

# March Newsletter, 2022

**AMOS SIMFUKWE, *Ipalo Christian School Principal***

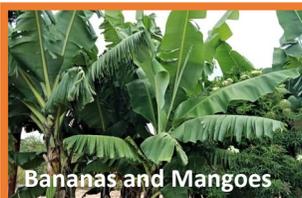
One of the priorities we have as part of our vision at Ipalo Christian School (ICS), is to provide education that is both productive and sustainable. In addition to agricultural and environmental issues there is a focus on developing processes within the school that are feasible over the longer term. A practical outworking of this is the Student Leadership Council, which was established to raise responsible Christian leaders. It is exciting to see how these members are serving at the school.

**AGRICULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY:** The team at ICS has been working towards the improvement of agricultural sustainability at the school, and the fruit of that can already be seen with harvests of maize, avocados, bananas and vegetables, as well as chicken layers and broilers. The school meal program helps students by reducing health problems that can occur when they do not have a nourishing meal at home. With the commencement of a new Agricultural Manager, and a parent helper, we are looking forward to the expansion of this program.

**IMPROVING LITERACY LEVELS AND SCHOOL:** The school has introduced a progressive reading program and my heart has leapt with joy to hear the students who previously had problems now reading with such confidence. We are thankful for the hard-working teachers, who are tirelessly giving their time and monitoring the program. It was also exciting to host our first in-house Spelling Bee. This is another initiative which is designed to help our students develop masterly skills in vocabulary. We plan to invite our neighbouring schools to be part of another competition soon!

**SCHOOL NOW FULLY REGISTERED AND RECOGNISED:** We are pleased to report that Ipalo Christian School is now fully registered, for both Primary and Secondary School. In recognition of this status, the school has been granted Examination Centre Codes to conduct national examinations for Grades 7 and 9. This is of great benefit to the school because it means these exams can be conducted onsite, which is better for the students, and also removes the additional fees associated with sending them to an unfamiliar, external examination centre.

**LIVING THE NAME “BLESSED TO BLESS”:** “Blessed to Bless” was the original name of Zambia’s Child, and inspired by this, we have looked for ways to be a blessing to others. This term, school staff went to serve a local orphanage called *Lusungu Orphanage*. The orphanage cares for orphans from one day old to ten years of age, and helps to accommodate men and women who are victims of gender based violence. The staff helped to sweep and clean the grounds, and they also donated a package of assorted items. We were blessed by gaining additional ideas for the sustainability of ICS. The orphanage keeps 3,000 layer chickens, more than 80 pigs, and a vast number of vegetables which they are selling to the local community to be able to pay their eighteen staff members.



## ***Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office***

We are very happy that the new school year in Zambia has started without much delay this year, and the new students and staff are settling in well. It is wonderful to see the students enjoying using the new buildings completed last year - and we don't know how the school managed without them! A big welcome to the eight new teaching staff who have become part of the Ipalo Christian School family (you can 'meet' them below). The oldest class of students is now in Grade 10, and in two years they will be sitting for their final National Exams - where have those years gone? We are very proud of the achievements of all the students at ICS.

There is always a need to find new sponsors for the ever expanding school. If you know anyone who might be interested in sponsoring a student, or a member of staff (or even making a contribution towards a staff member's salary), please show them a copy of this Newsletter which has our contact details for sponsorship on the back page. This year there are still ten teachers who do not have sponsors: so their support comes out of general donations to the school. These staff are such a blessing to the students: they go above and beyond the expected with their care and nurturing of the children, and their dedication. We have included photos of the new ICS staff below.

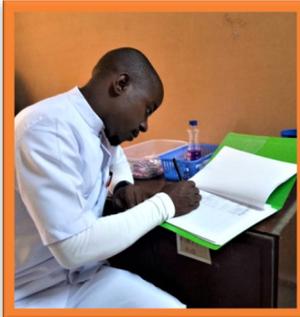


***The faces of the new teaching staff at ICS: they bring many different skill sets to guide the students - including Agricultural Science, Chemistry, Design and Technology, ICT (Information, Communications & Technology), Physics, Principles of Accounts and other subjects. Can you help with sponsorship support for one of these teachers? All enquiries to the Zambia's Child office.***



## Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office (continued)

Another welcome to two more staff members who recently commenced at ICS - Castro (School Nurse) and Morgan (Agricultural Manager) - who have already settled in as part of the team there!



Once again plans are being made for the seventh annual **Gala Dinner** to be held at the Kirribilli Club in Lavender Bay - please keep the date free for this exciting event (**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October**)! More information will be sent out soon.

In Sydney, the annual Movie Night event which is held at Roseville Cinemas in March has been postponed this month due to Covid restrictions. We will reschedule this fundraiser as soon as it is appropriate. You might be interested in ordering a digital [Entertainment Book](#): at a cost of \$69.99 for the Single City Membership these are of excellent value. 20% of the sale of these memberships is donated to Zambia's Child.

This year one of the Grade 10 students is attending some vocational courses to learn some skills for a future career: the photo below shows her with a cake she made and decorated in a baking course - congratulations Gladys!



## News from Meki Mwape, Principal at MCS, Kitwe

The school term is already half way through with a lot of activity at the school. We welcomed a group of new excited Grade 1's who are starting their school journey. This year we had an unprecedented number of grade applicants, but due to space constraints we could only take a few. The school has been joined by a new volunteer teacher - Sydney Chisenga. Sydney completed his primary education at MCS before moving into secondary school. He has revamped the old school Maths Club which had not been active for a while.

Our school garden is ready to harvest groundnuts which the students planted late last year. Once harvested the nuts will be boiled, and will provide a school snack for the day.



Volunteer teacher Sydney



New students



Groundnuts

# Prayer Points

- ◆ Praise God that ICS has received the Exam Centre number for Grade 9.
- ◆ Praise God for the visitation of the officer from the electricity company. Pray for a quick connection to the electricity. The cables have reached a few metres behind the science lab, and we have been promised that very soon the school will be connected to the main grid.
- ◆ Please pray for wisdom for 2022 school programs, and for daily operations.
- ◆ Pray for unity of purpose for the entire team at ICS as we seek to be in line with God's vision, and to be practical with the theme we have embarked on: "Education that is productive and sustainable."
- ◆ Pray for safety and protection from Covid-19 and other diseases, for the entire ICS family,
- ◆ Pray for God's provision for building projects, and staff/student sponsorships.
- ◆ Pray for the health of the school Principal and his family, and for understanding of God's call to serve the local community.

# Bequests

## WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO GIVE THIS SOME THOUGHT?

*A significant way to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children is by making a Charitable Bequest in your Will. A lasting donation of a Bequest to Zambia's Child would contribute to the betterment of Ipalo Christian School (ICS), and enhance the education of many children living in poverty. Perhaps you might consider discussing this with your Executor?*



# How to Donate



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