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Dear Friends of CLinC,
St Anne's and St Mark's Community schools continue to thrive. There are now a total of 400 pupils and ten teachers. Many of the teachers are in their 6th year at the schools.
There are no compulsory school fees which enables even the poorest children to have a basic education. The parents are asked to contribute what they can afford to school funds, and from this money, the teachers are paid a small monthly 'salary' and all school equipment is bought.



We have continued to send funds to provide all 400 children with a hot nutritious meal each week. This term is the hottest and driest time of the year and food is scarce and expensive. We have therefore sent funds to provide two meals a week.



£300 was sent in April to buy additional textbooks and we have continued to send a termly bonus of about £16 for each of the ten teachers.

Langson Zuze, the grade 7 teacher at St Anne's has now completed his Open University diploma in Primary Education and Janet Ngoma, teacher at St Mark's has completed the 2nd year of her teaching diploma. The fees for both teachers were paid by CLinC.

The teachers also had a one day 'Teachers' Seminar', led by a local primary teacher, to improve their teaching skills.

When St Mark's classroom block was built, all electrical wiring was installed but not connected. This year we were able to get a grant from St James's Place foundation to install a meter and connect the school to the electricity supply. This work has been completed. At the same time they gave us a grant to allow the schools to buy a photocopier. This will enable them to duplicate their own materials rather than paying to have photocopying done. The money will be sent once we are certain they have found a suitable machine.

The borehole and water tank at St Anne's continues to provide the school with clean water and they hope to convert the pit latrines into flush toilets in the future.

In Zambia, schools are nearing the end of the school year and children are taking their end of year exams. This photo was taken outside the local primary school where the 35 children from our two community schools had just written their grade 7 exams. In January they will hope to move on to local secondary schools to continue their education.



Sponsorship 2018

St Mark's and St Anne's Community schools provide free primary education for children from the poor townships around Lusaka. Government secondary schools require the payment of school fees and purchase of uniform.

The idea of sponsoring our pupils through secondary education began in 2011 when the first two pupils from St Mark's passed their grade 7 exams and, without sponsorship, were unable to continue their education. Since then the numbers leaving our two schools have increased each year and the total number of pupils in grades 8-12 has also risen annually. Last year we struggled to sponsor all 67 pupils in grades 8-12 and were forced to re-think our sponsorship plans for 2018.

After the first two years of secondary school, the pupils take their grade 9 exams and with a grade 9 certificate they are able to apply for employment. Trustees have therefore made the decision to restrict sponsorship in future years to grades 8 & 9.

In the next academic year there will be around 60 grade 8 & 9 pupils to sponsor. This will still cost around £6,000. We regret that pupils in grades 10-12 will not be available for sponsorship.

The cost of sponsorship for one year remains around £100 per pupil. If you are willing to continue sponsoring a child, or to give a donation towards sponsorship, please let me have cash or cheques by the first week in December.

Thank you to all of you who give regularly to CLinC , to all who support our fundraising events and to all who have sponsored children in recent years. Without you, we would not have been able to achieve all that we have done.

Trustees of CLinC