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Dear Friends of CLinC,

Let's start with some really good news! The two new classrooms are almost complete and ready for use. St Anne's School can be seen in the background of this photo. At the moment the school is still dependant on the partly built new church for teaching areas. This involves carrying desks to and from the church each week.



The two new classrooms will make a big difference. The windows look a little small but the sun is powerful there!!

St Mark's and St Anne's schools – The year began with a spike in Covid cases and school, college and university opening was delayed by two weeks until Jan 24th. Our two schools are running well and there are now over 250 children in each school.

Teachers – Several of the teachers at both schools have been with us since the schools were opened in 2009. However, there are two changes this year.

Kelvin Bwalya, headteacher at St Anne's since 2009 has decided it is time to move on and Charity Phiri has taken over from him. We wish him well in the future.

Aaron Daka, teacher at St Mark's since 2019 has left to study 'Automotive Engineering' at Lusaka Business and Technical College. We also wish him well.

The Feeding programme –



March is the end of the rainy season and Zambia would normally be rich in maize, tomatoes, onions, beans, pumpkins etc. Sadly this year the rains were late and unreliable. Many crops were ruined and food costs are higher than ever. The feeding programme is therefore even more important and around 500 children will receive two hot, nutritious meals each week this term.



During the rainy season, food is being prepared in the partly built church and pupils eagerly line up to collect their meals.

Desks and text books for both schools- Money was sent to buy 20 double desks for each school. St Anne's desks have been carried to and from the church building for many years and have been repaired frequently. St Mark's school has doubled their number of children and also needed desks.

Grade 8 & 9 pupils- This term, there was no requirement for school fees as the



government has subsidised these following the rise in the cost of living. CLinC has therefore sent money to help provide school uniform and books. A local tailor has made the uniforms for all grade 8 & 9 pupils. They still have to provide their own jerseys, ties and shoes. This is a big step in their lives!

Teacher training –



Wendy

Wendy Sakalani, teacher at St Anne's school, graduated in December 2021.

Charity, headteacher at St Anne's graduated in February 2022. They will continue to teach in our schools.

Congratulations to them both.



Charity

This leaves Alice, headteacher at St Mark's and Mary, also teacher at St Mark's, to complete their final year's training at Mosa University this year.

Thank you to all of you who have supported CLinC over recent years and enabled us to pay for this training. It will transform the lives of the teachers and also the teaching at St Mark's and St Anne's.

Fundraising news – Two reminders

1. Wednesday March 16th – **Annual get-together and supper evening** in Cromhall Village Hall. Tickets still available either from Cromhall Shop or from me.
There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the work of CLinC and our spending of your donations. The usual two-course hot meal will be 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.
2. Saturday March 26th – **Craft fair and Coffee morning** in Cromhall Village hall 9.30- 12.30.
Handmade cards, many with local photographs on them, silk painting, Easter gifts, wood turning, jewellery and much more.
A good selection of cakes, scones and cookies to enjoy with tea or coffee. You can also take some away to eat later.
Free entry.

We have an invitation to give an illustrated talk about the work of CLinC to a Mothers' Union group in Gloucester. This will hopefully be in July. Jams, marmalade and crafts will also be taken to sell and raise funds.

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 – March 2022