

# December 2022 Newsletter

## ***News from Amos Simfukwe, Ipalo Christian School Principal***

2022 has been an amazing year for Ipalo Christian School. As we wrap up this year, we celebrate many good things that have happened, especially this term.

Firstly, the long awaited boarding facilities have been constructed. We will start with 24 girls and then when the next accommodation block is built, 24 boys will join in the boarding program. The boarding house looks great together with the dining hall which has a kitchen and storage rooms.

Secondly, we now have module six - which has three Classrooms, a Science Lab and Amenities. This allows ICS to continue to teach up to Grade 12 by 2024. The second science lab is a requirement of the Ministry of Education and will enable us to teach Science lessons which require experiments and other lab-related skills.

The sports field (soccer) was levelled, constructed and filled with sand with a slab for netball, volleyball and basketball. This will give opportunities to our students to develop sports skills.

The above projects were generously funded by **Lead Forensics** (UK) and constructed by the innovative and loyal local company, **Imzaba Bamazi**.

The Agricultural sustainability project department has also done very well. We started with a process to wean this department from depending on the school's finances. During the year, the team raised some money by selling vegetables, maize corn, fruit and chickens. Whatever profit they have made this year is a step to being self-sustainable because they were able to buy their own seedlings, manure, and other needed items for the gardens. The garden is green and the orchard, maize and vegetable gardens look great! Thank you to the agricultural team led by Morgan, Mainess and more recently, Daniel.

The school has been blessed with a team of new staff: Sponsorship Co-ordinator, Accountant, Security Guard, Teaching Staff and two Chefs. New students for Reception and Grade 1 have been enrolled, and most of them received their uniforms. They can't wait to come to school in January!

We also conducted the first National Exams for Grade 7 and 9 at school, as the Ministry of Education through the Examination Council of Zambia granted us an Exam Centre Number. The students looked confident and peaceful, as the school has a safe and friendly environment, far preferable to having to sit their exams elsewhere. The results are expected to be out in the next seven working days.

All the above achievements have been possible because of the sponsorship and support you have generously given to this noble cause, where these children and families are being helped to break the cycle of poverty.

***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year***



***The new Boarding house almost finished!***

Staff at Lusungu

## Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office

It is hard to believe another year is over, and the children at Ipalo Christian School are a year older! The children who started in 2013 are now confident and happy students finishing Grade 10 this year, with only two more years of secondary education ahead of them.

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. There are staff and students who do not have sponsors, so their support comes out of general donations to the school. The staff at ICS 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.



The little students above all need sponsors next year. If you would like to sponsor a student or a staff member, please let us know and we will send you one of the profiles and some information about the sponsorship program. We were very happy to have a 'live' Gala Dinner in October (after two years running this as an online event), and the ICS Principal spoke with Kim at the event about the great developments which have been taking place at the school over the past few years. A huge thankyou to our Australian Committee member, Trudy, who competently organised this successful event. Over thirty new sponsors came on board on the night - a wonderful blessing, and we thank all those new (and existing!) sponsors for their support. Funds raised on the night will be used to continue the building of the security wall fence at the school. The 2023 Gala Dinner is expected to be held again at the Kirribilli Club - so please keep the night of **Saturday 9th September** free for this event!

We would like to give our thanks to a new supporter, **Mark Barbeliuk**, who recently made a very generous donation towards staff salaries and operating costs: this has helped us through a crisis with the additional number of teachers required for the latter years of secondary education. Costs have increased in Zambia with their high inflation rate, and the unfavourable currency conversion for us this year. This donation from Mark was an answer to prayer.

We are hoping to hold a **Movie Night** at Roseville Cinemas in early March - and will send out further information in the new year. You might be interested in ordering a digital [Entertainment Book](#): at a cost of \$69.99 for the Single City Membership these are packed with great offers, and are excellent value. 20% of the sale of these memberships is donated to Zambia's Child.

In 2023 the school will celebrate ten years of education, and there will be special activities at Ipalo Christian School on the 1st and 2nd April. A small group of people are travelling from Australia for these special celebrations - would you like to join us, and meet the students and staff at ICS? Please contact this office if you are interested in learning more about the trip to Zambia next year.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas, and a happy, healthy and peaceful new year.



## Photos from Ipalo Christian School



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

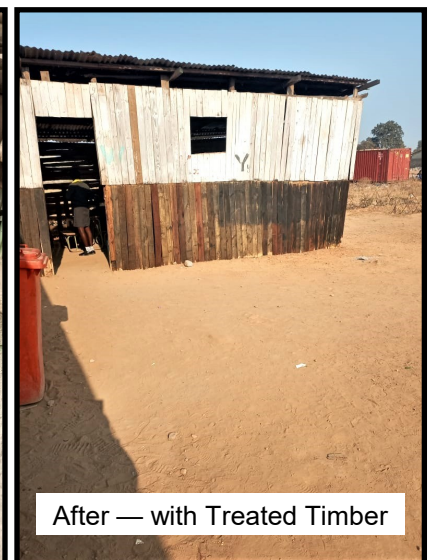
The end of the school year has arrived. It has been an exciting year for the school with a lot achieved, although even more to be done.

Unfortunately, the school structure suffered damage from high winds and rain, with most of the front section missing some timber which forms the structure. Most of the concrete had also eroded from the classroom floors, exposing both the learners and teaching staff to excessive dust. The maintenance for the repairs was completed with the help of Zambia's Child. The timber in the school structure has now been replaced by treated timber, which is more durable.

The classroom floors have new concrete, lessening the exposure of the children to dust and making it easier for the classrooms to be cleaned.

The school has a lovely vegetable garden with beans recently planted. Staff and children will be able to eat green beans leaves as well as fresh beans when harvested. The garden is tended to by the learners who take shifts working in the gardens, watering them in the morning and late afternoon.

Staff and learners have also put up a flower 'fence' to help lessen trespassing in the premises. The flowers are watered every day, and it is hoped after the rainy season (April) we will have a fully grown flower fence!





## Prayer Points

- ♦ Praise God that ICS has received the Exam Centre Number for Grades 7 and 9 and pray that obtaining the Grade 12 Exam Centre Number will also be a smooth process
- ♦ Praise God for the completion of the next stage of building work at the school, including the much-anticipated boarding house.
- ♦ Please pray for wisdom for 2023 school programs, and for daily operations.
- ♦ Pray for unity of purpose for the entire team at ICS as they seek to be in line with God's vision.
- ♦ Pray for safety and protection from diseases and harm, for the entire ICS family.
- ♦ Pray for God's provision for building projects, and for staff and student sponsorships.
- ♦ Pray for the health of the school Principal and his family as they work together to serve the local community.
- ♦ Pray for the national leaders to have the fear of God, and to serve him honestly and with integrity.

## 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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