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DID YOU KNOW

That it costs about £9,420 per month to run Isubilo not counting maize buying and school fees.

- It costs £75 a week for a hot meal for 160 children on Saturdays
- £1,525 is spent on food every month
- £10,000 is spent on tertiary education for 6 students
- School fees for our children cost £29,500 yearly
- We have been spending between £600 and £800 on medicines
- £30.50 is spent providing meals for patients in hospital every week

THAT GOD HAS KEPT US GOING FOR OVER 10 YEARS!

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

ISUBILO NEWSLETTER

WHAT A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Patson (changed name) was found to be inadequately looked after by an elderly sick grandmother, his only guardian. He was not getting enough food and the antiretroviral medication which he was taking irregularly was having a detrimental effect on his health. He was grossly underweight for his age and had become totally introverted. Even his inclusion on the CYC programme with the other children and extra food was not making an impact on his condition. It was decided, with the permission of the grandmother, to place him with 'mum'



Preston + 'mum' Lucia

Lucia in Shelter House Two. It was a matter of weeks before he put on weight, became more healthy and was opening up to participate in activities with his peers. The doctor overseeing his progress has been astounded at his improvement. Thank you Lucia for the TLC and persistence in helping with his medication ■

ALISON FROM THE UK



Alison Stretton Downes (daughter to Simon and Grace Stretton Downes from Christian Dental Fellowship) came to Isubilo as a volunteer in January this year and has been with us for the past six months. She leaves to go back to the UK this coming week, which

we're all very sad about! It has been such a pleasure to have her with us and we are very grateful for the willing and enthusiastic help she has sacrificially given to many - especially the children under Isubilo's care. Many of our children have benefited from the extra curricular activities she has tirelessly offered, including many reading and homework lessons! Oswald should be especially grateful as he can now read and write. Alison is "REAL MISSIONARY MATERIAL" she's been totally fearless about public transport systems and very adventurous in trying different food on offer from the African culture. She loves "Nshima" the staple food in Zambia! ■



ISUBILO - BRINGING HOPE TO THOSE SUFFERING FROM HIV/AIDS

CHILD LIFE TOUCH ORPHANAGE

Recently we discovered an orphanage in another area of Ndola, where 21 orphaned children are being kept in one house by a caring lady and two lovely house-mums. But they are struggling so Isubilo was able to donate clothes, shoes and toys to the children, as well as some food items and bags of mealie-meal from our mill. Alison kindly spent time with the children trying on the various clothes and making sure each child had something that fitted them, as well as a toy each. She then taught them some games and generally made them feel special and wanted! They were so grateful, as you can see by their happy faces ■

HARVEST

This year Isubilo, with the help of Willow Creek Community Church, is involved in the training of ten local pastors and church leaders. They started with the loan of seed and fertilizer to grow a quarter of a hectare of maize each which they have successfully grown and harvested. They are thrilled with the results. This has given them food security as they are not very well supported. They are also an example to their churches and can teach the skills they have learnt under the Agric team's supervision ■



happy harvest time

TRAINING

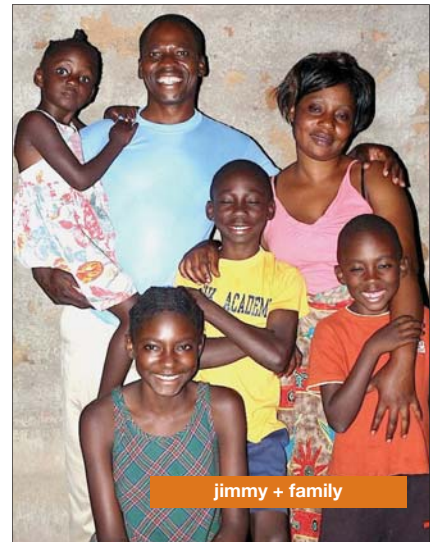
The pastors and church leaders are about to start the next phase of training. They will be attending two days of theory on antiretroviral therapy which is undergone by those tested positive for the HIV virus. They will then be expected to join our team of staff and volunteers who follow up clients on the therapy, to visit them in their homes and participate in helping the clients in taking their essential medication regularly and at the proper time as well distribute food where necessary also giving spiritual help. It is hoped that they will see the potential of this one to one practical help and bring it to their churches as part of their outreach ■

SADNESS

We are deeply saddened and frustrated at having to reluctantly say goodbye to two of our long time staff for unfaithfulness. It is heartbreaking after building friendship and trust to be let down. We have had to close the clinic for a few months referring our clients to the local government clinic and the central hospital. We are hoping to reopen the clinic in September with the return of Barbara Lawson. We have also lost a very good and safe driver who also was a storeman ■

JIMMY

Jimmy has been with us from the very start. He was trained in 1999 as a home based care volunteer. It became very obvious in a short time that he was in the right place. He had a natural ability to identify with the suffering and destitute showing compassion and a generous heart often sharing his own resources with the clients



jimmy + family

under his care. It was not long before it was decided to take him on as one of the staff team. It has been wonderful to see his passion and love for the clients undiminished and his servant heart comforting and bringing solace both emotional and spiritual to so many over the years. He is often asked by the grateful relatives who have recognised the compassionate input he has had in the life of their loved one, to participate in the funerals of those who have succumbed to disease. If he has his way he would have half of the population of the township on our books with his big heart. We are so grateful for faithful and dedicated people like Jimmy, part of the backbone of Isubilo, expressing all that it stands for ■



jimmy + william

BARBARA LAWSON

Isubilo has benefited in the past from Barbara's very capable input as an advisor with her nursing background and organisational skills. We had the privilege of having her again for the month of May and have again felt the positive effect of her input in most departments especially related to her medical and administrative acumen. We wish to congratulate her on passing her nursing exam here in Zambia when she was with us last year. She is now registered as a nurse in Zambia and has achieved this for the sole purpose of having more long term input in Isubilo ■



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