



BUILDING HOPE THROUGH EDUCATION

# NEWSLETTER

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Stories of Resilience and Hope

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we come to Holy Week, and begin the school holidays, we would like to share some wonderful updates from Ipalo Christian School (ICS). Your support makes the school operation possible, and we are deeply grateful.

## Congratulations Examination Students

Students achieved outstanding results in each grade of the National Examinations at the end of 2025. Their hard work and determination paid off, and the results reflect the dedication of the students, and the tireless efforts of the ICS teachers and staff who guide and support them every day. We are incredibly proud of what they have accomplished and excited to see what their futures hold: a huge congratulations to all the students.

Memory was one of the 'mature' Grade 12 students who has gained her School Certificate. You can read her



story over the page; it is one of resilience and determination. From a childhood marked by hardship and loss to adulthood filled with renewed hope and achievement, Memory believed that it was never too late to pursue her dreams. Her journey is an inspiration to others.

The 2025 graduates are currently attending a GAP program at ICS, where they are learning skills to prepare them for tertiary studies.

## Boys Boarding House Now Open

January marked an exciting and significant milestone at ICS with the official opening of the Boys' Boarding House. This much-anticipated development provides a safe, supportive, and structured living environment for the most vulnerable boys at school. The boarding house is already making a difference, ensuring these boys have the stability they need to thrive. We are very thankful to Lead Forensics who made this important project possible.

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*Above: 2025 Graduates in GAP program at ICS*

*Right: Boys now living in the Boarding House*



## Mission Trip to Zambia

School staff are currently preparing for a mission trip scheduled for July. The travellers will contribute their time and skills to strengthen the programs and facilities at ICS, and the students and staff are very excited about their visit!

**Donations of Used Mobiles** If you have a mobile phone that you no longer need, would you consider donating it to ICS? Please only phones that have a working battery and are less than three years old. These will be taken to Zambia by the team travelling to the school in July.



## The Impact of Sponsorship

As our mission is to provide a Christ Centred Education for children living in poverty, student and staff sponsorship is one of the most important ways to support this mission.

We invite you to consider becoming a sponsor and provide life-changing opportunities to children in need. It is very rewarding, and also humbling, to be able to assist a child to complete their education. For further information please contact the Zambia's Child office.

## Save the Date Fundraising Dinner

Our Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held on Saturday 12th September this year. Save the Date Invitations have just been sent to supporters, and we look forward to seeing you there. A new venue has been reserved for this special event - the Roseville Golf Club. Tickets will be on sale soon and we encourage you to think about bringing a table of 10 to this important event.

## Welcome to the Team Tehrese

We welcome Tehrese to the office of Zambia's Child, and are very grateful for the skills she brings to assist the office administration for a day each week.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us - your support is changing lives. Wishing you peace and hope this Easter.

Yours in Christ,

Ros Philips

*on behalf of the Team at Zambia's Child*

*Below: Grade 7 Graduates, Bottom R: Grade 12 Graduating Class, Bottom L: New Boarding House for Boys*



## Memory's Story

From birth through her teenage years, Memory's life was defined by struggle: growing up in a disadvantaged home, she faced immense challenges in accessing education. In 2004, she sat for her Grade 7 examinations (end of primary) but unfortunately failed. During this time, she lost her father and was forced to abandon school.

In 2011 Memory married and soon after welcomed a child. While motherhood brought joy, her dream of completing her education remained unfulfilled. At the age of 33, Memory's determination reignited and she applied to re-sit her Grade 7 examinations - passing successfully!

At this time, Ipalo Christian School was running a program of adult literacy, designed to empower parents academically: many students struggled with homework because their parents lacked basic literacy skills. By educating parents, the school strengthened family support systems and opened doors for adults to complete their own academic journeys. Memory started attending the ICS Adult Education Classes and passed her Grade 9 exams with an impressive mark. At this time ICS lacked the space and staff to continue adult classes, so Memory asked if she could finish her secondary studies as one of the students! Memory continued through Grades 10, 11 and 12, and has graduated with 17 points - a remarkable achievement for someone who had previously been forced to abandon education.

Memory is now chasing her dream of becoming a nurse - believing that nursing is not just a career but a calling - and wants to bring change by focusing not only on medical treatment but also on emotional care, compassion, and building meaningful relationships with patients. Memory's vision is to be a nurse "with a difference," one who treats patients holistically, ensuring their physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.



*Above: Memory on Graduation Day*



## News from Manuel Community School

We are almost at the end of term one in the new school year. During the first week of the term, we received visitors from Australia - Kim (Zambia's Child) and Mark Barbeliuk. We are very thankful to Mark for his donation of funds to complete our school building and toilet block.

Major works have taken place including the re-routing of our water supply piping to a more reliable source. We now have water most of the time and are able to fill our water tank for emergency services.

Works are under way to finish the incomplete classroom which will house the Early Childhood Education class (ECE). This should be ready by the second term.

We have seen God's faithfulness and grace.

## Fundraising Dinner

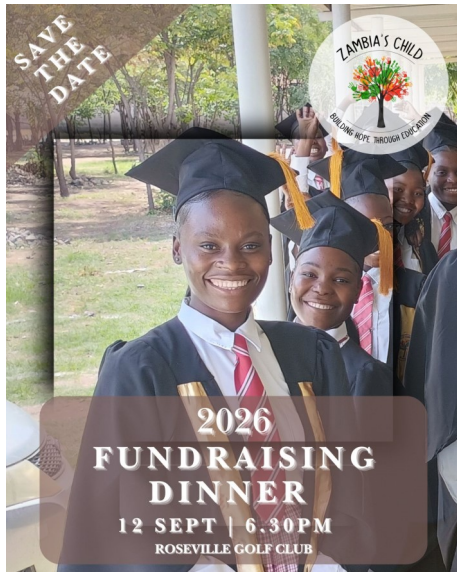
We're looking forward to our Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday 12 September at the Roseville Golf Club.

Please save the date and be ready to join us for a wonderful night celebrating all

that's happening at Ipalo Christian School and raise much needed funds to continue the development of this vital ministry.

Tickets will be on sale soon and we encourage you to bring your family, friends, church community and business colleagues.

To donate to the Silent Auction or Sponsor the event please email Trudy at [trudy@zambiaschild.ngo](mailto:trudy@zambiaschild.ngo)



## ICS On the Air

It was International Children's Day of Broadcasting in March, with the important theme, *Safeguarding Children in Media and Beyond*.

ICS students were invited to participate by local radio station Rise FM. This involved a visit to the station to learn and prepare for the day.

They then took to the air, experiencing what it means to be involved in the local media first hand.



## A Message for our Donors

If you make a donation through the Blessed to Bless Inc. account with Westpac bank, please ensure that your NAME is included in the note for the transaction. A tax deductible receipt is sent to each donor every quarter, but there are regularly donations we can't match with a donor!

If you are waiting for your receipt, please use the details below to contact the office for help.



## Become a Sponsor

Sponsor a student at Ipalo Christian School today and impact their tomorrow.

With your support these students can be equipped with the skills and education they need to take hold of their future.

Sponsor today and build hope through education for tomorrow.

Visit the website and start your sponsorship journey.

<https://zambiaschild.ngo>

## How to Donate

Be part of Zambia's Child and impact young lives and the future of Zambia.

To find out how you can make a regular donation, sponsor a student or make a one off gift, visit our website.

<https://zambiaschild.ngo>

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