

Newsletter
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Dear Friends of CLinC,
Temperatures are falling in Zambia now and the rains are over until November! Nights, especially, can be cold. This year the rains were not good, and the harvest will be poor. However, it is the season when crops are growing and plenty of tomatoes, onions, cabbage and pumpkin leaves are usually available. In addition, prices of all imported foods have risen following the pandemic.

Financial support from CLinC.

The feeding programme

This is the term when usually local food is most plentiful. In past years, we have reduced the feeding programme to one meal a week for each child.

However, in the current situation, with inflation around 10%, we are continuing with two meals a week at both schools. There is a carer at each school. They help look after young children, clean the classrooms and help cook the twice weekly mid-day meal.



Approximately £1,150 has been sent to cover the feeding programme this term.

Teachers' pay - For both schools, CLinC sends an average of £50 per teacher towards their monthly pay. This is topped up from the parental contributions. If the Zambian economy improves, it is hoped that our contributions will reduce again. It is essential that we encourage the schools towards self-sufficiency as support from CLinC will not always be there in future years!

Teacher training

Alice and Mary, at St Mark's school, are both now in the final year of their university degree course. Much of the work is done by distance learning so that they can continue teaching. In addition, there are courses at weekends and a residential week once a year. This costs around £240 a term for each teacher. We wish them success in their final year.

CLinC also provides money to service the photocopier, empty the pit latrines and buy new textbooks or desks when required and when we can afford to do so.

Both schools are attempting to raise money to buy a fire extinguisher and their fire certificate to comply with regulations.

All other expenses such as electricity, chlorine to add to the borehole water, soap, paper and pens are paid for out of the parental contributions they receive.

St Anne's Anglican Community School – Chipata, Lusaka.

285 pupils were enrolled at St Anne's in term 1.

There are five teachers at St Anne's, one carer and a guard who keeps an eye on the school at night. The teaching day is from 7am to 4pm and the day is split into three sessions. Pre-school children attend for the whole day. Other grades attend for part days only.

Two years ago, the school bought some land and old housing next to the school with the plan to create more classrooms. Since then, with the help of CLinC, two new classrooms have been built and roofed. In January, CLinC sent a further £1,400 to pay for the classroom flooring, windows and doors. This means that, although the classrooms are not finished, they can be used for lessons and classes no longer have to carry desks to and from the church each week. Hopefully the twenty new double desks bought last term will last much longer!



The walls have still not been painted but electricity has been connected and we can see one bulb being used to give extra light. Hopefully this will be replaced with strip lighting when funds allow. Most teachers

teach two grades, often at the same time, in the same classroom. The blackboard is divided in half in order to cater for this!

Children are crowded together as desk space is limited but they look hard at work! So good to see the walls being covered by teachers' or children's work!

During the term, children attended a sports day at the Olympic stadium. I haven't been able to find any more details on this apart from the fact that it cost K600 (£28) for the use of the grounds.



St Mark's Anglican Community School, Chazanga, Lusaka

In term 1 this year there were 257 pupils enrolled at St Mark's.

Lessons take place in the two classrooms built by CLinC in 2015 and in the old St Mark's Anglican Church building.

Pre-school children and grades 3-7 are in school from 7.30am – 4.00pm.

Grade 1 pupils come in the mornings and grade 2 pupils in the afternoons.

There are five teachers at St Mark's and a carer.



This is the inside of St Mark's Church with children sitting at both pews and school desks. The only light comes in through the small windows and door. The pulpit/lectern can be seen in the centre back of the picture.

This class of older pupils are having lessons in a small room at the side of the church. Again, the light is poor, and many are sitting three to a double desk.





This photo was taken at the end of last term when a small trampoline, hula hoops and other games items were hired for a fun day! The cost of the hire came from parental contributions. What an exciting time they must have had!

Fundraising news

1. The Craft Fair in March was very successful raising £268.
2. There has continued to be a steady stream of income from sale of masks, jams and other crafts item at Cromhall Village Shop. Many thanks to the Shop for allowing us to do this.

Looking ahead

3. We are hoping to give an illustrated talk about the work of CLinC at Newent Mothers Union on Tuesday July 26th. We will also be taking jams & marmalade to sell.
4. We plan to have a sales table at Cromhall Show on Saturday Sept 3rd
5. There will be a Cromhall Christmas Craft Fair on Sat Dec 3rd in Cromhall Village Hall and CLinC will have a sales table and organise the refreshments.

THANK YOU AGAIN ..

..to those of you who have standing orders for monthly, quarterly or yearly donations. This does help us to plan ahead with confidence.

...to those of you who send an annual sum for grade 8&9 pupils. The money this year has provided each child with uniform and books.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Without you, we couldn't do it.

Ann, on behalf of trustees of CLinC – June 2022