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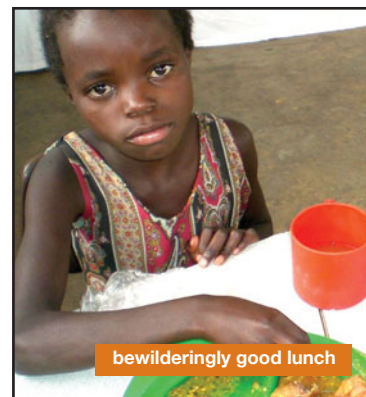
ISUBILO NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS AT ISUBILO

Christmas seems a long way back now but thought you might want to hear how we got on. The children had their usual party with much rejoicing over the chicken and especially the big bundle of presents they received. It was of course a time to remind us all of the incredible gift from God to offer much more than an increased standard of living.

The staff and volunteers were all given substantial gifts this year for which they were more than usually grateful and unusually there very few complaints. It was probably due to the two men who came in to help in the weeks running up to Christmas, working very hard and in very hot conditions, to find items to match each person and praying over each parcel as they were packing.

Thank you to all of you who lovingly packed and sent so many good quality items for us to be able to distribute during the year and still have enough to fill at least 500 large carrier bags for Christmas gifts ■



bewilderingly good lunch



love my knitted doll

DONATE ON LINE

We can now take on-line donating via our website www.isubilo.org

This has been made possible by a donation link to the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) website which can take on-line donations to all major credit and debit cards and set up on-line direct debits.

CAF registered charity number is 268369

Isubilo Community Resource Centre was registered under the Zambia Registrar of Companies as a Company limited by guarantee (non profit making) on 19 May 2000 and as a UK Charity in London registered number 1090539

DAY OF PRAYER

Early in January all the management and department heads spent a day together in prayer and discussion over the year ahead of us.

We all disappeared to Babs' serene property in the outskirts of Ndola. It was a great time of encouraging one another. Plus, exploring the way forward as a management and department heads team, all working together for a common goal ■



isubilo team 2010

VISITORS

We were very grateful to Barbara Lawson who paid a return visit late last year. Her help has always been valued as her previous visits have given her a grasp of range of work done especially in her speciality of nursing and patient care. She was involved in training as well as using her organisational skills and a strong spiritual input to help in team work and the running of the adherence and home based care departments. Her pastor came with her from England helping in taking numerous classes to upgrade our students preparing for exams.

At present we have Alison, a gap year student who is with us for six months helping especially again with the children under our care. The stimulation created by input from a totally different teaching culture is making a huge difference in the way our children are learning and applying knowledge. We are very grateful for all the help that we receive from the dedication and generosity of overseas volunteers ■



NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Another national table tennis tournament was held in the main hall of the CYC Centre last December. This was to qualify players to represent Zambia in South Africa in the new year. We were sorry that Benjamin, our star over 14 player missed it by a few points. Up till now he had done so well by beating everyone before him. On the strength of it we had proceeded to get a passport for him. We hope that it will be put into use on another occasion as his standard is definitely at national level ■

GRADE 9

With some of the results of last year's exams in, we are encouraged that our children have done better than the national average. This is a boost for them and us as it has been an upward battle to help the young people overcome the great lack in the government school education. It is so frustrating to see the fees increasing considerably year by year with this year being no exception, and yet the standards of teaching not improving.

It is therefore all the greater achievement when we see Kelvin settling into university to do law and Pephias into teacher training college. Other acceptances are still coming in though we are wondering how we are going to meet the financial requirement for their tertiary education ■

CYC YOUTH FORUM

It was felt that the older young people under our care should be using more initiative and being more pro-active in the running of their programme at Isubilo. Isabel and Whiteson have discussed with the youth the formation of a Youth Forum in which ideas can be floated for their activities as well as discussing and exploring such things as carriers etc. There are supposed to be staff at their schools to give guidance in these matters, but very little is done.

We are hoping that this forum will develop into a time to stimulate our young people to think out of the box ■



MAIZE

We have had very good rains this year though some storms sometime threatened to flatten rather than fatten the crops as has happened in some parts of the country. Mr Tanga is particularly pleased with the progress of the fields of many of our clients, volunteers and staff. It has tested his motorcycling skills as he negotiated almost impassable roads on his way to inspect the progress and give advice. It looks like many will not go hungry this year. We are very grateful for those of you who have donated towards the seed and fertilizer we were able to offer as a soft loan to those under our care. We just trust that they will be faithful in returning the loan in kind when the time comes. With the help of a church in America we have been able to put a number of Pastors on the scheme, not just to empower them personally, but hopefully for them to see the potential of getting their own congregations to be more self reliant by setting an example ■

MILL BACK IN ACTION

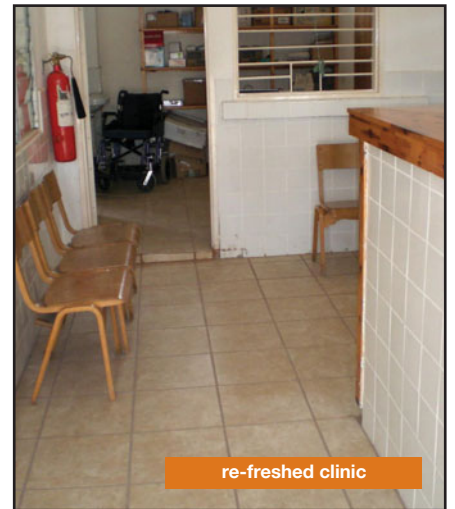
After being out of action for three months, the mill is finally back in action! Three out of four of the new rollers ordered from South Africa fell off the back of the truck requiring several weeks of negotiations to get



insurance back which we didn't, though the supplying company helped towards the cost of the new ones. We had to re-order in early December when unfortunately all industry in South Africa close for the whole month and clearing this end takes weeks, hence the delay. We took the opportunity of replacing unfaithful staff and introducing a much stricter system unfortunately reducing trust to a minimum, not our style, but necessary. We are concentrating on selling our brand in 25 and 10 Kg bags to get returns on the good stock of maize which we stored last year which has been waiting for the mill to restart. The new staff are doing well so far ■

CLINIC

Thanks to a couple in the South of England who have also taken the trouble to come out to see us for a couple of weeks, we have been able to tile and re-decorate our clinic. We are very proud of the difference this has made especially as we received a surprise visit from the Medical Council of Zambia shortly after. Richard, our clinical officer, is really enjoying his work in the fresh surroundings ■



THINKING ABOUT GIFTS

The Isubilo website features a **gift list** a great way to give birthday presents and gifts to your family and friends see www.isubilo.org/giftlist.htm



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