



Term 1, 2019 Newsletter



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

It has been a busy few weeks settling into the new school year with 30 new Grade 1 students - bringing our numbers to a total of 206 from Grades 1 to 7 this year.

New uniforms arrived in mid-January after some unforeseen and unavoidable delays, and we are extremely grateful to **Ka Go 2 Go** and **Green Door Logistics** for kindly transporting our shipment from South Africa free of charge. The students are loving the new addition to their sports uniform, red school tracksuits, which help keep them warm on rainy days and no doubt in the cold season coming up. They are wearing them with pride, as seen in the photo above.

It has been exciting this week to see the new concrete slab work beginning at the school as the wonderful Imzaba Bamazi team has started construction of our new classroom module (slab only at this stage until further funds are raised).

Rainy season is in full swing and it is a particularly wet season this year so the gardens at school are thriving.

We currently have some very helpful volunteers working in Zambia, including Morswel (who has been helping teach some subjects to the older grades), Prudence (helping in the classrooms four mornings each week, as well as one morning in the B2B office helping with admin and payroll), Chiluba (helping two days a week in the B2B office doing book-keeping), and Elizabeth who has been a wonderful help since she arrived from Australia in January (distributing and stocktaking uniforms, taking students to medical appointments, doing weekly school shopping, and assisting with administration and filing).

We thank God for **all** our fantastic supporters who pray, and give financially, to keep the work of Zambia's Child going.

Kim Mukuka

Zambian Project Manager

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GRADE 1, 2019

Welcome Address from the New School Principal, Amos Simfukwe

First grade is a special year for many students. I can just imagine how our new Grade 1's felt to be at a formal school for the first time - putting on their school uniform, and then told to wait at the bus station to be collected. This must be an overwhelming experience! We have 11 boys and 19 girls who started formal learning at Ipalo Christian Community School this year. Within a period of four weeks, the Grade 1's have started greeting in English, reading two to three lettered words and behaving like one of the ICCS students. They can stand and walk in a straight line. This requires a passionate and firmly disciplined teacher to train them. I am proud of how fast they are able to learn and master these concepts, considering their backgrounds where they come from - and they have not had any previous school experience.

As educators, it is our deepest desire to see our students' minds totally renewed, their hearts completely transformed, and lives changed forever for them to impact their surrounding communities. This starts when these children are enrolled with us in Grade 1. We ensure that they don't just grasp academics, but that everything inside and outside the classroom encircles and enhances a lifestyle of truly Christ-centred educated students. Teachers are putting more effort to reach the desired goal.

Our school has a leadership group consisting of ten students from Grade 6 and 7. This group have a Head Boy and Head Girl. These student leaders stand out to have the ability to serve, lead and take initiatives. If we say we want to produce strong and servant leaders in Zambia, Africa and the world at large, then this leadership at ICCS serves as a step of faith and a strategy whereby as a school, we will train and equip them to be leaders who are willing to serve without expecting to be served in return.

We are planning to have a leadership training day. We trust that God will bring out good character qualities of the leaders, that when the Lord calls us, we will not worry about who will take this work further.

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." (Proverbs 16:9) ... and that is what happened at ICCS. We planned and allocated teachers to manage their specific grades. We found ourselves on the crossroads, thinking, who could replace the Grade 5 teacher, whom we lost to the government Education Department?

If there is something I have learned over and over in life is that God is in control of every situation. To God, there is nothing that will surprise Him or is too hard to handle. Three days after opening the 2019 school calendar, our Grade 5 teacher accepted a position to teach in one of the state schools. We quickly had to call for interviews to find a replacement. We now have Chisomo Zulu as the newly-employed teacher for the lovely Grade 1's. She is a trained and experienced teacher for the lower primary, has a passion for vulnerable children, and loves the Lord. Chisomo has worked with street kids and deaf children. She doesn't see Ipalo Christian Community School as just a job-paying project; she sees it as a privilege to be part of what God is busy doing here in the lives of the children, parents and staff members.

Fundraising Events



Zambia's Child Movie Night Fundraiser

STAN & OLLIE

Opening Night of Academy Award Nominee film based on the untold story - discover the two sides of Laurel & Hardy.

Genre: Biography, comedy, drama

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Time: 7PM

Roseville Cinemas

112 Pacific Highway, Roseville



TICKETS:

\$40.00

Direct Deposit
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Account Name: Zambia's Child
Reference: MN19
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St Ives NSW 2075

The funds raised will support the building works and operating costs at Ipalo Christian Community School in Chingola, Zambia, which opened January 2013



Tea, coffee and a substantial supper will be served before the movie from 7pm in the upstairs foyer (movie will commence after 8pm). Other drinks (soft drinks and alcohol) will be available for purchase at the bar. Please invite your family and friends and help to make this a really successful night. RSVP with full payment and ALL names essential by 14th February 2019 to **Ros Philips** -

0407 175 422 blessedblessaustralia@gmail.com

Tickets to be collected at event, inside entrance to Cinema



Welcome to 2019, we hope everyone had a happy, healthy and peaceful start to the year. We have a couple of fundraising opportunities we would like to invite you to participate in over the next few months. The first being a movie night at Roseville Cinemas to see the Academy Award Nominee film Stan & Ollie, based on the untold story of Laurel and Hardy.

This takes place on Thursday 21st February, with coffee, tea and supper served at 7pm and the movie commencing at 8pm. Funds raised will support the building works and operating costs at Ipalo Christian Community School.

We have partnered up with Entertainment Publications again this year. Get access to hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do and support Zambia's Child at the same time. Zambia's Child will receive 20% of the proceeds of books sold. Discover thousands of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for many of the best restaurants, cafes, arts, attractions, hotels, travel, shopping and much more. Books will be available after launch in early April, however if you pre-order between the end of February to 1st April you will be eligible for the Early Bird offer which provides additional vouchers to the approximate value of \$200.

News from Manyando Community School, Kitwe



Almost a month has passed of the new school year, and attendance at Manyando Community School has reached nearly 100% (328 students) with children coming back from their villages. As usual the first call of duty was cleaning the school surroundings in line with being a 'clean and green' school environment.

The most exciting news this term is that our Grades 1 and 2 will be going on their first ever educational excursion! The learners, together with their teacher (Florence), will visit the 'Local Zoo' in the outskirts of Luanshya Town. This will be the first ever educational tour to be undertaken by the lower grades at MCS. The Zoo has, among other animals, a giraffe and some Zebras! This will be a very interesting outing for the children. The trip has been sponsored by a local community businessman who is meeting all the expenses related to the excursion.

The school's inter-houses sports competitions will take place at the end of the term and they promise to be entertaining as well as competitive. Last year's winners, Kafue, are set to defend their title.

Tertiary / Trade Student Success Stories who completed training under Zambia's Child Sponsorship Program

There are many success stories from students who were sponsored under the Zambia's Child Sponsorship program who went on to complete tertiary or trade qualifications. Here are just a couple of these stories:

Grace C & Helen C - Tailoring Course - after finishing their course, Grace and Helen opened a tailoring shop on the outskirts of Kitwe. They are specialising in school uniforms for primary school girls and lower primary school boys. Helen has been able to save funds to re-sit four subjects under GCE this year, and Grace is now married with one child.

Lukonde F - Diploma in Mechanical Engineering - completed his diploma at Northern Technical College in Ndola, including industrial attachment with one of the major newspapers. While looking for employment after completing his course, he did voluntary work through his church mentoring youth on the streets. After several months of applying for jobs, he was offered employment by a large power plant in Zambia, and has been working with this company ever since. During his time with the company he has been given the opportunity to attend a work trip to India. He is now married with one son and is able to support his family.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018



PREFECTS FOR 2019



WELL ESTABLISHED AG PLOT



Prayer Points



Thank God for the appointment of ICCS Grade 1 teacher, Chisomo.

Praise God for the commencement of the new cement slab for the next classroom block,.

Pray for all students at ICCS, for their welfare, commitment to their learning, and spiritual growth.

Pray for all staff at ICCS, and thank God for their love and commitment to the students in their care.

Pray for good health and safety for Elizabeth as she goes about her busy work assisting Kim and staff at ICCS, and taking sick children for treatment.

Pray for the safety and health of Kim, Ralph, Aiesha, Jordan and Faith, as they continue their service educating orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia



How to Donate

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