



2017 beneficiaries:

*277 children at primary
232 at secondary schools
1,088 with school meals
48 in vocational training*

Our new Trustee: In March we welcomed Garnet Mulomo to the UK board. Garnet, pictured above, is an experienced project and risk manager working on major infrastructure in the UK. Garnet visits family and friends in Zambia regularly and was able to attend our partners' meeting in April.

The BBC Radio 4 Appeal: We have been selected to present an appeal on 24 June. This is a wonderful opportunity for ZOA to reach a wider audience and raise money for our work in Zambia. To find out more please see Page 4.

Annual partner's meeting

Our annual partners' meeting took place in Lusaka between 10-12 April. Hosted by ZOA-Zambia, the meeting was well attended by our partners, as well as representatives from ZOA-UK and ZOA-US. Activities that took place over the past year were reviewed, challenges debated and plans for the forthcoming year shared and critiqued. This meeting is a great opportunity to offer practical support to partners who are working in difficult environments. Pictured below is a group photograph with attendees from the meeting.



Pictured is Helen from Nevers Club in Kasama District.

Child Status Index Training

In February and March our partners received training on the child status index. This is a tool used to assess how the basic needs of children are being met. It will help our partners to develop a case file for each child they are working with and understand the impact of their work. It will also help to identify any additional support children may need. Key areas looked at are food & nutrition, shelter & care, protection, health, psychosocial and education & skills training. At present our partners are interviewing all the children we support, including Helen and her friends from Kasama District.



Meet Keyseed – who's looking forward to the World Cup

Keyseed is 12 years old and in Grade 5 at Chibolya School in Mazabuka. He started school in 2012 when he was six years old. Keyseed says "I love school. It's beautiful and it protects you." Keyseed walks 1km to school each day and his favourite subjects are social sciences and technology. Keyseed loves football – he is a Barcelona fan and his favourite player is Messi. When he grows up he wants to be a teacher.



Our tertiary students were provided with refurbished laptops and explained what ZOA's support means to them



Joseph Matokwani Matengu
Midwifery

"I want to start working so I can raise money and help people"

Christine Chanda; Nursing

"It is the first step of achievement towards my life and the future ahead"



Hildah Somba
Environmental Health

"This will help me to reduce the poverty levels in my family when I start working"



Hazel Mwenya
Nursing

"I want to be able to contribute to the community and nation in health matters"

Who are our new tertiary students?

We are supporting 30 new students in 2018, bringing the total number currently in colleges and universities to 67. The new students are;

- 50/50 male/female gender split
- 21 years old on average
- 33% have no parents alive
- 30% have one parent alive
- 37% have parents alive but unable to provide for them
- 23% have dependents of their own
- Three quarters have no work experience at all
- 53% go to bed hungry more than twice a month



Temwani Simwanza – a double orphan studying Pharmacy

The BBC Radio 4 Appeal – 24 June

We are delighted to announce that the well-loved journalist and broadcaster, John Sergeant, will be presenting The BBC Radio 4 Appeal on behalf of ZOA. It will be broadcast on 24 June at 07.54am - with repeats at 21.26pm that day and 15.27pm on Thursday 28 June. Please tune in to hear John explain why our work is so important.



Pictured above, John outside BBC Broadcasting House after recording the appeal in May.



The Appeal features Susan Nawila (left). After fostering twin babies she found abandoned near her home, Susan was inspired to found a club that today helps over 100 orphans and

other vulnerable children access school. Like Naomi (right), who was forced to drop out after her parents died. Naomi is now back in school and working hard to achieve her dream of becoming a nurse.



How you can help

Please tune in and support The Appeal. Between 24-30 June you can donate via The BBC Radio 4 website or by calling 0800 404 8144. Or you can write a cheque to Zambia Orphans Aid and send it to Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Please mark the back of your envelope, Zambia Orphans Aid.



Do not worry if you miss the broadcasts as you can still donate directly to ZOA, by sending a cheque to Zambia Orphans Aid UK, 2A Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, CB21 4ES. You can also donate via our website, www.zoa.org.uk or by calling 01223 890162.

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