

Changing Lives in Chongwe Charity Reg. No. 1106904

Annual Report 2021

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just transfer costs when sending funds to Zambia Sort code:08-92-99 Account number: 65156449

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Chairman's Report for 2021

St Anne's and St Mark's Community schools

As in the UK, the pandemic caused interruptions to the school year. The good thing is that no teachers or children were severely affected as a result of it. Primary schools in Zambia receive financial support from the government but Community schools receive no grants towards the running of their schools. The money from parental contributions is soon used up to pay for electricity, toilet

disinfectant, hand soap, paper for the photocopier and minor repairs to school equipment such as desks. If there is any spare, the teachers' small monthly allowances, sent by CLinC, are topped up.

The average teachers' monthly pay sent by CLinC for 2021 was around £45 per month.

Feeding programme

Money for two meals a week was sent for all three terms and here are some of the children queuing up for their meal. Each school has a 'carer' who looks after 'out of lesson' needs of the children and also helps, along with the teachers, to cook the meals.

A large amount of the money is spent on bags of charcoal, mealie meal to make the nshima, and bottles of cooking oil. Each week the teachers assess what else is needed and money is given to carers to purchase perishable food from local markets and roadside stalls. This consists of onions, tomatoes, dried beans, tuna chunks and fish.



These are some of the grade 7 pupils enjoying a day out following their exams. They visited a local wild life park and enjoyed seeing the animals just as we do!!

They are dressed in uniforms made by a local tailor. Uniforms are not compulsory at our schools, but parents are keen to have them if they can afford them. It also helps the local tailoring business and in 2022



the tailor will be making the uniforms for the grade 8 &9 pupils at Chipata as well.

Grade 8 & 9 pupils.

In 2021 there were 93 grade 8 & 9 pupils, average age of 12-14 years, all studying at Chipata government school. Their school fees were paid for either from the Zebra Trust grant or by CLinC. The parents had to find money for uniform, shoes and books. They manage this by making personal sacrifices and it is becoming more difficult year by year.

New classrooms for St Anne's.

During the year work began on demolishing the derelict housing on land adjacent to St Anne's school. Two new classrooms are now being built with a small staff room between them.

The roof is now on and the building safe with security bars on both doors and windows. CLinC has now sent money to buy windows and doors, and lay concrete floors in the classrooms

Teacher Training

When the schools began, all teachers were untrained and relied upon their own schooling and teachers' guides to help them. Since then many of the teachers have been sponsored by CLinC to gain either teaching diplomas or degrees. Four years ago, we took on the challenge of sponsoring six of

University

our teachers through teacher training. At the time we had no guarantee that we could afford all of the costs for the next four years but we decided to go ahead with it. Martha qualified in 2021 and this year another three of the teachers completed their courses. Two graduated before the end of the year and Charity will graduate in February 2022, delayed by Covid.

This leaves us with just Alice and Mary training at Mosa



Kelvin Bwalya Mosa University



Wendy Sakalani Open Doors Training College

All teachers in Zambia are now required to have a 'teachers' licence'. This costs around £50 per teacher and even applies to community schools.

This will also enable them to look for other teaching posts in the future, should they wish to do so. All of our teachers are required to remain in our schools for at least two years after completing training and most of them will continue teaching at St Anne's or St Mark's for much longer.

Raising funds and where we spent our money in 2021

Receipts	Amount	Notes
	£	
Donations	4,929	£4,099 of this was gift aided. Thank you!
Fundraising	3,295	£140 sales at Almondsbury Show
		£61 sales at Alveston Tea afternoon
		£3094 - sale of jams, masks and crafts
Teacher & pupil	2,450	£2,450 Annual donations for pupil or teacher
sponsorship		sponsorship.
HMRC - Gift Aid	1,855	Thank you!
Total income	12,529	
Payments		
Teachers' pay	5,177	Monthly pay for all 10 teachers, 2 carers and
. ,		security guard
Feeding Programme	3,001	Two meals a week when school open
Teacher sponsorship &	3.026	We had five teachers in training.
Simon		Three teachers and Simon graduated this year.
Pupil sponsorship – school	1,210	There were 93 pupils at Chipata School in
fees		grades 8 & 9. Zebra Trust's grant greatly
		reduced the amount CLinC needed to send
School equipment/ repairs	326	Pump repair, septic tank emptying &
		photocopier service
Building project	985	Building two new classrooms at St Anne's
Fundraising costs	40	Payment for hire of hall for Annual Get-
		Together on March 14 th
Bank charges (UK &	147	£9.50 in UK and £15 in Zambia per money
Zambia)		transfer
Total spending	13,912	

Events in March

1. Wednesday March 16th – **Annual get-together and supper evening** in Cromhall Village Hall.

There will be the usual two-course hot meal served. Following this, our speaker will be Peter Chaplin who will tell us about life in the Avon & Somerset Police Force as a dog handler between 1978-1998. Let me know if you would like tickets.

Poster attached.

2. Saturday March 26th – **Craft fair and Coffee morning** in Cromhall Village hall 9.30-12.30.

Hand made cards, many with local photographs on them, silk painting, Easter gifts, wood turning, jewellery and much more.

Free entry.

Poster attached.

We hope to see many of you at these events

Looking ahead to 2022 we plan to ..

- 1. Sponsor Alice and Mary through their final degree year.
- 2. Pay for 'teaching licences' for all of our trained teachers.
- 3. Provide a basic monthly pay for all teachers, carers and guard.
- 4. Sponsor grade 8 & 9 pupils at Chipata School.
- 5. Help with the completion of the new classrooms.

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