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Changing Lives in Chongwe
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Report for 2018

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Chairman's Report

The charity 'Changing Lives in Chongwe' is now in its 15th year.



The work of CLinC continues to centre round St Anne's and St Mark's Community schools in Lusaka's compounds. The schools cater for grades 1-7 pupils from the poorest of families. 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. The teachers are paid out of the parental contributions received. In addition, CLinC has continued to send termly bonuses of around £20 per teacher. As community school teachers, they receive no salary from the government.

This time last year, schools were closed due to the cholera outbreak. There has been no mention of it this year so far. Hygiene in the schools and townships was improved last year and this may be helping reduce the number of cases. Many community schools were forced to close due to lack of hygienic conditions. The health authorities were satisfied that our schools met the required criteria.

Sponsorship of teachers.

We have discovered that in 2021 the Ministry of Education will be insisting that all teachers in community schools have the basic teacher training and acquire a teacher's licence. Teachers have been given three years to obtain this training. The cost is around £500 - £600 a year and teachers are unable to pay for it themselves. We hope to find ways of raising funds to sponsor them through training or the schools will be closed.

If you have any ideas to help with this fundraising, please let us know.

Sponsorship of secondary pupils.

Grade 7 pupils all take exams, and most children get offered a place in a government run school. These 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 continues to sponsor pupils leaving our community schools to gain an education to grade 9. This gives them a good basic education and enables them to apply for employment.

Feeding programme

Many of the children come to school hungry and we continue to support the weekly feeding programme for all 533 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.

Trustee visit to Zambia

In September, three trustees and a friend visited the schools, finding out how they were running and what their needs for the future were. A report of our findings is attached.

We were satisfied that all money sent in the previous year had been spent as planned. A copy of the accounts is available.

Thank you to all sponsors and supporters for your generous donations to CLinC.

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