

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing support for Zambia's Child. This has been another year of wonderful development and growth at Ipalo Christian School (ICS).

We continue to see God's amazing provision at ICS. Early in 2021, *Lead Forensics* (a multinational marketing technology company, UK based) came on board and provided funding for our next important stage of building work. Around the same time we received news that we had been given a grant from the *Beit Trust* (in the UK). These two funding sources enabled the building of a science lab, three classrooms and extension of the undercover area, an amenities block - as well as solar installation enabling the school to have lights, fans and fridges for the first time in nine years. Our building costs are being well supported by this ongoing corporate source, but our operational costs are needing a major focus to reach our budget objectives.

At the start of 2022 a total of forty five new students commenced in the new Reception Class (Kindergarten) and in Grade 1, and a few students also enrolled in Grade 10; in addition there are eight new teachers at the school this year, to cover the requirements of curriculum subjects as the secondary school grows. The oldest class of students is now Grade 10, with only two more years until they sit their national exams at the end of secondary school.

Zambia's Child has organised food support for families during times of extra hardship with the Government closing the Schools due to Covid concerns, and we are grateful to God that we have been spared any major outbreak. The school staff distributed some food essentials including mealie meal, salt, cooking oil, and soap. This support has been greatly appreciated by the school families.

The Covid pandemic has impacted Zambia's Child's ability to raise funds for the continuation of the school programs over the past two years as the major annual fundraiser, the Gala Dinner, had to be cancelled (an online event was held instead). This hampered efforts to reach our fundraising goal for operational costs, and to fill all the sponsorships for students and staff. Donations to unfunded operating expenses of running the school are essential to cover those costs not covered by sponsorships, as well as funding the shortfalls in our sponsorship program.

As the end of the financial year approaches, we are asking if you would consider making a tax-deductible donation to Zambia's Child to assist in covering these operational costs or if your budget allows taking on specific sponsorships. Please contact Ros Philips in our Office for sponsorship details and pictured brochures. Donations to Zambia's Child through Anglican Aid are fully tax deductible.

Please go directly to the Donate page on the Zambia's Child website - "http://zambiaschild.ngo/sponsorship/donate/" - and select the Anglican Aid donation option.

Visits to Ipalo Christian School are encouraged, and should you be interested to visit the school and your sponsored child now that Covid travel restrictions are easing, please contact Ros Philips for information.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2022 Gala Dinner at the Kirribilli Club on Saturday 29th October, and will send out invitations about three months before the event.

Thank you again for your commitment to the students and staff of Ipalo Christian School, and the community of Kasompe, Chingola.

May God Bless You

Bruce York

President

Zambia's Child