



December News

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2017



As we come to the end of the year, and reflect on the past months, there is much to be thankful for. Students and staff have worked hard and there has been much positive change in 2017.

In September I travelled to Australia for our second annual Gala Dinner. It was wonderful to see many Zambia's Child supporters at this event: the net amount raised leading up to and on the night was \$55,000. See the Building Report for further information about how this money is being spent.

The Grade 7 Adult Class sat their exams in November. We eagerly await their results! At the end of November Robyn, Mwaba and Anthony kept busy sorting uniforms for 2018, and we spent two days fitting all the students. This was followed by the annual clothing distribution, and once again our marvellous trio organised all the donated clothing into bags for the ICCS families.

Our annual Thanksgiving Service and Christmas Party were held on Thursday, 30 th November, and there was much excitement as we used the undercover area between the classroom blocks for the first time. With all classes wanting to have their turn in the spotlight, and with the newly introduced School Clubs this year also giving presentations, it is a miracle that the service finished in under three hours! It was fantastic to hear from each of the clubs: Football, Choir, Dance, Chess and Gardening. Six children from each class received various awards including Citizenship, Reading, Academic, Sport, Hygiene and Most Improved Overall.

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The rain held off for our Christmas party where as usual a Zambian style meal of chicken, rice, gravy and coleslaw was enjoyed, as well as some treats - soft drinks, ice blocks, crisps and lollipops.

The students left school on a sugar high! Sadly, many of them will miss eating proper meals in the holidays. This is one reason why our Christmas hamper distribution is so beneficial. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed to this appeal, which will see approximately ninety Kasompe families receive a bag of groceries, a bag of charcoal for cooking, mealie meal, a chicken and fresh vegetables.

The work continues now as we are in the process of hiring a new Grade 6 teacher, finalising purchasing of furniture, text books, stationery and kitchen equipment, preparing for the Christmas distribution, and making up rosters and timetables for the new school year.

We now wait with anticipation to see what God has in store for us next year. We will start the year with a dedication service followed by overnight prayer for those wishing to stay on. We ask you to join us in prayer on 5th /6th January as we pray for the school and God's protection and provision as we move forward and continue developing ICCS in 2018.

Kim Mukuka
Zambian Project Manager





BUILDING PROJECT

October saw the start of construction of the second classroom module. The slab was laid earlier in the year, so it was exciting to see bricks and mortar rise as the classrooms took shape. The classroom block is now complete - hooray!

There is now an undercover area where we can meet for school assemblies; the first classroom will be used as a temporary dining hall, and we have ten picnic style tables to be delivered soon. The second classroom will be our Grade 5 classroom, and the classroom closest to the amenities will be for Grade 6. Both Grades 5 and 6 will have extended hours of school (as the Grade 5s did this year), so it is essential that they have their own rooms.

In January the next phase of the building work will begin, with the completion of the chicken runs, an "Insaka" (Zambian style gazebo - for security) on top of an ant hill, and an outdoor cooking area. Of course we will then be seeking funding to continue the next phase of building work, which is likely to include an outdoor undercover play area which can double as a dining hall, and a staff room.

Photos from top to bottom:
Aerial view of ICCS June 2017 before new classrooms commenced construction;
Builders plastering new classroom;
Classroom walls constructed; Roof on classroom block installed.





MCS KITWE

The 2017 school calendar year has come to an end. As usual it was an eventful year for both students and staff. School staff attended a number training sessions aimed at improving their skills in literacy teaching. These were organized by the Zonal Centre and our reading partner Book Bus.

We always look forward to receiving Zambia's Child visitors in June/July. This year was no exception as the team visited the school and spent time interacting with sponsored tertiary and secondary students as well as MCS students and staff. Zambia's Child also assisted with urgent repairs to the ablution block and some much needed text books and stationery at the time of their visit.

The school has received sports equipment and teaching aids with the help of Maxine Callow. Some of the items received were soccer balls, cricket bats and balls, and white boards among other things. The white boards have made outdoor teaching much easier, and with the cricket equipment the school has introduced 'Zambian Cricket'.

The year always ends with a Christmas party thanks to the support of Zambia's Child and Maxine (Mopani Copper Mines Security staff) and her friends. It is an exciting time of the year as the children sit to have a filling meal of their favourite foods!

Meki Mwape - Headmaster at Manyando Community School



THANK YOU!

FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2017!



HOW DO WE GET TO ICCS?

Every day a locally owned bus from Kasompe transports the grades 1-4 students to and from school at ICCS, which is a 3-4 kilometre walk from most of the students' homes (grades 5 and up walk). This costs approximately \$70 per school day.

We are still seeking funding to purchase our own bus. We have already raised \$20,000, and need approximately \$35,000 more to reach the target.

Please continue to pray for the work of Zambia's Child. On 5th January, the school staff will hold an overnight prayer meeting to pray for God's provision and protection over the school for 2018. Please join us in prayer if you can, on the 5th/6th January (Australia is 9 hours ahead of Zambia).



A HUGE THANK YOU TO NPAC and ST ANN'S WELL ACADEMY



We are extremely grateful to NPAC (National Police Aid Convoys in the UK) for their continued support in shipping items to Zambia for us. Our 2018 uniforms arrived towards the end of October, along with an amazing selection of good quality second hand Reception (Kindergarten) classroom furniture. Thank you so much to Maria and St Ann's Well Academy in Nottingham, UK for their generous donations! They will certainly be put to good use at ICCS.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ZAMBIA'S CHILD

It has been another exciting year for those of us who volunteer at Zambia's Child, and once again I would like to thank our Australian Committee for the time they have contributed to raise awareness, raise standards, and raise funds for the education of vulnerable children in the Copperbelt Province of Zambia. If you have an opportunity to view the ZC website you will find information about the Committee members there. Of course we could not manage without our regular volunteers in the 'office' - Roger, Shirley and Steph: thank you.

This year we have had fewer fundraising events, concentrating rather on the second annual Gala Dinner in September; we held a movie night in March, sold Entertainment Books through the winter months, and promoted student sponsorship on a stand under the St Peter's Church banner at the East Lindfield Public School fete in November.

As well as needing funds for operating costs and building work at Ipalo Christian Community School, it is very important to find sponsors for the new students who will commence school the following year. There is a new class of thirty Grade 1 students at ICCS each year: we are still trying to find sponsors for six of the boys who will commence in this class in January 2018. The monthly 'basic sponsorship' fee to sponsor the education of one of these children is \$43 ('sponsorship plus' is \$45 per month) - which provides the children with uniforms, shoes, school books and stationery, and a nourishing meal for lunch each day. For little children who often don't know whether there will be much to eat in their household each day, this is a blessing. We are also looking for sponsors for a few secondary students who have graduated from Manyando Community School in Kitwe, and cannot afford to pay secondary school fees to continue their education. Please look at our website (zambiaschild.ngo) or contact me (0407 175 422) if you would like further information about student sponsorship. It is a great joy to be able to send a child to school - who would not receive an education without the support from their sponsor.

If you would like to sponsor a student on a tertiary study course, to enable them to find employment after they complete secondary school, there are several courses they can attend for a once-off fee of approximately \$1,200 for the whole course (tailoring, welding, catering and more), or they can attend a driving course which will allow them to drive mini buses - for little more than \$600. There are so many of our ex-secondary sponsored students who would be very grateful for a helping hand in this direction.

In Sydney, we are having our first movie night fundraiser for 2018 on Thursday 22nd February - to see the film 'Finding Your Feet' (more information to be sent out soon).

I would like to thank all our kind sponsors and donors for the wonderful support you have provided in 2017 for the education of vulnerable children in Zambia.

Ros Philips - Public Officer, ZAMBIA'S CHILD



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a very happy Christmas and a blessed New Year!



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Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.