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## ELECTRIC FENCE

At last the electric fence is installed and tested. We are however unable to switch it on at the moment. We almost had a riot a week back as the local residents were afraid that the children would die of electrocution by touching the fence.



The local councillors who were trying to keep control unfortunately were in agreement, even saying that due to excessive poverty many would come to the fence to commit suicide! I assured them that they would have to hold on to the wires for approximately two weeks until they died of dehydration and starvation!

They still insisted that we build a 'protective' wire fence in front of the electric one to prevent people being electrocuted. So we are spending yet more money on a 'psychological' fence... fortunately only half a kilometer along the road side of the farm ■



**ANITA** is leaving today to resume her studies. She has had to enrol for a 2 year diploma course in computer engineering in Lusaka as Ndola do not offer that level. We are loath to let her go as she is part of the family and making herself almost indispensable helping in the office here at Isubilo. We are going to miss her and feel like parents having to release our daughter to the big wide world! She has done exceptionally well at certificate level and is hoping once again to earn a bursary in her new course ■

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**MILL BUILDING**

With extra funding from a kind donor in Canada we have been able to give the go-ahead for the mill building which is mushrooming. The new site will relieve our customers from going right through the property

for their mealie-meal. The building is big enough for expansion in the future which we hope will be a source of support for running costs of the Centre.

**KRISTI**

It's good to welcome Kristi back from Canada - this time for six months. During her last visit she helped with team building and on this visit her main focus will be on getting the OVC Centre up and running and helping the children get used to their new environment. We are very grateful for her dedication and for committing herself for this time.



**JADE** Patching, who recently graduated snapping up all three nursing prizes at Natal University is settling in as a full member of staff already making her mark and rapidly becoming indispensable. She is able to help in the adherence programme, with Home Based Care and as a back-up in the clinic. We are grateful for her input expecting her to be with us for a year at least.

**UNDERWEIGHT BABIES**

We are grateful to Nestle for the donation of a substantial quantity of baby milk which has really helped in literally saving little lives. It is so unfortunate that some mums leave it too late to save their babies even with the medical help we are able to offer. We have sadly lost two babies in these last few weeks despite all our efforts.

**OVC NEWS - NEW VOLUNTEERS** OVC has recently taken on another 25 children on to the Child Support Programme – it's so good to have some new faces around. With these new children comes the need for more volunteers. Our current volunteers are still doing an amazing job monitoring the families that they are assigned to, as well as helping out in many other areas, but we really do need another 12-15 volunteers in order to ensure that all of our families are

**SHELTER HOUSE**

We have planning permission and have started on the renovation and extension of a second shelter house for orphans with absolutely no one to look after them. We are pleased with the progress in the first ten days and are hopeful to have it functioning in the not too distant future.



**MAIZE**

We are grateful to say that despite the heavy rains and floods in parts of this region many of our clients are looking forward to a reasonable harvest this season.



**CLASSES RESUME**

School has started again and we are again providing extra tuition with teachers coming three times a week. This time however the classes are being held in the unfinished class rooms in the new OVC Centre. We are just needing a coat of paint and some glass for them to be officially opened. Shelves are being put in the store room and desks and doors made on site. We really feel that we are on the last lap.

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regularly visited. So we're starting a 2 week volunteer training on 10th March which will include all the basics that they need to know along with team building games and activities, talks from staff from local schools and the local Social Welfare department. We've just completed interviews of candidates from a selection of local churches and we're looking forward to getting to know them and building relationships with them in the next few weeks.

