

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing interest and prayer support for this venture. We are thankful that there is much to report as the work is progressing. Regular contact with the street children enables us to focus on the importance of pushing ahead to get these homes ready for them. The selection of the first children will be an enormous task for which we need much guidance from the Lord. Please continue to pray with us. Unless the Lord builds the house.... Psalm 127 v 1



HOSTEL 1 DECORATION

The ceilings in hostel 1 were completed in February when Bernard Delves returned to Ipusukilo. At the same time, work started on the internal decoration under the supervision of Mel Robson. First the walls were primed with a basic white paint and then the top coats were applied. We are grateful to a mystery donor who sent a pallet of magnolia paint through Brass Tacks. We have used this on the upper part of the wall and a darker gloss colour on the lower part so it can be cleaned more easily.

HOSTEL 2 TRUSSES

By the time Bernard and Nelson had finished the ceilings in hostel 1, the ring-beam in hostel 2 was ready for the erection of the main roof trusses and purlins. Once the main roof construction was completed, Bernard and his team moved onto the construction of the hipped roof over the front porch. Unfortunately, as the pouring of the front porch ring-beam was delayed, there was no time to put the roofing sheets on during that visit.



FRONT BOUNDARY WALL

Work continued on the front wall for Ipusukilo and Mission Support during February and March and was just about completed during Jim's Brass Tacks visit.



HOSTEL 2 ROOF

Bernard was scheduled to return in June to oversee the installation of the roof sheets to the hostel. However, he was taken ill and doctors prevented him from travelling. It therefore fell to Philip to oversee this task, so at the end of April the roof was started. Thankfully, Bernard had trained the men well so the job was made easier.

Once the roof was complete, we were able to celebrate the milestone reached with a special meal. The roofers (l/r): Isaac, Nelson, Moses, Felix, Jeffery and Bornwell.



DOORS

We have been able to purchase hard wood doors for the outside of the hostels from Herbert, a full-time Christian worker and carpenter from Chavuma Mission. Herbert made the doors in Chavuma and Philip transported them to Chingola when returning from a trip there. We feel this work will help support him in his work for the Lord in that area of Zambia and into Angola. In June, Herbert travelled down to Chingola and he was able to hang these doors and fit the locks for us for both hostels.



CITRUS ORCHARD

We have planted 21 orange trees and 8 lemon trees so far, around the fence line of the property. We hope these will all grow and mature in time to provide a good source of vitamins and possibly an income. In the favourable Zambian climate, these trees have grown really quickly and can be expected to bear good fruit in around 4 years from now.

FURTHER EDUCATION

In February, we were able to send a couple of workers to the local trades college for some formal further education. Pray that both men will make full use of the opportunity given.



Nelson, who has shown aptitude in carpentry working with Bernard and others is doing a Carpentry and Joinery course.



Felix is doing an electrical installations course following his interest in the wall chasing work he has done so far.

ON-GOING WORK

During the last few months, work continued inside hostel 2. Brandering to support the ceiling board was first put up and the internal rendering was completed. The ceiling boards were then nailed up and the walls were primed with paint ready for the top coats.

In June, Colin Breeze came for a week on his way to Chitokoloki and was able to oversee the construction of the storm drains.

Externally, the ground has been levelled out ready to plant grass and put up some fencing to demark the hostel gardens.

Later this month, we hope to have Brass Tacks back to do various jobs.

In the coming months we will need to have the incoming electricity supply installed, construct and put up a water tower, lay pipes and cable to the hostels and complete the electrical and plumbing installations.

SOCIAL WELFARE

In March, Kelvin and Philip visited the social welfare department in Lusaka to present the project and find out what requirements had to be met. The department was very interested and enthusiastic about our plans and to see the photos presented.

In the next months, we were visited by local, regional and the Lusaka welfare departments. All were very impressed with the quality of the project and were amazed that we wanted to put street children in them! (This shows how little value many people place on these children).

Their advice was to complete the hostels, select children and once it was up and running they would come to inspect.

HOUSE MOTHERS

Please pray with us for suitable house mothers to oversee the day to day welfare of the children. We need local Zambians who are committed Christians with a heart for looking after these children. The duties would include ensuring the children go to school, are washed and clothed properly, carry out their chores and provide their meals.

WILLIES MUKULUMOYA

In June we were saddened to learn of the discovery of the body of our night guard Willies in the bush some 5km from the project. We are unsure as to what happened, however the circumstances are quite suspicious. Ipusukilo has been able to help his widow with some funds provided to help her become self-sufficient.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Suitable house mothers and workers for day-to-day duties.
- Selection of the children to be accommodated.
- Night guards to be reliable and fit for the job.
- Security of the site as more materials are installed and stored.
- Plumbing and electrical work to be carried out.
- Brass Tacks workers joining us this month and in October.
- Commitment of the workers to the project and at college.
- Installation of the electrical supply in the agreed time frame.
- Thanks for local and overseas support for this project.

With Christian Greetings,

Philip and Deborah Cole & Kelvin and Joyce Samwata

