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Changing Lives in Chongwe
Charity No. 1106904

Annual report
for the year 1st October 2010 -
to 30th September 2011



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What we are trying to do

The object of the trust is to improve the educational, physical, health and spiritual well-being of all the people of Zambia through selected projects.

How we raise funds.

In the seven years since CLinC was setup, we have formed a 'Friends of CLinC' list, including everyone who has contributed funds or shown an interest in our work.

So far all funds raised have been through local fundraising events and donations. A large proportion of these donations have been gift aided, resulting in tax reclaims for our projects.

An increasing number of supporters have set up standing orders and we are grateful for this regular support.

Our accounts are examined by Mr Tony England of Rockhampton near Thornbury and an annual report is sent to the Charity Commission.

Transfer of funds to Zambia

We currently transfer small sums of money through Nationwide. These are the monthly allowances for teachers and carers and special grants for buying text books or supplementary feeding programmes.

Larger sums of money have been sent by bankers draft through Lloyd's Bank.

Bankers:

Current account

We have our current account with the Co-Operative Bank. As a charity we pay no bank charges for this account.

Details are: -

Title: Changing Lives in Chongwe

Sort code: 08-92-99

Account number: 65156449

Deposit account

We have a savings account with CCLA Investment Management Ltd - COIF Charity Funds.

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CLinC has been working in the poorest areas of Lusaka for the last three years. We work closely with two of the Anglican priests, Rev. Father Jackson Katete and Rev. Father Frank Hakoola. All priests are now expected to organise and oversee community projects within their parishes.

There are ten Anglican parishes in Lusaka. One of these, Mandevu parish, is on the outskirts of the capital and has over 35,000 residents. Mandevu is divided into smaller regions called compounds. In the last two decades there has been a drift of families from rural areas to the cities in the hope of finding employment and a better standard of living. Sadly this has not happened and these families are now mainly unemployed, surviving on less than \$1 a day and living in slum conditions. The average number of children per family is six. Some of these children will die before their fifth birthday due to malaria and associated illnesses and many others will die in adolescence or as young adults. Education for the children in these compounds is essential if any improvement in health and living conditions is to take place.

Chazanga and Chipata are two compounds within Mandevu parish. Father Frank called a parish meeting at which the parishioners expressed a belief that education was the thing that could most improve their lives. So in May 2009 the Chazanga - Chipata Anglican Project was started, with community schools in St Mark's Church Chazanga and in St Anne's Church Chipata.



CLinC have supported these schools by sending funds to give teachers and cooks a small allowance each month. Playground equipment and text books have also been provided. In 2010 it was decided that a two classroom block would greatly benefit the children of St Anne's Community School, plans were drawn up and work soon began.

In October last year the Chipata Community School was beginning to take shape. Money for this was sent in five phases. For each phase CLinC requested copies of invoices and photos of the stages of building. By the time the rains came in November the roof was on and windows and doors fitted. Each of these has metal security grills to ensure that the building's contents are secure. The interior walls were plastered and the exterior walls rendered. Work on the interior then began. Electric wiring was installed for both power and lighting although it was not connected to the mains. This will be done when school funds allow.

In January 2011 the school was ready for use and 200 excited children experienced their first lessons in a purpose built school instead of a dark church building.



The official opening was set for February and four of the CLinC trustees decided to fly out for this. The day began with lunch at The Lusaka Hotel with Bishop Njovu and several priests. When we arrived at St Anne's in Chipata we found around 300 children, teachers and parents all waiting for us. Chairs were lined up along the covered corridor of the new school building so we did have shelter from the hot sun. An afternoon of speeches, dances and entertainment by the children then began.

We were delighted with the two classroom building but found the rooms bare and almost empty. We had taken with us wall charts and strings of letters and numbers to hang around the rooms. This brightened it up a little. We also had funds with us to buy blackboards and notice boards for the two classrooms and timber to make a lockable storage cupboard for the storeroom. Two large cases filled with educational toys had also been taken out together with jig-saw mats, construction toys, threading cards and beads, small jigsaws and finger puppets. All of these were intended to improve the finger manipulation skills in preparation for using pencils. We spent some time showing the young teachers how to use these 'toys'. They had no experience of jigsaws, dominoes or construction kits and had to be reassured that these were educational as well as playthings.



Our local village school uses 'Jolly Phonics' to introduce children to reading and writing. We knew that this scheme had been very successful with immigrant adults learning English as a second language. It was felt that these children would benefit from the scheme and it could also be used with illiterate adults. So, during the Easter holidays one of our trustees returned together with her daughter and a young teacher. British Airways allowed us, as a charity, to take three times our baggage allowance. This was a great help and we took two starter sets of Jolly Phonics, extra readers, second hand children's library books and t-shirts donated by parents and children at St Andrew's School. Two local businesses also donated t shirts and sweatshirts. Two Ikea flat pack bookcases were taken to start two school libraries.



During our visit teachers from both school received training in the use of Jolly Phonics.

The trustees were delighted with the enthusiasm of the teachers and children when they visited the schools

Two children have reached the required standard to transfer to a state secondary school which is amazing considering the facilities available and the inexperience of the teachers.

Unfortunately it does cost more than the parents can afford for secondary schooling so sponsors may need to be found.

Sixteen young people were trained in the basic computer skills of Word and Excel . Four laptop computers and a small printer were taken out and used with two students per laptop. It is hoped that a basic introduction to the use of computers will help them to get employment.



One of the young men, Joseph Mwale is now the head teacher at Ng'ombe Community School.



Eighteen mature women enjoyed learning to read and write in English using the same Jolly Phonics methods. These women had little or no schooling when they were children as they were expected to care for their siblings, work in the house or fetch water.

These adult literacy classes have continued, more students have joined including some men. This is seen as real progress as men are usually reluctant to admit they cannot read and write.

Earlier this year we sent funds to buy double desks with benches for the one classroom. Twenty one were delivered to the delight of both staff and pupils. Father Frank managed to acquire some small second hand chairs from the Sunshine Charity for the pre-school and reception class. To go with these are ten low tables also provided by the Sunshine Charity. They are currently in a container heading for Zambia. It may take a few months to get there!



These two schools are now, in Zambian terms, well equipped and parents are keen to support the schools. Consequently parental contributions have increased and CLinC has begun to reduce its monthly contributions. We feel that this is a real success story and we will continue to monitor progress and offer one-off grants when required.



Reducing our monthly donations to CCACP has enabled us to consider supporting another newly set up community school in St Matthias Church, Ng'ombe. We visited the compound and church earlier in the year and saw how poor the people were and how many children had no hope of schooling. Ng'ombe is in the parish of Kaunda Square where Father Jackson is priest.

St Matthias Community

School now has 200 children enrolled and we are supporting them in a small way with allowances for teachers and cooks. The cooks are also the cleaners and the carers for the small children. In addition CLinC has sent funds to buy the first few text books.

Two of the trustees are going out to visit all of these projects in March 2012.

Trustees purchase their own air tickets and visas, and to reduce costs further we stay with Zambian families.... far, far more enjoyable than a guest house or hotel.

Financial Statement 2010/2011

	Last year £	This year £
General Funds - Receipts		
Donations	1529	6287
Fundraising	595	560
Bank Interest	1	3
Deposit Account interest	8	4
Gift Aid refund	232	466
TOTAL	2365	7320
General funds - Payments		
Chazanga & Chipata Community Schools	3778	4477
Ng'ombe Community School		394
Fundraising costs (ins. + food)	127	0
Charges to transfer donations	27	123
Printing & postage	9	0
Visiting projects	0	2261 (see note 1)
TOTAL	3941	7255
General cash funds this year end	1609	1674
Restricted funds - Receipts		
Text books	577	747
Pit Latrines	315	46
Orphan feeding programme	550	571
Chipata School new building	5029	6795
Restricted Funds - payments		
Chipata School new building	5012	6873
CCACP-text books	345	915
Orphan feeding programme	0	842
Pit latrines	0	361
Desks	0	223
Restricted Cash funds at end of year	1337	282

Note 1. This money was claimed then re-donated and Gift Aided.

Donations for the work of CLinC.

All donations towards CLinC are greatly appreciated.

To make a regular payment, please fill in the details below and return to CLinC,
Townwell House, Cromhall, GL12 8AQ.

To

(your bank name & address)

Please pay The Co-operative Bank (Branch sorting code 08-92-99) the sum of £
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A/c number Branch code

Signature Date

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