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Dear Friends of CLinC,

CLinC continues to support four community schools in the poor compounds around Lusaka. The families living here are some of the poorest families in the country.



School places in government run schools are in short supply and community schools, often run by charities like ours, have sprung up to enable the poorest children to gain an education. Many community schools started in churches. Three of the schools we support began in Anglican churches where originally all lessons took place. Over the years CLinC has built classrooms on church land for two of these schools.

The fourth school was set up in rented accommodation and we are in the middle of building a whole new school for them.



There are no compulsory school fees but parents are asked to give a parental contribution each term.

Most parents are not employed, and the contribution varies between K26 (£1) and K80 (£3) per child, per term.

Every term CLinC sends money to provide the teachers with a basic pay. This is topped up from the parental contributions. We also send money to provide teachers and children at two of the schools with one free meal a week.

The remainder of the parental contributions are used to cover purchase of paper, pens, cleaning materials, soap for handwashing, disinfectants etc.



A new curriculum was introduced by the Zambian Ministry of Education in 2023 and this has meant new teachers' and pupils' textbooks are required. The schools do not have the money to buy these and CLinC sends money to help with this when possible.

All four schools that we support are now in their third term of this academic year. We have enjoyed reading the reports from all four schools, and finding out about all that has happened throughout the term.

The four schools now provide a primary education for 1094 children and employment for 23 teachers, 6 carers and 2 guards.

Modern City Christian Community School.

This time last year the building of a new school began.

With the ground floor now complete, the older children have enjoyed lessons in larger, well-lit classrooms.

We are currently fundraising to raise the £15,000 to complete the top floor of the school. Until then, the younger children are still being taught in the rented rooms.

There is still a great need for additional desks and new curriculum textbooks. We will do what we can.



Plans to become more self-sufficient

1. There is a plentiful supply of water from the borehole we provided and hopefully next term, this will be available for local families to buy.
2. They are planning to start making and selling cakes and pastries from the school kitchen. This will also bring in a small profit for the school.
3. The school hopes to be able to rent out rooms in evenings and holidays providing much needed income.
4. Once the school is completed, they plan to apply to become an examination centre for other schools in the area.

Hopefully they will become self-sufficient in years to come.

St Matthias Anglican Community School

Until last year, all classes at St Matthias School were held in the church building. The four younger classes were there in the morning and the older pupils in the afternoon using the church pews. There were no desks. We bought the children clipboards during our visit to give them a writing surface. Amazingly the children were able to concentrate, in spite of the noise around them!

Last year, when we visited, we also saw the new 'baby classroom' being built. With the help of CLinC, this is now completed but they are requesting help with purchasing small chairs



A piece of land nearby has been purchased with the help of St Matthias Church. The purchase included a building suitable for grade 6 or 7 lessons. This has provided a quieter space for the older pupils to work.



To help the with introduction of the new curriculum, teachers from other community schools in the area have been meeting together and sharing knowledge and ideas.

The children continue to visit the local library which encourages reading.

A daily meal of rice for all children continues to be provided by Convoy of Hope. This helps the children to concentrate in lessons. St Matthias is in one of the poorest areas around Lusaka where many families are unable to meet the basic household needs.

St Mark's Anglican Community School.

Little progress has been made with working towards becoming self-sufficient. The school depends almost entirely upon our termly allowances, parental contributions and a small amount raised by the church and parents. We continue to encourage them to look for help and support.



With the help of CLinC, they managed to buy some teachers' guides for the new curriculum and arrange a training day for the teachers.

The **borehole** has now been drilled and we are awaiting a full report on this project from Fr Joseph. Once the water has been tested, this will provide a constant supply of water to the school and raise funds by selling water to local families.

With help from CLinC they did manage to purchase a **new photocopier** last term and this will hopefully reduce the cost of printing examination papers.

John Nyirenda, one of the five teachers, is now in his second year of teacher training, paid for by CLinC, and is doing well.



Sport is considered to be an important part of education in all schools. This usually takes place on Friday afternoons and at a termly inter-schools day.



St Anne's Anglican Community School

Very little progress has also been made here with working towards becoming self-sufficient. The school depends almost entirely upon our termly allowances and parental contributions with a small amount raised by the church and parents. We continue to encourage them to look for help and support.

In addition to the need for new curriculum books and desks, St Anne's has a problem with their toilets. This is a block of six pit latrine toilets and a urinal that we built for them in 2010. Unfortunately, it needs replacing. It is hoped that the church will help with this.

With funds we sent last term, they have managed to continue the weekly feeding programme. This is one of the carers making the nshima from maize flour



The teachers also managed to arrange a training day to help with the teaching of the new curriculum.

Fundraising for CLinC.

In June we held another '**Pre-Loved**' sale, this time in Charfield Village Hall. Once again this raised around £400.

In July we held a Tudor evening '**Fit for a Queen**' in Rangeworthy Village Hall., raising over £1,000 !

At **St Andrew's Church TEAS** afternoon in July, we raised £80 selling jams and marmalade.

On August bank holiday Monday, we had a stall at the **Rose and Crown's 'Charity Fun Event'** in Rangeworthy. This brought in £130.

We also had a table at **Cromhall Flower Show** in September and raised £275.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these events and to everyone who bought from us.

Thank you to 'Crafters' in Wotton-under-Edge for allowing us to sell patchwork bags and other small items. Do call into the shop as there is some wonderful craft for sale.

Thank you too to everyone who has bought jams and marmalade from outside Burlton House in Cromhall.

Looking ahead we have several fundraising events planned..

Saturday Oct 24th 10-12- Another **Pre-Loved sale** in Rangeworthy Village Hall.

Saturday Nov 7th – a table at the **Christmas Craft Fair** in Tytherington Village Hall.

Saturday Nov 14th – a table at the **Christmas Craft Market** in Chipping Sodbury.

Saturday Nov 21st – a table at Wotton **Charities Fair**.

Friday Nov 27th – a table at **Dursley Christmas Market**.

Saturday Dec 5th – **Christmas Coffee Morning** in Cromhall Village Hall

THANK YOU to everyone for your regular donations and support at these events.

Without you we could not do it!

Ann, on behalf of trustees