



Changing Lives in Chongwe - Charity Reg. No. 1106904

Annual Report 2023

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The highlight of 2023 was the visit to Zambia in May. It had been five years since our last visit due to the Covid pandemic.

Our first meeting with the teachers was at the Sunday morning service at St Anne's Church. This was the first time we had been inside the new, large church and found it still required a lot of work to be done! However, the service was full of praise and joy with several choirs and a band.



St Anne's Mothers' Union

St Anne's Church choir



Most of our time in Lusaka was spent in St Anne's and St Mark's schools with teachers and pupils, where everyone was excited to see us. We enjoyed getting to know the children and, with varying degrees of success, read stories to the younger children, planted seeds of various kinds with grades 6&7 and encouraged the older children to write letters to children at St Andrew's Primary School in Cromhall. The size of the classes made it more difficult than we had envisaged!



These are pre-school, reception and grade 1 pupils at St Mark's and St Anne's listening to a story of "The mouse that roared". They enjoyed roaring!



This is a classroom at St Mark's where grades 6 & 7 are taught. It is one of the two good sized classrooms built in 2016. Sadly, the rear is filled with old play equipment and broken desks. We advised them to either sell or dispose of the play equipment as there is no longer much outdoor space to make use of them. We requested a quote for the repair of the broken desks but have not yet received this.

These are Grade 5 pupils at St Anne's. The children all enjoyed drawing pictures of life in Zambia for us to bring back with us. We took boxes of coloured pencils and crayons to help with this and the children were delighted!





On Friday, a 'sports afternoon' was held. The area, once used for netball and football, is now destined to be a new, large church. The walls are under construction, but the children played around them and the builders!

There is a shortage of toilets at the school, one flush toilet and one pit latrine between 250 pupils and staff. The building at the back of this picture is the old

pit latrine belonging to the church but has also been used by the school. This is now unsafe to use.

During 2023 CLinC has helped by ensuring that all teachers, carers and guard receive at least a small payment each month. The average pay for a teacher was around K1.000 (£40) per month. This was topped up from the parental contributions.

All teachers were sent funds to obtain their teachers' licenses which are now, required by law.



CLinC also sent money to provide two hot, nutritious meals each week for all 550 children.

Over the year, we sent funds to empty the cesspit at St Anne's and fit new toilet pans to make the latrines more hygienic and suitable for the young children.

The photocopiers at both schools were serviced.

In the third term of 2023, we sent small donations to both schools to help pay the teachers

There are many other projects for next year, but we are waiting for approval and quotes.

Grade 8 & 9 pupils

For many years CLinC has been helping these pupils with the payment of school fees and a contribution towards uniforms. However, school fees are now paid by the government.

During our visit we realised just how well off our schools are compared with the majority of community schools.

This made us wonder if some of our money could be better spent to provide an education for more of these underprivileged children.

St Matthias community school.

Like St Anne's and St Mark's, this is also a church school, held in St Matthias Anglican Church. All lessons take place in the main church building using rearranged pews to create classrooms. We were dismayed at the difficulties faced by the teachers including a lack of text books, writing materials and chalk. Like all community schools, there is no support from the government and the only money received is the parental contributions. As a result, the teachers frequently go without pay for



Modern City School.

This school is run by Langson Zuze who, until a few years ago, taught at St Anne's. Impressed with what was being done for local children there, he decided to start a school to cater for other poor children a couple of miles away.

We were very impressed with the way he was running the school and feel we would like to help him in a small way if funds allow.

Fundraising and ways we raised money

Every effort will be made to ensure that your donated gifts and all our hard raised money will be spent where it is most needed.

Thank you again to everyone who gives money monthly, quarterly, or annually. There are too many of you for me to personally acknowledge each of your donations, but they help us greatly with our forward planning.

THANK YOU!



Thank you too, to everyone who supports our supper evenings, coffee mornings and craft fairs



...to everyone who buys jams and crafts from Cromhall Shop



£776 raised from Quilt Draw



...to 'Crafters' in Wotton-under-Edge and Jackie's Country Crafts in Berkeley for selling our crafts..

Raising funds and where we spent your money in 2023

(2022 figures provided for comparison)

Receipts £	Amount 2023	Notes	Amount 2022
Donations	7,348	Over half of this was gift aided. Thank you! If you pay tax and are willing to gift aid your donations, let me know and I will send you a simple form to complete.	8,700
Fundraising	5,167	Sale of jams and crafts in Cromhall Village Shop, in 'Crafters' at Wotton, and at coffee mornings and craft fairs.	3,993
Teacher & pupil sponsorship	1,476	Annual donations for pupil or teacher sponsorship.	1,330
HMRC - Gift Aid	1,955	Thank you to all who gift aid donations!	2,423
Total income	15,946		16,446
Payments £			
Teachers' pay	6,393	Monthly pay for all 10 teachers, 2 carers and security guard	6,786
Feeding Programme	3,295	Two meals a week for over 500 children during term time	3,609
Teacher sponsorship	1,120	Alice & Mary graduated in November.	2,636
Pupil sponsorship – school fees	1,485	67 pupils received help with shoes, school bags and books from Zebra Trust. 35 pupils received help with uniform from CLinC.	1,333
School equipment/repairs	955	Photocopiers serviced at both schools, pit latrine cesspit emptied and new toilet pans at St Anne's	1,604
St Matthias School donation	385	Teachers' pay	0
Modern City School donation	610	Rental of rooms, chalks, and cleansing materials	0
Building project	0		1,287
Fundraising costs	138	Payment for hire of Cromhall Village Hall and craft fair tables	115
Bank charges (UK & Zambia)	172	£9.50 in UK and £15 in Zambia per money transfer.	73
Total spending	14,553		17,443

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