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Changing Lives in Chongwe
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Report for 2016

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Chairman's Report

The charity 'Changing Lives in Chongwe' is in its 13th year. It is what is known as a 'kitchen table' charity as it has no premises and most trustee meetings take place round the kitchen table!

As well as the expected income in 2016, funds were received from a quilt raffle, donations for a 50th wedding anniversary, a sponsored 5km run, a golf day and donations for a wedding. This enabled us to fund some important projects.

The work of CLinC has continued to centre round St Anne's and St Mark's Community schools in Lusaka's compounds. These are primary schools for grades 1-7. Many classes are held in the two churches but both schools now have two new classrooms, staff rooms and toilets provided by CLinC in recent years.

These are pupils at St Mark's Community school with their teacher Janet Ngoma.



The schools no longer depend on monthly grants from CLinC, paying their daily costs from parental contributions. However teachers' pay is poor and CLinC offers support by sending an additional payment of around £20 a term for each of the 10 teachers.

Feeding programme

Many of the children come to school hungry and we continue to support the weekly feeding programme for all 397 children, providing one meal a week for the first two terms and 2 meals a week in the third term when food is even more scarce and therefore more expensive.



Here the children are enjoying their weekly meal in one of the new classrooms at St Anne's.

St Anne's church and school had no piped water supply and it was necessary to walk to the water station each morning and collect water for the school day. This was needed for drinking, cooking, washing and toilets!

In May 2016 a grant was sent to install a borehole with a hand pump.



In November, following the receipt of more funds, a further grant was sent to install a water tank. Water is now available on tap for all their needs. In addition, water is available to the local community for a small price. The money raised from this pays for the electricity used and the remainder goes into school funds.

Sponsorship of secondary pupils.

Grade 7 pupils all take exams, and those with good results are offered a place in a government run school. Pupils with poorer results usually get offered places at a later date. Government run schools insist upon payment for school fees, uniform, books and shoes. Few families from the compounds can afford these costs and children would drop out of school. CLinC decided five years ago to try to enable pupils leaving our community schools to gain an education to at least grade 9. This enables them to apply for employment.



These are the grade 8 pupils at Chipata Primary School this year, all looking smart in their new school uniform

Over the five years that we have been sponsoring children, the numbers have increased, costing us more each year. In addition this year, the exchange rate fell and put the cost up even more. Thanks to the donations for a wedding, we were able to sponsor all 79 children in grades 8-12. However, we may not be able to continue to do this in future years.

Sponsorship of teachers.

During 2016 CLinC sent grants for two teachers to improve their educational qualifications. Zuze completed the second year of his Open University diploma in Secondary education and Janet completed her first year Primary Education diploma.

Plans for 2017-18

In the accounts, we have listed the grants sent for the term 1 of 2017. For term 2, (May to July), we will send money for teachers' bonuses, the feeding programme, Zuze's final semester and more textbooks for both schools.

Visit to Zambia 2018.

We are planning to visit Zambia next year to see for ourselves how the two schools are progressing. If you would like to join us, please have a word with one of us. You will be most welcome.

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