



Changing Lives in Chongwe - Charity Reg. No. 1106904

**Annual Report 2024**

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**Trustees:**

Chair & treasurer     Ann Greenhalgh  
Secretary                Fe Gray -  
Trustees                 Doug Collett, Peggy Collett,  
                                 Nic Fleming, Colin Nash, & Penny Kells

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**Independent examiner – Tony England**



**2024 – A year of excellent fundraising and social events . THANK YOU everyone.  
Every £ raised went to help the children and teachers at the four schools we support.**

## Raising funds and where we spent your money in 2024

(2023 figures provide for comparison)

Receipts £	Amount £ 2024	Notes	Amount £ 2023
Donations	9,302	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.	7,348
Fundraising	4,548	Sale of jams and crafts in Cromhall Village Shop, in Crafters in Wotton-under-Edge, and at coffee mornings and craft fairs.	5,167
Teacher and pupil Sponsorship	670	These are donations received to fund the college course of an ex-pupil.	1,476
HMRC - Gift Aid	2,311	Thank you to all who gift-aided their donations	1,955
<b>Total income</b>	<b>16,831</b>		<b>15,946</b>
<b>Payments £</b>			
Teachers' pay (all 4 schools)	8090	A sum to cover basic pay for all teachers, cares and staff at all <b>four schools</b> was sent for the 12 months. The reduction in amount sent is due to a change of exchange rate in our favour.	6393
Feeding programme	2940	This was only sent to St Anne's and St Mark's.	3295
Teacher sponsorship	958	College fees for one teacher who is now teaching at St Mark's.	1120
Modern City donation	950	Money for the rent of rooms for the school.	610
St Matthias donation	0	No additional money sent to St Matthias this year.	385
Pupil sponsorship grade 8&9	0	There are no school fees required for grade 8&9 now.	1485
School equipment/repairs	603	Repair of damage to new classrooms at St Anne's, caused by the heavy rains. Funds to purchase additional teaching materials, book etc.at St Matthias & Modern City.	955
Building project	2150	Funds to help with building the toilet block at St Mark's .	0
Fundraising costs	40	Lottery licence	138
Bank charges UK/Zambia	260	£9.50 in UK and approximately £15 in Zambia per money transfer.	172
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15991</b>		<b>14553</b>

If you missed any of the newsletters with news and photos of the schools, they can be found on [www.cromhall.com/clinc](http://www.cromhall.com/clinc)

### **News of trustees**

Doug and Peggy Collett, who have been trustees since the charity was formed in 2004, have decided it is time to stand down. We thank them for all they have done for the charity over the years, including their visits to the schools. They will continue to support the work of the charity.

We now have two new trustees - Enid Cole and Elaine Moore who decided to join us following their visit to the schools in 2023. We welcome them.

### **Looking back over the years**

In 2024 we celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CLinC and it seems appropriate to look back over the years.

As our name suggests, we began working in Chalimbana Primary school near Chongwe, the school where Roy and I had worked in 1965-67. We found the school was now a primary day school with over 1,000 boys and girls enrolled. When we were there in the 1960's, few girls went to school and it was a much smaller, boys' boarding school for years 1 and 2 secondary education. Many of the 'boys' I taught were older than I was!!

In 2004 we also helped equip a Mother and Baby ward at a Chongwe Clinic, staying for two weeks with Joyce and Brown Banda in Chongwe. Here we met the group of retired subsistence farmers living in an area of bush known as Kanakantapa. They welcomed us to their services in a 'church' they had built from local tree branches and a roof made from long dried grasses. So, our next project was to set up a broiler chicken project for them, with an initial 1,000 chicks. We arranged for a local NGO to support them.

Our next small project was to help young men in Lusaka with a brickmaking business. Then we discovered that the real poverty was in the compounds around Lusaka, not out in the rural areas. We had no idea how to select a school who needed our support. They were everywhere! Even so, large numbers of school age children were still unable to attend school either due to lack of money for school fees or lack of school places.

In 2008 Roy led a three-day project workshop with the priests in the Lusaka Diocese looking at how the churches could help the communities around them. As a result of this, Rev. Frank Hakoola contacted us, saying he had decided to set up a community school in his church for local children. He asked for our support. Within a year, there were two schools running in St Mark's and St Anne's churches and we provided funds for textbooks and play equipment. The schools have grown over the years and most classes are now held in classrooms we have built for them. The sad news is that their income is small and only comes from the poor parents. We have therefore continued to support them but hope that they can find ways to become more self-sufficient in coming years.

Two years ago, we visited two other community schools we knew of and discovered that they were even worse off. Many teachers went without pay for several months at a time and this led to a frequent change of staff. So, we now support the four schools but constantly emphasise that we will not always be here to help. This is one of our main reasons for the visit this year. We hope to impress upon them the need to acquire help from their local area. Sadly, times are hard in Zambia; inflation is 16.8% at the moment, resulting in higher prices for everything that is imported; local food is in short supply and therefore more expensive and electricity is still restricted daily as the water level remains low in Lake Kariba. The lack of electricity has affected many small family businesses making it even harder for families to pay the parental contributions to community schools.

**We will do what we can, for as long as we can, and thank you all for your support.**

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