



Mpika Relief Fund

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Dear Friends/Supporters,

I cannot praise enough the work of Jenny and the other staff in Zambia. I am sure that God must have chosen her for this work. Firm but sensitive, clever but humble as she is, I am constantly amazed at her ability to progress and develop, with only small means. There is always progress. Firstly, a new toilet block has been built so that the school children can use better facilities. Secondly, Jenny has managed to secure an old 100acre farm that belonged to her before she came to England. They have already cleared some of the land and have planted banana trees and maize (which is the staple diet). As you can imagine there is great potential from this land.

We also have 4 new children since the last newsletter came out. Jenny has given careful thought to limiting numbers. It is a heartbreaking thing for her, but we want to keep the orphanage atmosphere a family one. After much thought, she decided to try to re-home the older children when suitable carers are found, but still with support and welcome arms at the orphanage. This decision was made in order that some of the younger, more vulnerable children could be helped. Here are some of the profiles and photos of our new children.

Right: Alice Chileshe aged 4

Left: Justine Nsofwa aged 3



Profile of Alice Chileshe

A little girl from the Chikwanda village, Alice is 4 years old, the 6th born in a family of six. Where relatives took the rest for care is unknown. She was brought in by people from a local church after the death of her aunt, who had been taking care of her for 2 years. Before this time, both mother and father had died leaving the family destitute.

In the village, people were not willing to take care of her. Social Welfare were subsequently informed. After an assessment, they recommended that she be referred to the nearest institution of care.

On admission, the child looked pale and wasted. She was taken into surgery for examination. It was found that she had enlarged spleen chronic malaria and had sores on the head. All these conditions were treated. She has now settled well in the orphanage

Profile for Justine Nsofwa Justin is 3 years old. His date of birth is not known. Mother died in 2007 in a village 14 kilometres from Mpika Boma. When Justin's mother died, his grandparents assumed care since the father had refused responsibility. *Social welfare then called me to discuss the matter, after which time, having discovered that the grandparents were not willing to take care of him, I accepted him.* The grandparents have a small field which they use to cultivate for their survival - to feed the family. The couple are too old to look after these children. The village headman reported the problem to the Social Welfare office.

The rest of Justin's brothers and sisters are still with their grandparents who are still in need support for clothing and school requirements. On admission, the boy looked was undernourished with a swollen tummy and had a very miserable look. He was given a bath and clean clothes. He has now settled well in the Orphanage.

Profile of Brenda Mulenga Chanda Brenda is 4 years old being the 5th in the family of five. Her mother died in 2005 due to burns caused by wild fire. By that time, the mother was heavily pregnant cutting grass to thatch the house they shared with her disabled husband. Unfortunately she was caught in the fire and because she could not run fast, and died within minutes despite her having been helped by an onlooker who had pulled her out. The husband was caring for the 5 children with some difficulties, having been sustained by planted maize beans, and other local foods, to single handedly feed his children. The father also has his very old widowed mother whom he also supports.

On one day the father hired a young man of 21 years of age with an agreement to give him a small wage. He was with him for almost a week. After that week Brenda's father went out to look for food, when he came back he found that this girl had been left to die by this 21 year old youth who had defiled her. This young man ran away after raping the girl. It took him a day to bring the girl to hospital on a bicycle as they live far from health facilities.

The child was examined and was still bleeding from her genitals. Even after a day she was so swollen and torn.

Social welfare asked Jenny to take care of the girl. The poor father was afraid to let her to leave his side.

On admission the girl looked very frightened, especially near men. She could not sit properly and has been given treatment and bath soaks everyday.

The young man is still at large. Brenda has loved the orphanage. She is now smiling and happy but still in some pain.

Profile of Bupe Kamanga

Bupe is a baby girl of 10 months' age. Bupe's mother has a mental problem and has had no treatment at all. Bupe's father is not known. The mother's next of kin are also not known. After delivery, the mother was found walking around in the bush game area 157 km from Mpika Boma.

One day she decided to bury the baby alive because she got tired of carrying her around. She buried her up to the neck and walked away. The baby remained there possibly for some days until the game scouts on duty found her buried. She was so lucky because wild animals did not attack her.

They brought her to the Police Station from where she was then brought to the centre. She was taken to hospital, was both undernourished and ill looking, and had also lost her voice. After treatment, she was brought into our care at the centre.

'It was really hard for me to accept her into the centre' says Jenny But the condition she was in was too impossible for me to ignore. At 10 months, she weighed only 7 kg'

The mother was arrested after a month and imprisoned, but their medical examinations proved her to be mentally ill. Up to now, she does not think she has a baby. She thinks her baby is dead and is now buried.

The baby's health status is not very good at the moment. She is on and off sick all the time. Her weight has remained static. The first HIV/Aids test was negative. She is due for another one in October.



Looking for a Christmas Gift with a difference?..... you need look no further!

We have beautifully produced A5 gift certificates which we will personalise. Great presents for those friends and relatives with a conscience!. Here are some examples (the jpeg on the left is for school uniform)

One days baby milk (or any number) £1 Malaria treatment £6.50 Pair of shoes £6 Spade £10
Pick £15 Seeds and a watering can £7.50 Pen, pencil, ruler and exercise book (or any number) £1.50
Medicine package £5 Sack of Maize £7.50 Full school uniform £18 Open certificate any amount.

Also if anyone reading would like to make a long term commitment there are still children needing sponsors. Sponsorship is very rewarding. You can keep in touch with the child you sponsor by mail. The children love to receive letters and it really encourages them. Sponsorship for care is £15 per month or you can sponsor a child's education for £6 per month. To order a gift certificate, or enquire about sponsorship please call Shirley on 01274-834667 or June on 07737731077



Dinner/Dance June 07

This is just a short report for anyone who couldn't come to the auction /diner dance on 19th June. The total raised thanks to all the generous bidders and ticket payers, was £2,165. When added to a regular donor who funds some of the children's education, equals a full years education fees. It was very interesting to find out who will/will not support a small charity. Thanks, to all family and friends who supported me especially Heather.
-Shirley

I know how hard Shirley worked to make this a success; it was in fact our biggest fundraiser ever. Well done Shirley. It was a really enjoyable evening.

(Picture left June and Pete Martin at diner /dance)



Photos

- Top: Ann, Lynne and Heather loading day*
- 2nd: June directing traffic*
- 3rd: Brian helping to load container*
- 4th: Walkers outside Dog & Gun,*
- 5th: Jackie, June, Pricilla and Giron*
- 6th: Rose, Lauren and Alison on walk*

To Mpika - With Love

The focus of most of our thoughts, deliberation and discussions for two months or more, the container intended to go to the Village of Hope became a reality on Friday afternoon 27th September. What seemed like the longest vehicle in the world arrived, was loaded, and departed on another epic journey to northern Zambia.

The container arrived one hour late for loading, and it being rush hour on the main A629, the traffic needed holding in check, and directing right to left in a synchronized manner behind the vehicle. The garage, was emptied of all the precious goods, carefully collected and packed over the past months. Bicycles, water storage IBC's school equipment, baby milk, dried food, bedding, clothing and even a church organ!

Pete and Nigel made a fantastic job of packing it, no space was wasted, and despite worries that we might have 'too much stuff' we only filled it one third full. The following morning, the remainder was filled at CART's headquarters in Huddersfield, who are helping to sponsor our container. One would love to be there to see it arrive, outside the orphanage in the hot sunshine of comparatively traffic free Mpika. There will no doubt be intense excitement as the moment of arrival approaches, and as much again as the proceeds are unpacked. The village of Hope will for that time become- the Village of Expectation, then Satisfaction, as the fruits of the work undertaken here months earlier are unloaded, the unpacked to be utilized and enjoyed. Yes it is shame we can't all be there, to witness those moments, and lend a hand.

Grateful thanks, from everywhere, to June and Pete, and all those involved, for their devoted work. And thanks elsewhere, for the sheer blessing of fine weather while the outside storing and final loading took place in Denholme.
- Bob Ford

Sponsored Walk May 08

Every year in May we have a sponsored walk through some beautiful countryside. Why not join in next year and help to make this event more successful than ever. If you would like to be informed nearer the date please contact June on 07737731077.

Here are two accounts of the walk which raised around £1,500

On the 10th of June 2008, I with 20 others took part in the annual Denholme sponsored walk. It was a hot and humid day.. We were so grateful for the support that we received from the organizers and those who sponsored us. And we were so thankful for the water that was provided for us and for the support we received from the Flappit pub. I myself raised most of my sponsor money from Tesco's where I work.
Suzanne Morris

What fun we had first it started to rain and we got wet then the sun came out and it was boiling hot.

I joined the group at the Dog and Gun
I saw all the others coming round the corner and then all ate our picnic lunches
We kept drinking loads of water

Then we went on our way thanks to the many inspiring people after going through the moors over the top through a field of sheep, which I have never done before, over all the rough and tumble of the ground. Thanks to everyone helping me and giving me the support to carry on. I did my three miles. Just when we got to the steep hill to the Flappit glad they served cold drinks and had loos, so thanks to everyone for the support and love that they gave me to keep the soldier in me going, and raising funds for the orphanage .

Love Heather xxxxxxx

Heather's efforts are particularly brave as she was born with club feet and has trouble walking over rough terrain

MPIKA GARDEN PARTY Many thanks go to Pauline & Bernard of Denholme Gate for hosting our garden party once again in the lovely surroundings of their home and beautiful gardens.

What a joy it was to sit in their conservatory looking at the wonderful plants whilst enjoying afternoon tea provided by our hosts. Unfortunately I did not get to eat my Victoria Sandwich Cake, as Joshua, my grandson, decided he had taken quite a liking to this and it was eaten in record time. Isobel, my granddaughter, enjoyed spending all her money on the tombola stall and kept going back time after time to have another turn.

Thanks extended to all who helped on the day on the various stalls, but especially to Chris Ingram who did a splendid job cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs etc.

It was just a pity after all the effort put in that we did not get the expected crowds of people to attend, but still every little helps and the amount of £416 was raised for our charity.

--Alison



EVENTS



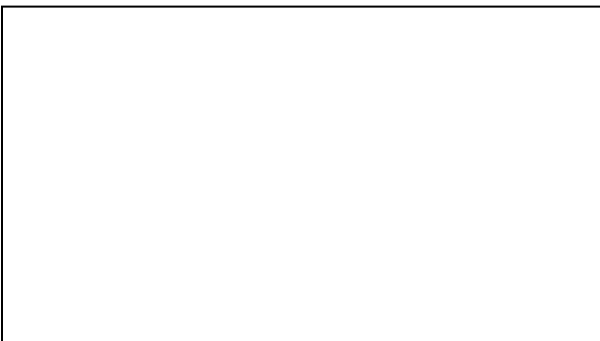
*Photo's of Garden Party Left :Pauline O'Hara serving Cream Teas.
Right: Tina doing Tombola*

Saturday 29th November CHRISTMAS FAIR 2pm – 4pm to be held at Denholme Mechanic Institute. We have lots of lovely Christmas decorations, trees, lights and new items suitable for gifts. Tombola and cake stall. Refreshments etc Please come along and support us. **All money raised at this event is to pay for internet provision to improve communication with the orphanage.**

Saturday 6th December AFRICAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7pm-10pm at Cullingworth Village Hall. Not to be missed We have **Mayihizi's Songbirds**, singing some beautiful African melodies, African drums led by **Ianto Thornber of Knock on Wood** and a special treat, **Katie Roberts** playing the beautiful triple harp. We also hope to show some clips of our children at the orphanage from June and Pete's last visit. Tickets £15 concessions and staff £10 This will be a real treat. Tickets are available by mail (please enclose cheque or postal order) or from either shop from the beginning of November. **Book early to avoid disappointment.** Telephone June on 07737731077
All money raised at this event is to start the building of a wall to keep children safe and the chickens in!



Please Please, Please... If you can collect any Airmiles for us we would really appreciate it. Tesco clubcard points are translated to miles. If you are with EON or are thinking of switching supplier they have some very competitive rates and 'capping' options, if you would be kind enough to register Tesco clubcard number 634004024077809491. If you buy petrol or shop at Tesco if you ask them to type this number in it will add to our points total. Hopefully we will be able to pay for our next trip to Zambia in Airmiles. If you want any further details please ring June on 07737731077. Thank you



Shop opening times:

Denholme: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-5
Saturday 10-5 (Hopefully opening Wednesdays soon)
Lawkholme Lane, Keighley
Monday – Saturday 10-00-4.15

Volunteering Tel Alison Smithies 01274-833949
To pick up furniture/donations : June 07737731077
Gift certificates Tel Shirley Burge: 01274834667

Useful items to donate:

Saleable Furniture	pots and pans
Clothing	books
Bedding	footwear
Bric- a brac	videos and DVD's
Jewelry	tools
Knitting wool	CD's tapes and records
Toys	rags (for which we get money)

We also collect Aluminum cans for another project

***Come on join in, with more help we
can do wonders!
Everyone can help!
We are all volunteers***