



# Bringing the Smile Back to Africa

## Autumn 2011 update.



### Continuing challenge

In our last newsletter we outlined the financial challenges being faced as a result of a series of factors beyond our immediate control.

Since that time the trustees together with local management have worked hard to implement an effective 'Recovery Plan' A key objective of the charity remains to ensure continued support to the many disadvantaged and vulnerable in a region notoriously susceptible to the vagaries of climate along with economic or political instability.

The response of many supporters through finance and prayer has assisted greatly during this period. As a result of action taken we are able today to report a measure of pleasing and encouraging progress. Certainly the financial position is improved, though it is not yet possible to schedule new development unless the project is linked to specific donations.

With reluctance it was necessary to reduce the staffing complement from 85 to 76, whilst also announcing a salary freeze for the foreseeable future. This we hope to address as soon as possible especially since we do value the dedication and commitment of so many employees.

Again we wish to thank everyone for their faithful support as we seek to be instruments of provision and blessing in the coming year.

**Ewart Crowther**

### Building Project for Muzoka Community Centre & New Life Church

The anticipated demise of the Muzoka marquee occurred during an intense tropical storm in mid April. The specific donations generously provided for construction of a brick building were made available in May this year, whilst the church congregation wasted no time in collecting local materials and assisting with the work.

Although often uncomfortably cold on early winter mornings, from May to July the congregation gathered under the trees in the open air. Building commenced in late May. From slab to roof completion our own local maintenance staff, driven hard by the prospect of searing heat from September, followed by heavy rains from November, and by the determined leadership of Lewis Chanda, completed the work in **less than 2 months!**



### Photo Gallery



Pre-School lunchtime



Reading time in the library



Valued Clinic Staff



Samuel enjoying the bike provided by his sponsors



Sports day



Fanwell with his donated crutches now walks 3kms to his village church and is always first to arrive.



Lewis and teacher Emma receiving donations from the container delivered to Muzoka in the new Landcruiser vehicle.

## Morgan & his Granny

Morgan has been sponsored for 10 yrs and is now in Grade 8 at The King's School. As can be gathered from the photo of Morgan at home, his circumstances are not easy.



Education sponsorship also extends, when required, to other needs. In school Morgan's performance was being affected because of continued toothache. Although most reluctant to go to the dentist, he did express his gratitude to Hilary who had to track him down in the township and use considerable 'powers of persuasion' to get him into the dental chair!

Eneless is Morgan's Granny.

In chasing down Morgan, Hilary also discovered that she was unable to walk due



to a cancerous growth on her left foot. Poverty stricken, we were able to supply her with clothing, food and medical care.



## Yombwe – design winner

Grade 9 pupil Yombwe is seen receiving the prize as winner of Toyota Zambia's 'Car of the Future' design



competition for Southern Province. His design is now entered into the national final.



## Church Ministry

With the recent addition of an English speaking congregation in Livingstone, seven churches are now established in Southern Province. In May, Muzoka ladies attended the National Ladies Conference in Lusaka, whilst a ladies weekend was held at Zwanga for the five most southern churches in Livingstone rural district.



The July youth conference at Siamasimbi focused on the 'Baptism and Work of the Holy Spirit'. This involved almost 200 young people along with the support of numerous leaders for ministry, catering and transport. This proved a most significant weekend for the younger church members. Training days took place in Mahululo for ladies concerning the 'Role of the Leader's Wife' and an

open day for all members on 'Covenant'. In late August a residential weekend programme for leaders was held at the Livingstone Centre which addressed 'Responsibilities in Church Leadership' and 'HIV/AIDS counselling in the church'

## Mission Teams

Recent visits have been by teams from Tynings Lane Anglican Church Walsall and from The King's Church, Wakefield. Local communities along with the work in Zambia in general have been blessed by much enthusiastic practical endeavour and valued ministry to churches. Visits were made to Grannies, along with our mobile clinics, as well as to The Falls, Game Park and other tourist attractions.



Fences were repaired, doors varnished, clinic exterior repainted, a second school car park construction undertaken, tons of gravel delivered, whilst Pre-School pupils enjoyed the refreshing contributions of



visitors into their regular programmes. Donations from our visitors included 4 bicycles for church ministry and a combi generator/welder for the Livingstone Centre and work further afield.

