

Dear Friends,

It has been a while since our last newsletter, so this is a review of the children during 2011 and developments on the building site. We hope to open hostel 2 in the next few months and are making preparations for the house mother and the children to come into the house and request special prayer in this next step of the project.

'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.' Isaiah 54 v 13

THE CHILDREN - UPDATE

Having 16 children under one roof can be lots of fun along with lots of challenges! They attend school in Chingola and we have been pleased with their progress, the end of term



test results proved this even though there are many disruptions to their school timetable. We seek to supplement learning with further lessons and activities at home. In October one of the children wrote her Grade 7 examinations and passed with a very good score, all the hard work doing practice papers paid off!

Of course there are times, like in any family, when discipline is required. We have found when they come from backgrounds like our children do there are a certain amount of 'street habits' to be sorted out. We try to adapt a positive approach but privileges have sometimes to be withdrawn. However the growth and development of the children in all aspects of life is remarkable.



SUNDAYS

We take the children to the gospel service at Bethel every other Sunday. They really enjoy going and its great to see them join in the singing, and listening to the message, looking up the places in their Bibles and even taking down the Bible references for later. It is good for them to also meet up with friends at church. On the other Sunday they remain at home for their Sunday School and have recently started using the BES Bibletime lessons.

One Sunday evening a month Steve and Muriel Studd bring some of the young people for a time of fellowship. There is plenty of enthusiastic singing each being able to give their choices now having learnt new hymns and choruses followed by a time of devotion. This is a special Sunday which is looked forward to very much.



NEW STAFF

In March, we were pleased to take on Beauty as an assistant house mother or 'aunty'. Beauty is currently part-time to help with some cleaning, ironing and in particular, to cover for Annette on her weekends off and leave days. We hope that she will be more full-time when we open the next hostel.



Lastone joined us in September as a general worker but he is responsible for driving the bus at the various times in the day to get the children to and from school. Please pray for him as he negotiates the bad road and the often busy roads into Chingola.

WHAT'S LIFE LIKE AT IPUSUKILO?

Some of the children's actual responses to the question:

- ☺ Our lives are changed.
- ☺ Life is fine, life is good we are enjoying life.
- ☺ We were like lost sheep but coming to the Lord.
- ☺ We are free, like in heaven.
- ☺ We are going to school and enjoy good food.
- ☺ We are being cared for.
- ☺ We can mix and play with other people.
- ☺ At night we study the word of God.
- ☺ We are being kept safe.

RESPONSIBILITIES

All of our children have daily chores to carry out to help in the running of the family unit. Some look after the chickens



by feeding, giving them water, collecting the eggs and keeping records. Laundry needs to be done on Saturday when everyone is busy in groups washing and the lines are full of school uniforms. The bedrooms are often in need of a tidy, at

times their drawers can be given a spot check and reward stars given for the best kept room. At the back of the house the children maintain a good vegetable garden and enjoy working in it watering, weeding and planting.



VOLUNTEERS

At the end of August we welcomed Paula and Rut from Spain who enthusiastically joined in and assisted working with the children for just over a month. They were a great help doing lots of fun activities and games.

HOSTEL 3

After the rains had stopped, in May, we started on the construction of our third hostel under the supervision of Philip. Previously, Brass Tacks had constructed the foundations and the back-fill was left to compact in readiness for the slab to be laid. This was carried out in sections to allow for expansion. The walls were then constructed throughout June with the first section of ring beam cast in mid-July. Internal walls continued to go up and roof trusses were made in September and erected at the beginning of October. The roof followed towards the end of October, just before the rains started again!

Work has continued with installation of electrical conduits, and some pipework, brandering which holds the ceiling up and much of the internal plastering has been finished to date.

This leaves us with the external plastering, ceiling boards to go up inside and then the long job of decorating.

The building itself has been modified internally to provide accommodation for an assistant house mother and a fourth toilet and shower in the wash area.

WEBSITE AND IPUSUKILO BLOG

Our website which can be found at www.ipusukilo.org has been up and running for some time. It gives some basic background to who we are, where we've come from and what we hope to achieve with the Lord's leading and guidance.

We have incorporated a blog so that we can give up-to-date news of events and progress soon after it happens. This can be found by clicking on the 'News' tab on the site. We hope to keep this updated so that those of you in the computer age don't have to wait for the next newsletter!



All of our Newsletter's are available for download too.

If you receive this Newsletter by post and are able to receive it by e-mail, please contact us on the address below.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

In our last letter we reported on the new bore hole. This has been working well, but runs low at the end of the dry season. We plan to have a deeper (50m plus) bore hole drilled by a professional company.

Work should start fairly soon on the big (20m x 8m) meeting chota. This is a wooden construction with a grass roof and will allow every one to meet together under one roof, whether it be for schooling, games, Sunday School or singing on a Sunday night.

We also plan to put up a small building to accommodate the site workers with recreation/dining area and toilets. This can be used in the future to facilitate visitors to various organised events.

All of these plans are in the Lord's hands and we can only go ahead with these as he leads and has provided.

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Give thanks to God for the happy atmosphere in the first home.
- Prayer for preparation of hostel 2 for occupation.
- Give thanks for the new staff members.
- Pray for other young people to be willing to come and assist.
- Day to day wisdom and energy for Annette and others who help.
- Pray that God will guide us in the final selection of the new children.
- Give thanks for good progress with hostel 3 construction.
- Pray for the daily challenges.
- Pray that the children will understand their personal need of Christ.

With Christian Greetings,

Philip and Deborah Cole & Kelvin and Joyce Samwata

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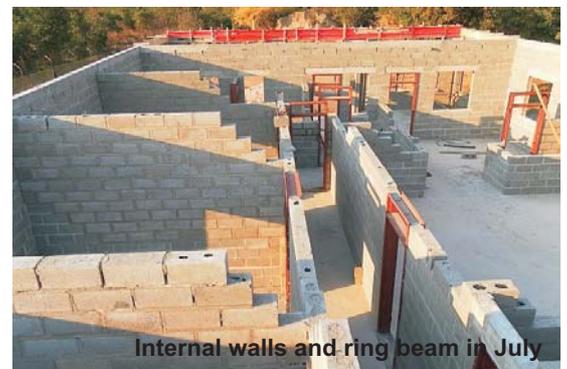
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Hostel 3 - Work starts on slab in May



Walls start going up in June



Internal walls and ring beam in July



Ring beam continues



Trusses up and roof construction



Roofing iron on by early November