

Dear Friends,

Since our last Newsletter there have been many changes and developments both with the building work and in the lives of the children in our care. We are pleased to have one house filled and very thankful for the Lord's guidance in the selection of each of the children.

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me. Matt 18 v 5

A FULL HOUSE

It's great to have all the beds occupied in our first house. We have 12 boys and 4 girls who are all beginning to adapt to living together as a family. They often refer to themselves as the brothers and sisters of the 'Ipusukilo family'. We started off small with the first 4 boys in March quickly followed by 3 more boys in April and in May 3 girls and 1 boy. There was a gap before we could bring in the final 5 children earlier this month.

As each group joined, the children readily accepted each other and took on the responsibility of helping to settle them into the routines they had already learnt. It is a big adjustment for all of the children to live in a functioning family, let alone a house!



AWANA

We have started taking the children every Thursday to the children's meeting at Bethel. They are keen to learn their memory verses from their handbook, for which they are awarded points for their group. They enjoy meeting and playing with the other children who attend. It is encouraging to hear their English improving as they listen to the Bible stories and are able to answer questions. The children's meeting is a good preparation for when they will start going to church as it teaches them to sit and be attentive.



HOSTEL 1 FULL



SCHOOL

The children are taken to Chingola Basic School in town where they learn in a 3 hour session due to the number of pupils attending. We feel that it is best that they mix with children within the local community. Due to lack of, or c o n s i s t e n t schooling, most of the children are in lower grades than would be expected for their ages. However, it is great to see the progress they are making with the extra input they are getting every afternoon at home. Unfortunately the school is like many of the local schools; overcrowded, lacking in resources and dedicated teachers yet we have been able to build up good relationships with the school heads. The children enjoy going to school and take great pride in their uniforms, shoes and school bags.



FIRST TIME EXPERIENCES

Imagine what it is like for the children to experience what we take for granted, for the first time:

- ▶ Breakfast, dinner and supper (all in the one day)
- ▶ A flushing toilet
- ▶ My own bed
- ▶ Special night clothes - pyjamas!
- ▶ A hot shower
- ▶ A birthday - present and cake
- ▶ Brushing teeth with toothbrush and 'Colgate'
- ▶ Books
- ▶ Riding a bicycle, and falling off it!
- ▶ Learning to read and write
- ▶ The 'slug' otherwise known as table football
- ▶ Jigsaw puzzles, Ludo, snakes & ladders and Lego
- ▶ Bedtime Bible story and a 'Goodnight'



TITLE DEEDS

We can give thanks to God that we have finally received our title deeds from the Ministry of Lands. After many trips to Ndola, changes of personnel, misplaced documents and many prayers, we were able to collect the document in July.

The deeds give Ipusukilo title to the land on a 99 year rolling lease agreement with the government of Zambia.

GUEST / STAFF HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

In April we started work on two small houses that can accommodate visitors to the project or staff working here. They will be self-contained with two bedrooms, living room / dining room kitchen and shower room.



To date we have completed up to the roof on the first house and up to ring beam level on the second. There will now be plenty of work available inside as the rains have come.

HOSTEL 2

Work continues on the completion of hostel 2. The majority of the painting, tiling, electrical, plumbing and finishing work is done and we are aiming to have the hostel ready by the end of the year. Once again, we having bunk beds, tables and furniture made by local carpenters.

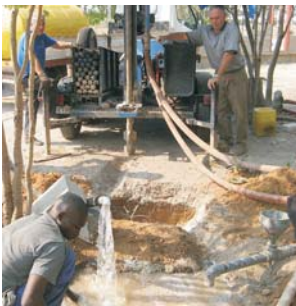
In order to accommodate more children in this hostel we will need more staff. We are looking for suitable dedicated house parents, a mother or perhaps a couple and also someone to cover days off.

Please pray that God will make known to us these people.



BORE HOLE

In October, Ken Wagler and Tom Browning from Canada came to drill some bore holes for us. We tried a few places where water was detected, however we were only able to drill to a depth of 18 metres as the rock was so hard for the machine. We did find water and are able to pump approximately 550 litres an hour now at the end of the dry season which will supplement the water we pump from the well. This figure should improve as the water table rises in the rainy season and as water channels are formed underground leading to the bore hole.



POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Give thanks to God that the first hostel is full with 16 children.
- Pray that the children continue to settle and bond as a family.
- Pray for our witness to and cooperation with the local school.
- Day to day running of home and wisdom and energy for Annette.
- Prayer for provision of house parent(s) and more assistants.
- Prayer for next step in expansion into hostel 2.
- Thanks for completion and possession of title deeds.
- Pray for the daily challenges presented by all the children.
- Pray especially that the children will see their personal need of Christ.

With Christian Greetings,

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Football crazy



Getting our clothes clean



My tidy bed



The 'slug'



Bank holiday fun in the water



Afternoon school