

Sponsoring children from Lusaka's compounds (townships)

CLinC is working in three compounds around Lusaka, enabling children from poor families to have the opportunity of an education.



Families living in the compounds are often headed by a single parent, grandparent or older child. All families are either infected or affected by HIV/AIDS and have acquired orphaned children to care for as well as their own.

Most children are not in school. Without an education the children have no hope for their future and no chance to escape the poverty they live in. Primary education is claimed to be free in Zambia but children need uniform, shoes and books. Parents are also required to pay into school funds.

Community schools, such as the three we support, are mainly held in church buildings and cater for the poorest children whose parents or guardians are unable to afford to send them to a government run school. There are no compulsory fees or uniform. Without community schools most of the children in the compound would be denied an education.

Teachers are untrained volunteers who receive a monthly allowance of £25 from CLinC. The children follow the Zambian national curriculum which enables them to transfer to a government run school if the opportunity arises.



Above ; Grade 7 pupils in 2012

In 2012 there were 12 pupils in the grade 7 class at St Anne's Community School in Chipata compound. This is the highest grade allowed in community schools. Without financial help, these children would have been unable to continue their education as transferring to a Government run school costs around £150 a year.

CLinC managed to find sponsors for all of these children, together with a bright pupil from grade 6 in St Mark's school.

The sponsorship in 2013, £120 per child per year, covered the parental contribution to school fund, the uniform and books. In addition CLinC sent money for school shoes.

The children are now all enjoying the opportunity to be studying in school, something that 4 years ago was just a dream!

In April 2013, sponsors received letters from their sponsored children.

Grade 7 pupils in 2013.

This year there are 23 pupils studying grade 7 and hoping to be able to continue their education at a government school next year. The year's costs involved for them to do this are £95 school fees, £28 school uniform, £10 for exercise books and pens and £22 for school shoes, a total of £155. If you would like to sponsor a child for 2014, or even buy a pair of shoes or some uniform, please contact Ann on 01454 294200 or anngree@attglobal.net.