

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and prayer support over the past years for the work among the street children of Chingola. We are excited to announce that the work has finally started on the children centre site at Kasompe with the arrival of the first of the Brass Tacks team. We hope to send out regular newsletter updates as the work progresses on site for your information and prayers.

## BOUNDARY DEMARCATION

The first job on site was the marking out of the boundary. The four corner beacons that were set in concrete by the Council were lined out with string and timber pegs were hammered into the ground to mark the boundary. Jim Smith carried out this work over the Easter holiday with two site workers from Amano Christian School, Edward and Luca. Later these pegs will be used for the setting out of the boundary fence.



## WORK SEQUENCE

We would love to have all the buildings up and ready to receive the street children immediately! However, time, money and availability of materials dictate that this is not possible.

The two hostels along the road line will be our first priority with the two along the fence line the second priority. The hostel in the corner will be built last as it is in the site access route.

## PLANNING AHEAD

The five hostels that are proposed will require a total of 180 lintels of various lengths, 65 windows, 180 concrete window sill blocks, 180 airbricks and 45 doors. Jim set about a program of making the lintels, sills and casting airbricks into a block at Amano site. This task has just about been completed and



Completed Lintels and Airbrick blocks

means that they will all be ready for when they are required for the job.

Rob Woodhouse came out in mid-March and went on up to Nyangombe Christian Training Centre in NW Province to undertake some woodwork training and to start on the manufacture of window frames for the project. He has so far completed the frames for one house and is waiting for hardwood to be brought in for the next frames.

## WORKERS

We have employed 20 Zambian site workers, 2 watchmen and cook from the Kasompe area. They have started off really enthusiastically as they know the facility will be a benefit to their community.



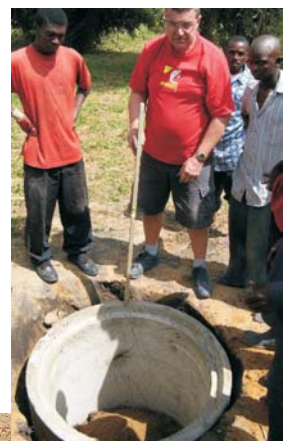
## SETTING OUT THE HOSTELS

After the site demarcation came the setting out of the hostels. Again, pegs were used to mark the corners of the buildings and then profiles constructed around the corners, once the ground levels were measured. The profiles will be used for setting out the foundations, slab and walls as the building construction progresses.



## WELL

Since there are no services to the site, a well needed to be dug. Water was found at approximately 3½ metres. We have 5 of our 6 concrete rings in place now and water is plentiful. We hope to have 8 rings when the well is complete to give us sufficient water supply during the dry season. The water will be pumped to a tank on the adjacent anthill.





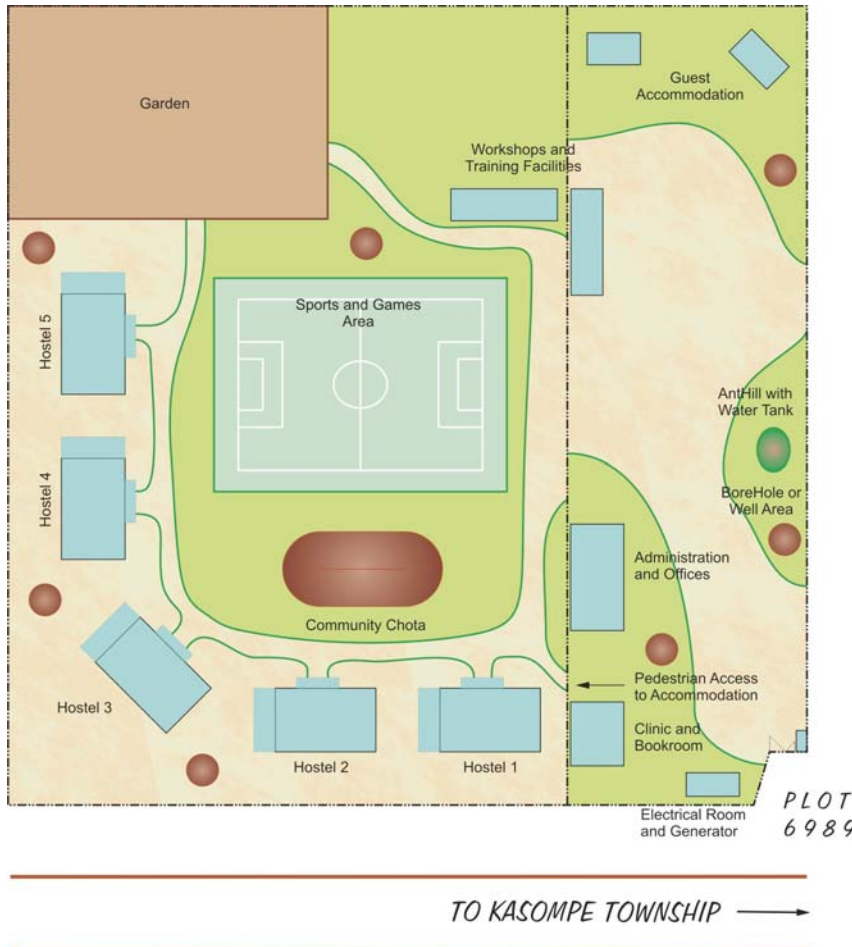
## FENCE

Dennis and Richard have been working on the boundary fence posts and straining wires which are nearly all in place. Phil who has recently arrived has made a start on the chain link this week. The fencing materials were kindly supplied by MMN last year. Dennis hopes that the majority of the fence will be completed before he and Richard leave at the end of this week.



## BUILDING MATERIALS

In Zambia at the moment it is hard to get all the materials needed, such as cement, concrete sand and stone as and when you need them. With the increase in prosperity in certain parts of the country presently, there is a high demand for these building materials, also making them expensive. Frustrations grow as materials are promised and do not arrive on time!



## PLOT 6989

Our plot is located about 3km outside Chingola town along the road leading to the Kasompe township.

We were allocated the plot by Chingola council following our initial application in March 2006. After 2 years of plans, surveys, applications and waiting we were finally able to start building when we received our building permit in March this year.

The site measures 150 metres x 150 metres. The plan shows the proposed layout of the site facilities. Hostels 1 and 2 are the two buildings under construction now.



28th March 2008



4th April 2008



21st April 2008

## POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Thanks for good progress on site so far.
- Give thanks for provisions of funds so far.
- Eagerness and interest of workers.
- Brass Tacks support for this project.
- Christian witness to council staff.
  
- Safety on site.
- Working relationships and testimony to workers.
- Materials - Laterite, cement, building sand and stone.
- Completion of the Deeds application to Ministry of Lands.
- Planning, time management and wisdom in dealing with the day to day challenges.

With Christian Greetings,

*Kelvin & Joyce Samwata and Philip & Deborah Cole*