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Trip to Solwezi October 2016

We left Bristol for Heathrow directly after the Church service on **Sunday 16th October** arriving at the airport at around 16:30. Our first flight to Nairobi, Kenya was delayed slightly.



After an 8 hour flight we landed at Nairobi, before taking our second flight to Lusaka, Zambia. We landed around 09:20 on **17th 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. After we checked in and a little rest, that afternoon we drove to the Kingsgate Centre where we met up with Hudson Luwi and David Brown, whom we lost contact with over the years. This was a truly beautiful and blessed time we were warmly received. We were shown around the Chimwemwe home and grounds.



After this special time with Hudson we headed back to the hotel to prepare for the early evening meeting that was being held at the Lusaka church.



The church had a tin roof, the walls were made from meal and grain sacks sown together and a dirt floor. Worship was in full swing when we arrived and after that Pastor Richard Brown preached to the church on “Breaking up your fallow ground.”

Tuesday 18th October after collecting Evans from his hotel we travelled up to Protea Hotel Safari lodge where some important discussions and meetings took place with Evans.



Wednesday 19th October after a 5am start from the Safari Lodge we began the journey to Solwezi.



After the 11 hour journey we arrived at the Church site to a very warm welcome from the people there, we had a quick look around the new building which was very impressive.



We then headed off to the Royal Sowezi Hotel, on the old Chingola Road where we were staying for the next 6 days.

Thursday 20th October The Cave Gathering Conference started the theme for the conference: Moving to the next level from Glory to Glory. Richard commenced the first morning session on 'Come all who are thirsty'.



Richard also preached the second morning session and started a four part series on God loves us despite our big "but"



(Part 1 - God feels what we feel) This took some explaining, as humour doesn't travel that well across continents.



After lunch Evans preached the afternoon session.

Friday 21st October day two of the conference and Brother David Summerhill open the morning session.



Kingdom Building – (Part one Look busy Jesus is coming).



Richard preached the second morning session and continued with the next part of the series on God loves us despite our big “but” (Part 2 – I feel what God feels).



After lunch on day two Sister Nicky Summerhill stepped up to preach on “Hope is an Anchor for the soul”.

Saturday 22nd October the morning sessions were taken by David and Richard (Part 3 – I no longer feel what God feels) followed in the afternoon by Nicky “It’s time to go deeper”



Sunday 23rd October Richard preached the two morning sessions the first one completing the God loves us despite our big “but” (Part 4 – I refuse to feel what God feels). The second session Richard shared from his heart about the importance of all the churches working together, Evans then closed the conference in the afternoon.

Monday 24th October marks 52 years of independence from British colonial rule. This day was set apart to visit the school and see it in operation. There were 3 classes meeting in different rooms and 1 class meeting in a corner of the main church building. We observed the children having lessons on numeracy and literacy.



There are currently around 40 children now attending the school, which is excellent, and others are looking at starting in January when the next intake will take place.

Once we finished with the gifts bags we then gave out the flip flops and socks that Sally so kindly sent out for the children.



After this the parents/carers and children gathered as families and we presented each family and staff with a 25kg bag of mealie meal.



After looking around the school we all gathered in the large church area where we gave out the gift bags that we took out with us; these were greatly received by the children.



Can I thank you all for your kind donations; these gifts mean so much to the children as they have very little.



The Mealie Meal was purchased as a result of donations received when Freddy, Ed and I cooked breakfast at the New Wine camp. Thank you all for your gifts.

When we came to Solwezi last year we visited two pieces of land, one for the Church and one for the school.



As you can see from this report the church has been built and is where the school currently meets.



One year on and to our great surprise we find a number of trenches and a partially built school and a well.

Discussions took place later that day and we were advised that this building had been self-funded by Evans, Maureen and additional funding received from a local politician before the presidential election that took place recently.

There is no rush to complete the school build, although to get the school registered with the government it cannot continue to meet in the church indefinitely, as classrooms need to meet certain standards and sizes to meet government requirements.

The long term vision for the school is to be within the primary school sector which goes up to year 7 in Zambia. Currently we have 4 classes and another one will be needed in January 2017, then one a year until we have all 7 years covered.

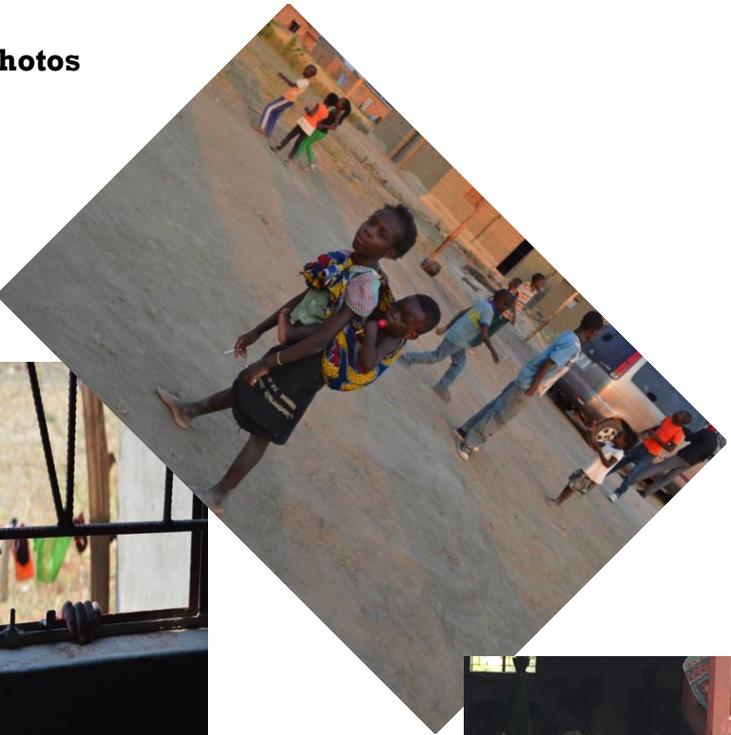


After the school visit we went to see the homes of some of the children and their families. This was a 10 to 15 minute drive away, so around 2 miles which the children have to walk everyday to attend the school.



The first £100 from Children Coin Collection's was spent on Umbrellas for the children to use in the up and coming rainy season. This is a great way for children here to support children in the school in Zambia.

Photos




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Currently we are working to update the website as we have number of children available to be sponsored. Please consider sponsoring a child today.