

# Christmas 2023 Newsletter

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

The year is almost at an end, and it seems to have come quickly. When we look back over this year, we realise many things have happened and many goals have been achieved. There has been a lot of growth in numbers of students, staff, parents' community, building projects, and the completion and inauguration of the boarding facilities for girls - and much more.

Students and Staff members worked very hard to prepare for both Grade 7 and 9 exams, the results of which we anticipate coming out any day now. We were also blessed with funds to buy the school canter, which will be very valuable for school shopping and other day to day activities that require the use of a small truck. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to Mark Barbeliuk who generously gave after visiting the school and seeing this need.

Ipalo Christian School is grateful for the generosity we have had this year from each one of you. This project is possible because of your support, and many of you went an extra mile to ensure that the school continues to run and make a positive impact in the lives of the families and these lovely boys and girls.

Merry Christmas to everyone as we reflect on Jesus' birth and what this means in our lives.



New garage at ICS for canter



New water tank at ICS



Security fence now complete



## Update from Ros Philips in the Australian Office

We have a large number of unsponsored students and staff at Ipalo Christian School in 2024, so if you would like to sponsor a student or contribute towards a staff salary, please contact this office and we can send you one of the profiles of an unsponsored student or staff member.

We would like to express our sincere thanks again to **Mark Barbeliuk**, for his generous support towards staff salaries again in 2024.

The 40' high cube container for ICS was filled in less than six weeks, thanks to the amazing support from Terry and his team at **Peninsular Senior Toy Recyclers** at Ingleside (where the container has been stored), Michele from **Rescued and Rehomed Goods** at Arcadia, **NextSense** at North Rocks, and many other loyal supporters. It has been filled to the brim with school resources, furniture, educational books, clothing, bedding, household items, a wide range of tools, about fifty bikes, computers, sports equipment, toys and Lego, and many other very useful items for the school and community. We would also like to thank three of our youngest supporters - **Josh, Mitch and Zoe** - who helped fundraise for the Bibles going to the school: what an amazing effort from these three young people who did gardening jobs, and made yoghurt and gift packs to sell. We give thanks to **Derek** for his many hours spent packing the container, and to all the other helpers who assisted. The container is now ready to go, but we are still waiting for the final paperwork to be completed at the Zambian Revenue Authority in Zambia before the container can leave Sydney - please pray that this comes through soon so that we can send it on its way. After it is emptied at the school, the container will be converted to much needed storage space on the site.

You might be interested in ordering a digital **Entertainment Book** - they make great Christmas gifts if you are looking for something last minute. 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.

The 2024 **Gala Dinner** date has been reserved again at the Kirribilli Club - Saturday 15th September - please keep the date free. We will send out 'Save the Date' invitations in the new year.

A Family **Trivia Night** event has been planned for Saturday 16th March in Belrose - and a flyer will be sent out in the new year with all the details: this should be a great night! It is expected that the annual Movie Night at Roseville Cinemas will be held mid year again in 2024.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for their support for the children in Zambia during 2023, and wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas as we celebrate Jesus' birth, and a happy and healthy year in 2024! **ROS**





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

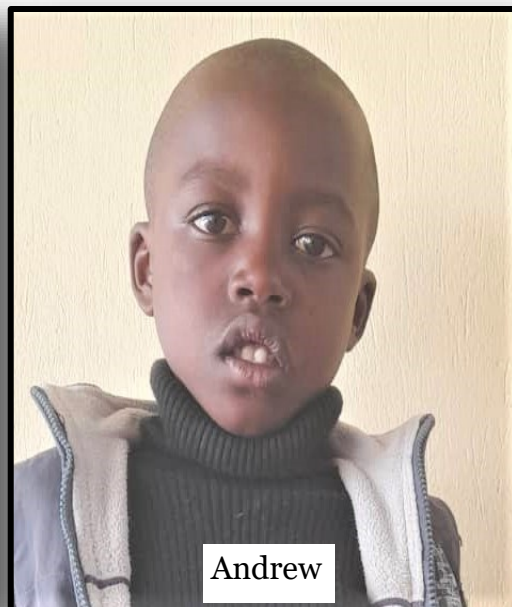
Would you like to sponsor one of these little children commencing in Reception (Kindergarten) at Ipalo Christian School in January?



Aaron



Mercy



Andrew

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

The third and final term of the year always seems to 'fly' away so quickly. It is full of activities, and it is also the time the Grade Sevens say their goodbyes after sitting for their final exams.

Other learners also prepare for their end of year exams, which to some extent determine if they will proceed to the next grade. All in all it is one of those exciting periods in the school calendar.

This end of year was no different. After all the academic activities, it was time for the learners to unwind and enjoy themselves. The school hosted a Christmas Party which was made possible by the support of *Zambian Child*. The party was preceded by songs and dance by the school dance group. The students ended the year on a good note!

Children getting ready for their Christmas party!



Farewelling the Grade 7 students



## Prayer Points

- ◆ Praise God for the new girls' boarding house at ICS - which is providing safe accommodation for 24 vulnerable girls since it opened in May 2023.
- ◆ Pray for all the girls and the two matrons in the boarding house - that they will continue to thrive in their new environment.
- ◆ Praise God for the successful Gala Dinner and new sponsorship support. Pray for support for the unsponsored students and staff at ICS.
- ◆ Pray for the Principal and staff at ICS, for their safety and protection from illness and harm as they work together to serve the local community.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for the school management team as they plan for the new school year.
- ◆ Pray for ICS students for their health, wellbeing and progress, and for their safety during the school holidays.
- ◆ Pray for national leaders in Zambia, to serve God with honesty and 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 discuss this with your Executor?*

## Christmas Hamper Distribution — 22nd December 2023



## How to Donate



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