

Trip to Solwezi October 2017

We left Bristol for Heathrow mid afternoon on **Sunday 15th October** arriving at the airport with plenty of time before our flight that was departing at 20:40. Our first flight to Dubai.



After a 7 hour flight we landed at Dubai before taking our second 7 hour flight to Lusaka, Zambia.



We landed around 14.15 on 16th October where we were met and greeted by Pastor Joseph, Pastor Evans and others. We collected the hire car and made our way to the Taj Pamodzi Hotel where we were staying overnight. Twenty minutes after checking in at the hotel we were off to visit the Lusaka church.



Tuesday 17th October. After collecting Evans from his hotel at 5am we begun our journey to Solwezi.



After a tiring 12 hour journey we arrived at the church site to a very warm welcome from the people there. We dropped off Evan and then made our way to the Royal Solwezi Hotel, on the old Chingola Road where we were staying for the next 6 days.



Wednesday 18th October. Today we visited the Beacon of Power Academy.



We received a warm welcome from a group of the pupils wearing their new blue uniform.



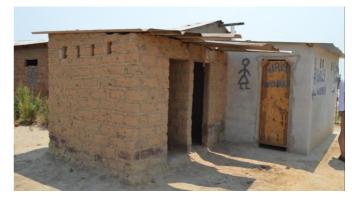
We then met the rest of the pupils, teachers and other staff.



The morning started with observing lessons and talking to staff and children.



We then went to the school buildings a short walk away.



The first of the toilet blocks have been built and another one has the pit dug ready.



The school building now has three completed classrooms, an office for staff and a room where the security/caretaker is living.



Also two classrooms and a shop area are under construction, with trenches dug ready for another three classrooms in the future.



The well has now been capped with concrete although it needs to be made deeper so that clear water can been found. It is Maureen's vision that once clear water has been sourced the well would be used to supply the nearby community with water.



After a shopping trip to obtain gifts with the £575 (K6325) that was kindly donated from sponsors and supporters in the UK, we filled the gift bags at our hotel and returned to the school to present them to the children and staff.





Once we had finished with the gifts we presented each family and staff with a 25kg bag of mealie meal.



The Mealie Meal was purchased as a result of donations received when Ed and I cooked breakfast at the New Wine camp and Freddy sold sweets.

Thursday 19th October The Cave Gathering Conference started, and this year's theme was "Faith"

Evans Luwi opened the conference with the first session and Richard took the second session speaking on 'Reckless Obedience – Well almost' – Abraham Part 1 – The Call.





Richard also preached the afternoon session on 'When the going tough' – Abraham Part 2 – I'll do it my way. Afterwards Richard prayed for many to become Christians.

Friday 20th **October.** Day two of the conference and David Summerhill opened the morning session on 'Who wants to go on an adventure?'





Richard preached the second morning session and continued with the next part of the series on 'Which way should I go?' – Abraham Part 3 – Facing Life Choices.

After lunch on day two Richard began the next story of Abraham. 'A time to believe'. – Part 4 – What's the point of this when I don't have that?

Saturday 21st October. The first morning session was taken by Sue Hall her first time visiting and preaching in Zambia, and her preach was entitled 'It's time to get out of the box'.







The second morning session was taken by Richard 'Taking matters into your own hands' – Abraham Part 5 – A Helping Hand



After the lunch break Richard returned to the lectern and preached 'When all else fails' – Abraham Part 6 – I am El Shaddai, God Almighty. After this session Richard prayed for the sick to be healed.

Sunday 22nd October. The last day of the Cave Gathering conference David starts the morning session with a preach on Belong, Believe, Become.





Session two on Sunday was Richard's final preach 'From my concerns to His' – Part 7 – Waiting on God.





After lunch Pastor Evans preached the final session and closed the conference.

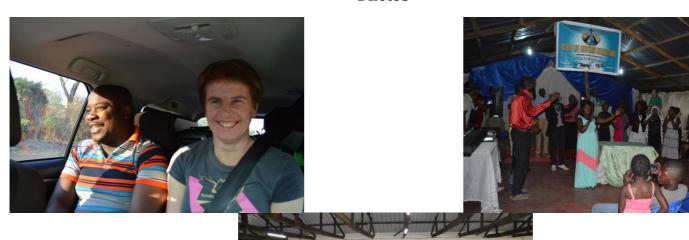
Monday 23rd October we visited Evans and Maureen's home where we had some useful conversations and a meal. Maureen explained her new long-term vision for the school to extend into the secondary education sector and make years 8 to 12 chargeable to new pupils. This would cover the costs of the secondary part of the school so that it becomes self-funding.



Children's Coin Collection So far £700 from the Children's Coin Collections has been sent out and spent on Umbrellas, School bags, balls, plastic shoes, watches, second hand shoes, and second hand clothes. This has been and continues to be a great way for children here in the UK to support children in the school in Zambia.



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