



Newsletter

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The Beacon of Hope Community School Opened March 2014

The **School4kids** project was set up by New Life Church Bristol in partnership with Path of Life Ministries in Zambia.

The world is full of need, and we could have chosen almost anywhere to establish a Christian missionary work. However, in line with what God has said to us right from the beginning about earnestly seeking his will and approval, we felt God call us to Africa. We have been involved with churches in Africa for many years and in particular with Pastor Evans Luwi who oversees a number of churches throughout Zambia.



Pastor Evans and his wife Maureen

Sponsorships started back in January 2014 with **The Beacon of Hope Community School** opening in March 2014. We initially had space for 50 children, however due to some identification issues we only have 39 children on

the School4kids web site. Since then we have been informed that many of the original children have not shown up at school and at present we have 7 children being sponsored by individuals and the remaining being funded by New Life Church Bristol.

No shows!

Information recently received from the School Director shows that some of the original children never turned up for School so these have been removed from the programme to make room for new children.

Those who were sponsoring a child that never turned up have been informed.

We are working on updating the website with new children so keep an eye on the site.

Thank you

We at School4kids would like to say a big THANK YOU to all it's sponsors. We would like to encourage new sponsors to help other children that are awaiting sponsorship. Do you know of a family member, friend or work colleague who may be interested in sponsoring a child then please point them in the direction of our website www.school4kids.org for more information. The choice you make today could make their tomorrow.

Did you know that for approximately 75p a day you can contribute to the provision of education to some the poorest children in the world?

Parents in Zambia have to pay for their children to attend school. Many parents can't afford the fees so their children don't attend school.

Some children are orphaned and the adopting parents often only pay for their own children to attend school - the orphans stay at home.

Sponsoring a child through School4Kids is a completely unique, life changing experience for you as a sponsor, but also the life of the Zambian child you are supporting. The sad fact of the matter is that without the help of its sponsors, the children supported by School4kids would have little hope of securing any education at all. Your support will help to fund the education of these children and your contribution will be used towards costs such as: rental of school premises, dinners, resources e.g. uniforms, books, equipment etc., and teachers' wages.



As the only sponsor for an individual child you will enjoy an insight into their life and the progress they are making in education.

Through regular project updates and twice yearly personal messages from your sponsored child, you will be able to see the impact your donation is having.

Poverty and low life expectancy

Growing inequality means that the more and more people inhabiting rural areas must live in poverty. Access to services like running water, housing and sanitation is limited. Food can be scarce at some times, despite the quantity of good farmland. Life expectancy in Zambia is only 55 years, about two decades lower than the global average. Prevalence of HIV/AIDS is amongst the highest in Africa and, coupled with inadequate medical care, poses a major health risk.

Children in Zambia

As many as 1.4 million children in Zambia have lost one or both parents. More than half of these have been orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. Almost half a million Zambian women are HIV positive, meaning that prevention of mother-to-child transmission is vitally important in limiting the number of children born with the virus. Without necessary treatment, many children die before their second birthday.

Latest Developments

Over the last few months there have been many developments in the school.



The school is now renting an office where school books, play kits are kept and other important equipment's for the school.



Healgar Ilela is the new school cook responsible for cooking and serving food to the children. Meals are provided Monday through to Thursdays, Friday is a half day and school finishes at 13:00



School Staff Members

Maureen luwi chimena - School Director day to day administration.

Stanley katooka - Snr Teacher Grade 2

Precious Lemba -Teacher pre-school and nursery

Bernard Luambula - Teacher Grade 1

Healgar Ilela – Cooker

Judith Kalapiko - School maid

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