



Mid Year Newsletter, 2019

Here in Zambia we have been blessed with several groups of visitors over the past couple of months. Steve and Janine taught the PTC course in both Kitwe and Chingola, with a total of 53 enthusiastic participants (including six ICCS staff members) who have gained wonderful new knowledge about the Bible. Lorna taught recorder to ICCS staff and MCS students, culminating in a performance on her last day in Kitwe. She also taught music to some ICCS students and spent four days working with some of our Grade 7 students who required extra one-on-one learning. Ros spent almost three weeks gathering data about our ICCS students, and our secondary and tertiary students in Kitwe, as well as home visits, taking photographs, and spending time with staff.



On the day the first team left, our second team arrived. See more information in Bruce's report on next page. In addition to their other activities Gary did a presentation to staff about teaching students with disabilities and Bruce talked to them about budgeting. All the team were involved in home visits, including some children registered for Grade 1 in 2020. It was great having Jenny and David return for their fourth trip to Chingola and we appreciate their efforts with the photos.

Much was achieved during these two team visits and it was wonderful having our Australian supporters, who noticed the great development and growth of the school and agriculture since their last visit. Thank you for blessing ICCS with your time, finances and skills.

Our Sports Carnival on Friday 31st May was a big success and a fun-filled day, and it was great having the team here for support and being involved. We are very grateful to local businesses who contributed to the event including **Atheneon, Pix's, Princes Bakery, Shoprite and Silicon Electronics**.



Sadly our friend Tracy has returned permanently to Australia. She has lived in Chingola for the past year, and assisted with some activities at ICCS. Just before Tracy left, she received a large parcel of modern cloth nappies (MCNs) from her daughter's business, **My Little Gumnut**. We distributed these to the ICCS mums with babies, and the joyful singing and clapping was evidence of how grateful these parents were - most of our families can't afford nappies. A huge thank you to **My Little Gumnut**, Tracy and David for making this happen.



Currently we have Lina and Mark Cavallaro visiting Zambia for the first time. Lina and Mark have planted eighteen churches in Australia, and have spent three days doing ministry with our students and parents. This week they are conducting team building and teaching with all our staff during mid-term break. They bring with them a wealth of skills and resources to share with us, and we are very excited to have them here.



Elizabeth, our long term volunteer, has been kept very busy with her work at the school - taking students to medical appointments (there have been many this year), doing the weekly school shopping,

mentoring a small group of vulnerable adolescent girls, and helping with other areas of administration work. She has blended in very well with our local team and I know she is enjoying the work, and we love having her here.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you during my visit to Australia in August/September with Amos, our new school Principal, and we hope to see you at our Annual Gala Dinner. We can't thank you enough for your support, without which our work would not be possible.

Kim Mukuka, Zambian Project Manager

Update from Vice President, Bruce Goldingay on Mission Teams Visit

During May and June two teams of volunteers visited ICCS and the Kasombe community. The teams had a wonderful time assisting in the classrooms with reading and music, delivering aid to families in need in the form of blankets, mattresses and food, and helping with the inaugural sports carnival. Visits to the homes of candidates for the 2020 intake assessment was a reminder of the extreme poverty in which many families live. Visits to the homes of sponsored students was an opportunity to renew friendships for team members who have visited before.

Margaret and Gary focussed on reading with students which was a great help to the younger students who are grappling with the English language. Gary's Australian native animal talk to the classes was a big hit as was Lorna's lessons with the 30 donated Recorders.

David and Jenny focussed on photography including class photos and the action around the school. We look forward to seeing these at the Gala Dinner.

Accompanying the older students on one of the 6.30am 45-minute walks to school was a highlight for team members Gary and Bruce, having a great opportunity to chat with the Grade 7's.

Steve continued his regular visits to run the PTC Course providing much needed training for pastors, teachers and others. Programs were run in both Chingola and Kitwe and this year he was well-supported by Janine.

These Mission Team visits are a great opportunity for supporters to see the wonderful work being done at ICCS. The students enjoy the visits immensely and always look forward to visitors arriving. The staff are encouraged when teams visit and are reminded that the world of Zambia's Child is much larger than Kasombe.



Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office

My shorter visit to Zambia this year flew by very quickly, with the sad goodbyes coming around faster than ever. However, as Kim had planned the time well I managed to meet all our wonderful staff and most of the 278 students (from Grade 1 to tertiary level) currently in the Zambia's Child sponsorship program. We are very proud of all the students!

The Grade 7 students will be sitting their first external exams in October, and if successful will continue into secondary school next year. The cement slab for the first secondary classroom block has been poured, and building work needs to commence in October, when we pray the remaining funds will have been raised.

Several activities have already taken place to raise funds for building work: in February a Movie Night Fundraiser was held with just over \$2,000 raised, and in May a Trivia Night raised almost \$3,700 (see separate report) towards the secondary classrooms. Zambia's Child is selling Entertainment Books again this year which have more savings than ever, and if you purchase a copy you will be assisting the building work at ICCS <https://www.entbook.com.au/210v650>.

The Waterworks Campaign in Partnership with Anglican Aid was very successful with the full amount donated to cover the purchase of a new tank and stand at ICCS and this has now been erected and in use at the school.

The **4th Annual Gala Dinner** will be held at the Kirribilli Club on Saturday 31st August at 6.30pm. Hope to see you there! For further information see the Zambia's Child website - www.zambiaschild.ngo



News from Meki Mwape, Principal at MCS, Kitwe

After almost twenty years of teaching vulnerable primary age children in a council owned building, we were given notice to relocate our school as a government secondary school required the building. Thankfully one of the local churches gave us permission to use part of their land, and with the help of some parents and our staff, within a few weeks we managed to erect a building to accommodate the 335 students attending Manyando Community School (MCS) this year.

Moving to our new premises has been a time of mixed emotions, but it has also been a relief that we were able to find this place. With many adjustments, both physically and mentally, we have now settled in.

Relocating involved costs such as moving the school furniture, but we thank God that some of the Zambia's Child team visiting MCS offered to cover these costs, with this help coming at just the right time.

At our old premises the building was not completely secure, so we used our office container for storage of school materials. It was a relief that Zambia's Child paid for crane and truck hire for the container to be moved to the new location.

The school was also privileged to receive a donation of text books and stationery from Zambia's Child, which has greatly enhanced the learning and teaching in the school.

We thank Lorna for the donation of recorders and her time giving lessons to the older students and a staff member, which has provided a new opportunity for the children at MCS.

From all the staff and students at MCS we thank everyone for their prayers, words of encouragement, material and financial support. God bless.



Update from Ally Campbell and Rhys Goldingay on the Trivia Night

On the 23rd of May, Ally Campbell and Rhys Goldingay organised and ran a Trivia Night at the Greengate Hotel. The intent of the event was to inform their friends (many are students, for whom the Gala Dinner is not easily accessible) of the work of Zambia's Child, and encourage them to support the charity going forward.

There were 69 attendees on the night, and the trivia tested them in the areas of sport, entertainment, science, general knowledge, company logos and cryptic word puzzles. There was a raffle draw and some Zambian necklaces for sale, which were made by the families of the students in Zambia.

Overall the night was very successful, raising \$3,626 for Zambia's Child. Additionally, two new people registered interest in sponsoring a student, and many more signed up to receive further information about Zambia's Child through the newsletters. We want to say thank you to all those who supported this event through attendance, donation or prayer, for contributing to the success of the night.



Sponsored Student Success Stories

Joseph B - was one of the first students to do a trade course. He successfully completed a bricklaying course, and through the years he has worked for various construction firms on the Copperbelt province. He has now settled in Chililabombwe and he is self-employed. He is married with two daughters - and has built himself a three roomed house in Chililabombwe.

Justin K - another of the early students to complete a trade course. After completing his course, Justin set up a welding shop near his home in Bulangililo, Kitwe, and employed two youths from the same compound. In 2017 he moved and opened shop in the suburb of Buchi, which is a more central place and on one of the busy Kitwe roads. He is specialising in door frames, window frames, gates, vendors booths etc. Justin now employs five welders and his business is continuing to grow. He receives business from Helen Kaunda Secondary School, which is one of the biggest schools in Kitwe. Justin is married with a son and a daughter.

Prayer Points

Praise God for the visiting teams - for the support and guidance they have provided for ICCS staff and students

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 wisdom with the Grade 1 selection process for the new 2020 intake

Pray for travelling mercies for Kim and Amos on their coming trip to Australia

Pray for the health and safety of Elizabeth as she continues her voluntary role at ICCS, and for her employment permit

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



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