

Kondanani Zambia News

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NEW INITIATIVE: Kaanga Community School

Mark Preston's description of KondananiZambia's first visit to Kaanga:

"My wife Isabel and I had travelled to Gamela and Kalalusaka to monitor improvements at the villages with the ZOCS team and Mayor of Choma and he asked if we would mind diverting on the way back to Choma to visit a small village of Kaanga where he, the Mayor, was very impressed by the effort and enthusiasm of the village, and he hoped ZOCS and Kondanani would consider supporting the school.

We travelled for what seemed like a long distance, but was actually quite short according to my GPS because the roads were so bad and the 4WD's that we were travelling in had to travel so slowly to traverse the dry route (I can't imagine what it would be like in the wet season).

What we saw when we arrived I can only describe as impressive: the effort that the village had gone to build schools houses, toilets and to begin to create the bricks required to build more school buildings. I was impressed by the effort that has already been put into the school and think it is a great project to support.'

Isabel alerted us to the fact that Kaanga is always cut off from the rest of the country when the rivers flood. You'll notice Isabel standing by the piles of bricks ready for the building of a 1 x 3 classroom block.

Zambia Open Community Schools (ZOCS) reports to us that already the community has a full Parent Community School committee in place, which demonstrates their willingness to be active in the school development plan.

ZOCS suggests that income generation activities of chicken and goat raising will be of assistance to this community. (as supporters will recall the goat scheme has been of great value in numerous communities.)

Presently at Kaanga there are 96 male students, 128 female students, with two male volunteer teachers. The Parent Community School Committee has 5 female and 5 male members.

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From Harriet Sianjibu Miyato, CEO of ZOCS:

“In terms of the type of support needed, ZOCS’ preferred choice would be the purchase of building materials to complement the 25 percent up-front community effort already in place, towards the construction of a 1 x 3 classroom block: roofing materials, steel door and window frames, and cement to complete the construction of the classroom block. A borehole exists, however anticipating piped water will bring better hygiene & sanitation.”

Therefore, our 2018/2019 appeal for ongoing support to the orphans, disabled and vulnerable children of Zambia is for donations towards:

- the steel door & window frames, and roofing iron;
- and for teaching requisites for children and teachers at Kaanga community School,
- and for two income generating projects: chickens & goats.

Kondanani Zambia Inc is a registered charity in Australia, and we complete federal & state government returns each year. All monitoring visits by the Preston family are self-funded.

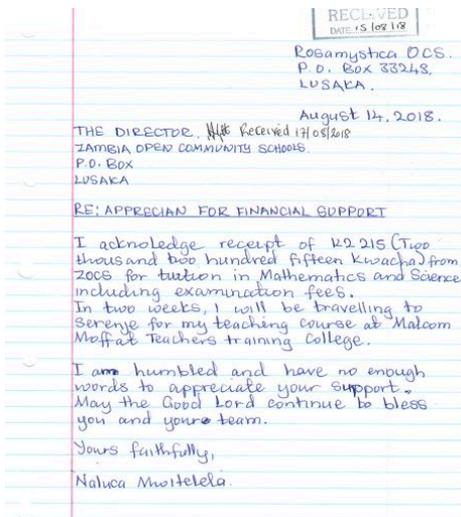
Suggestions to donors:

Donation for steel frames for Kaanga	\$20, \$50, \$100
Donation for roof iron for 1 x 3 classroom block	\$20, \$50, \$100
Donation for pockets of cement for Kaanga	\$20
A goat for poorest households in Kaanga	\$30
Pair of chickens for poorest households in Kaanga	\$20
Text books for teachers or students	\$60
School stationery	\$25
Bicycle for teacher	\$150



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2018:

Mr Professor Mudendan and Mrs Nalucha Mwitelela are recipients of bursaries for study: Professor has a dressmaking business at Kalalasaka: the result of his success at Chodort Skills Training Centre. He is now running his business AND completing Years 11 & 12 at Musuka High School, approximately 15 kms from Kalalasaka. Such an enthusiastic student, Professor is achieving well at studies and dressmaking, and will become a qualified teacher.



Nalucha Mwitelela was selected by ZOCS to benefit from the gift of the Tembo family Nalucha is now studying at the Malcolm Moffat Teachers' Training College; until now Nalucha has been for many years a volunteer teacher at Rosamystica Orphans Community School.

Other gifts have achieved: a new borehole at **Mabanga Community School**, providing fresh water for the children at the community school, and enabling the school to begin gardening, as well as access to water for 500 households; a new overhead water tank and repair of water pump at Kalalasaka which has improved the hygiene among learners & the community. The goat and village poultry projects at Chisanshi Community School, on Mungule Farm, are also doing well and we are confident that these projects will soon start generating income for the school.

"Many people in the world cannot afford education due to vulnerability and poverty, but all need to support themselves. A High School or College education on their daily earnings is not an option. After spending 5 years in Zambia, and with a background of educational support work through University Further Education for adults, and having done mature age study myself, this is a project close to my heart. I see to commit to provide a scholarship for a long-term devoted (volunteer) teacher already helping orphans and vulnerable children will assist her to gain a recognized qualification as a teacher in Zambia." Margaret & Kenneth Tembo



Jenny Preston & Margaret Tembo

History of KONDANANI ZAMBIA

May 1996 was the first time Jenny & John Preston visited Zambia, to re-new their friendship with Mrs Harriet Sianjibu Miyato; we learned about the faithfulness of the Zambian people to the long apartheid struggle in South Africa; and Harriet introduced us to some of the issues which she was working on, with UNICEF. In 2000 we returned to begin learning from Harriet about the 'new' movement called Community Schools. Some of you have been on that journey with us since then: remember Betty Ward and her Kooka stove making jam to raise money firstly to purchase an audiometer to test children who had lost their hearing through multiple ear infections, then to supplement meals at Bissell & Kalalasaka, Bill & Edna, whose bequest saw two containers totally renovated, - one becoming a school library and the other a medical centre, and the innumerable women knitting and crocheting garments for little children.

John and Jenny have met so many wonderful people who have faithfully supported us in our mission:

To ensure that every child, especially those disadvantaged in any way, can actualize their full human potential, realise their rights and experience what it means to be a human being fully alive.

From the Executive Director Mrs Harriet Sianjibu Miyato:

ZOCS is a vibrant flagship organization of Community Schools since 1992 in Zambia that empowers communities to provide quality basic education to 150,720 learners (74,130 Boys and 76,590 Girls) in 785 demonstration Community Schools across 51 Districts in all the 10 provinces of Zambia premised on the principle that “every child has a right to education”.

Twenty-five (25) years on, ZOCS’ mission remains resolute in supporting OVC. ZOCS’ quest is: “To secure education opportunities for learners outside the government school system by empowering communities, building partnerships, influencing policy and legislation, supporting learners and creating conducive learning environments in community schools.” For much of its existence, ZOCS has used a three-pronged approach and structured its work around three pillars: **Advocacy & influencing:** aimed at influencing government & legislation to benefit orphans and vulnerable children’s access to quality education. **Capacity building:** Increasing teacher and community capacity to provide quality education to OVC; and **Service delivery:** Supporting the development of schools, providing material resources and financial assistance to schools, teachers, learners and communities to create an enabling environment for enhanced educational opportunities for OVC.

A new commitment by ZOCS reflects the objective of “*Eliminating barriers in Education- Leaving No One behind*” initiative to provide children currently out of school with a chance to enjoy their right to education. Presently, Zambia is grappling with 800,000 Out of School Children, a serious situation that cannot be ignored and calls for concerted efforts in order to secure and build a better future for all. Among the most excluded are children with disabilities, girls, those from the poorest families and from rural areas. Funding has come from a single donor in Qatar, and is targeting 60% girls, and 40% boys, including children with disabilities.

As Prof. Michael Kelly SJ, ZOCS’ Patron, put it,

“Educate a Child is probably the biggest single educational initiative that the world has ever seen; where one person and one foundation are committing hundreds of millions of dollars in an effort to ensure that every single child in the world has access to quality primary education. ZOCS will contribute in a very significant way towards the attainment of EAC’s goal... but even more important, something that will bring hope for a better life to a great number of marginalised Zambian children”.



DONATIONS for Kaanga Community School

How to donate:

Cheques to be made payable to :

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