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LATEST NEWS

Happy New Year to all our supporters and followers. Here's a quick update on all that has been happening over the last few months.

During December, the Solwezi area was hit by multiple heavy rainstorms, one of which caused substantial damage to the water tank, tap and building. (see photos below)



The NLC trustees responded quickly and thanks to a generous donation by them, sufficient funds were sent out so that a new tank and taps could be installed quickly.



Cholera Out-break

Zambia and in particular Solwezi is currently suffering from a major cholera outbreak that has killed more than 400 people and infected more than 10,000. This has led the authorities to order schools across the country to remain shut after the end-of-year holidays.

Cholera is an acute, diarrhoea inducing infection, caused by a bacteria that is typically spread via contaminated food or water. The disease is strongly linked to poverty and inadequate access to clean water, so our actions to repair the water tank swiftly were even more important.

The outbreak in Zambia began in October and 412 people have died and 10,413 cases have been recorded, according to the latest count from the Zambia Public Health Institute, which are the government body that deals with health emergencies.

The Health Ministry has said that cholera has been detected in nearly half of the country's districts and nine out of 10 provinces, and that the nation (about 20 million people) has consistently recorded more than 400 cases a day.

Whilst Zambia has had several major cholera outbreaks since the 1970s, this one is the worst for 20 years in terms of numbers of people infected.

Cholera bacteria survives longer in warmer weather and so unusually heavy rains and storms in southern Africa will have inevitably contributed to the outbreak.

Following Zambian government guidance, the school we support will now re-open on January 29th after it has been cleaned and inspected. Parents and children have been urged to make use of education programs on public TV and radio. There is a feeling that the situation has echoes of the COVID-19 pandemic and people are rightly concerned.

Currently the majority of cases are in the capital, Lusaka where the population is most dense. The 60,000-seat national soccer stadium has been converted into a treatment centre and is dealing with around 500 patients. Sounds familiar when we think back to the UK and the Nightingale hospitals set up in early Covid waves.

Please pray for everyone in the country, specifically the teachers and pupils of our school as they negotiate this outbreak.

Beacon of Hope School End of Year Report

This is an update from Maureen Luwi which we received at the end of the year.

"I am glad to write to you this report, hope you are doing fine as we look forward to this festival season."

Am glad to inform you that this year has been a huge blessing and a success to Beacon of power Academically. The school has gone for a three-week holiday and expecting to be back next year on the 8th of January 2024. On behalf of the learners, we want to say thank to our able partners that have been always there for us to ensure that the school keeps running and every child on board acquire the knowledge that will change and shape the destiny of a child. We are forever grateful.

With your support Beacon has always been recognized as an organized and full of excellence by our ministry of education officers. Thank you for being there for us.

Enrolment

We had a huge number of enrolment this year because of the demand from our community and the community is also impressed with the efforts of our teachers.

Renewals

The school has successfully renewed the certifications with the ministry of education.

Our examination centre numbers are also renewed except the new one that we are waiting for finalization from the headquarters of ministry of education.

On this point I want to inform you that our ministry of education has few things that they have revised in our education. Like the curriculum and the grades. Maybe soon these things will begin to be implemented on our schools. We may need new textbooks because two grades have been removed.

Our primary level was ending in grade 7 but now it will be ending in grade 6. Our secondary level was grade 12 but now is grade 11. A lot has been changed. I will keep updating you on this one. By early next year will have our grade 7 centre number finalized that is what we were told because of the same changes.

June visit

Your visit was of great value to our school and all the work that was done was highly appreciated and changed our learning environment to be great and admirable. We thank you a million times!

Next year

We may not enrol some children next year because our classes are fully occupied and we are running out of space and furniture. Most of our desks are old and they are mostly breaking. This is demanding that we start making new furniture for our children to sit well in their respective classes.

Christmas gift

We say thank you for the gifts and we wish you a merry Christmas and a blessed happy new year.

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We hope this short update has been of interest. We hope to be able to update you again soon.

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