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Chairman's Report for 2019

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.

In 2019 there were 5 teachers and 161 pupils at St Mark's and 5 teachers and 240 at St Anne's. Numbers of pupils at St Anne's have reduced since the demolition of the old church. Many classes had been taught in the church and there is now a lack of classroom space until the new church is complete.



The new church roof can be seen in the background and the school classroom block is being re-painted.

The schools are now in their 11th year and for the last six years the schools have been financially self-sufficient in the paying of teachers' monthly allowances. However, during 2019 they reported several problems. In spite of the improved infrastructure in the country due to Chinese investments, the poverty in townships is increasing. In recent years the rainy season has been poor, food prices have therefore risen. Low rainfall has also resulted in low water levels in Lake Kariba. Zambia depends on the hydro-electric power from Kariba and in recent months there have been power cuts of up to 8 hours a day. This has affected local industry and resulted in even higher prices for foods and other essential goods. As a result the parents are finding it difficult to pay their usual small voluntary contributions.

As community school teachers, they receive no salary from the government. The teachers are paid a small monthly allowance out of the parental contributions. This ranges from around £40 - £70 a month depending on their position and responsibilities. This is paid only during the school terms and no allowances are received during the three months of holidays.

When parents are unable to pay the full amount, the schools are unable to pay the teachers. We first heard about this problem in November 2019 when CLinC sent an additional £300 to help with teachers' pay. A further £300 has been sent to help this term. It looks as if the schools will require financial help for at least the remainder of 2020.

Sponsorship of teachers.



Janet Manda at St Mark's

We now have two fully trained teachers. There are also six teachers who have now completed their first year of teacher training. Alice, Kelvin and Mary are in their second year of a degree in primary education. Wendy, Martha, and Charity are in their second year of a diploma in primary education.

In addition, CLinC has continued to send termly bonuses of around £20 per teacher.



Langson Zuze at St Anne's

Feeding programme – A weekly meal was provided for all children at our two schools for two terms and during the Sept – Dec term, when food was scarce and expensive, we provided two meals a week.

Sponsorship of secondary pupils.



Grade 7 pupils all take exams in their final term at our schools, and most children get offered a place at Chipata Primary School which caters for pupils up to grade 9. Few families from the compounds can afford to pay school fees and provide uniform and children would drop out of school.

For many years now, CLinC has continued to sponsor pupils leaving our community schools through grades 8 & 9. This gives pupils a good basic education and enables them to apply for employment.

Secondary sponsorship began in 2011 when two pupils left St Mark's School. Numbers have gradually increased and in 2019 there were 75 pupils from St Anne's and St Mark's in Grades 8 & 9 at Chipata School. 21 of these were sponsored by Zebra Trust and the remainder by CLinC. This year there are 48 grade 8 pupils and 38 in grade 9. Zebra Trust have sent £1,500 towards sponsorship of these pupils.

Two things have helped us cover our costs for 2020. Firstly, the exchange rate has risen in our favour and secondly, the government has instructed schools to reduce the cost of school fees. We have no way of knowing if we will be as fortunate in the future.

Additional needs of the schools.

St Anne's school is desperately in need of more **teaching areas** while the church is not in use. It could take some time to get the new roof in place and the interior re-fitted!

The **blackboards** in both schools are in a poor state and CLinC sent money in January 2020 to buy blackboard paint to improve them.

It is many years since we sent money for **textbooks** and there is a shortage of these together with many wearing out. We have sent £300 towards the purchase of new books.

Looking ahead.

The support for St Mark's and St Anne's Community schools remains our priority and we will continue to sponsor as many grade 8 & 9 pupils as funds allow.

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

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Raising funds and where we spent our money in 2019

Receipts	Amount	Notes
Donations	£6,092	Out of this, £4,545 was gift aided. Thank you. £1,860 was received in standing orders (most of this was gift aided). This helps us to plan ahead
Fundraising	£2,852	£825 -Quilt tickets £505- Brass on the Grass £600 -Annual Get-Together £890- sale of jams and crafts £ 32 - other
Teacher & pupil sponsorship	£2,750	Annual donations for pupil or teacher sponsorship.
HMR Gift Aid	£1,802	
Total income	£13,496	
Payments		
Teachers' bonuses	£ 494	All 10 teachers receive small bonus of K200 each term. (K19/ £1 at the moment)
Feeding Programme	£2,266	All children receive one meal a week for 2 terms and two meals a week in the 3 rd term when food is scarce and expensive.
Teacher sponsorship	£2,758	We now have six teachers in training.
Pupil sponsorship	£3,804	There are 86 pupils at Chipata School in grades 8 & 9. Zebra Trust's donation helps greatly to cover this.
Simon Manda training	£ 583	Simon was one of our first pupils and is studying at Agricultural College, sponsored by one of trustees
School equipment/ repairs	£ 104	Replacement door locks at St Anne's in 2018
Fundraising costs	£ 30	Hire of hall for Annual Get-Together.
Bank charges (UK & Zambia)	£ 138	£9.50 in UK and £15 in Zambia per money transfer
Air fares x 2 - Sept '18 visit	£1,621	This was re- donated to CLinC and gift aided
Total spending	£11,798	