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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



looking good

We would like to share a success story of a little one who more than qualified to attend the underweight baby clinic.

Lucky Mwape\* is almost three years old now. He was admitted to the underweight baby clinic at Isubilo in August 2006 and has been with us for 2 years now. His father died the same year he

was born and his mother is on Anti-Retroviral Therapy. He was tested HIV positive at 18 months and was started on ART in June 2006. When he was admitted he was dangerously underweight and had frequent diarrhoea and chest problems. We put him on weekly food supplements and advised his mother about how to give the ART medicine correctly. Over the time he has been with us, his weight has increased significantly from under 7KG to a current weight of 12.7KG which is safely in the healthy weight bracket for his age. I would like to commend Sue Beare for her dedication to the underweight babies and their mothers. We will truly miss her input and enthusiastic spirit! Thanks Sue...and well done! \*NAME CHANGED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY REASONS

**A MOTORBIKE FOR TANGA** From previous reports on the website you will know of the dedication of Mr Tanga to the agricultural help given to many of our clients. We have mentioned the hundreds of kilometers he travels on his bicycle to check and advise those growing crops in their own fields. A church in England have very generously provided for a new motorbike to be bought for Mr Tanga to help him in the invaluable task of supervising and instructing in agricultural matters. It has taken many weeks for the order to be completed including the registration but we are grateful that it is available before we get to the busiest time of the year for him



looking good too

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**THE NEW LAB AND NUTRITION COMPLEX**

Work has finally started on the foundations of an extension of the clinic which will include a laboratory and medical store as well as counselling rooms and a nutrition demonstration room. The

corruption in the local council meant that plans were held up for months which then was compounded when many were fired and the offices closed for some months. The plans have finally been approved and building started ■



**LIBRARY** Shelving has been put in place after the tiling of the library thanks to donations from two schools. The many books that were sorted out by Kristi during her 6 month stint as a

volunteer, will finally find their way on the shelves for the children to use. We are

very grateful for the donation of books over several years which have been preciously kept until such a time as they could be effectively displayed and used ■



**SMALL GRADUATION**

It was realised that the OVC department could well do with more skills and information on the follow-up of children on ART (antiretroviral

therapy). Though twelve volunteers were trained earlier on this year to help with adherence to the medication regime, none were closely linked with the children. Two volunteers who have built up good relationships with the children over some years, one of whom is our wonderful Charity who is in charge of the shelter home, have now received comprehensive training to know how to help the young ones some of whom don't even know why they are on medication ■

**THANK YOU** We are hearing of the rising cost of living with a global shortage of food, the rising cost of fuel and people having to pull in their belts world-wide. We wish to thank those who have generously and sacrificially contributed to our efforts in bringing

hope into an otherwise hopeless situation. In a country which is rapidly increasing in wealth, it is so frustrating that the little help we are able to give diminishes in value with the rising cost of living. Petrol is now £1.30 a litre with an effect on all transported goods including food stuffs. The staple food which usually dips in price at this time of the year has rather been increasing in cost and greedy landlords are raising rentals out of all proportion of even the most decrepit shack. It is difficult to give people a hope of getting out of the poverty vortex in a country which has greater wealth resources than most. The divide between the wealthy and the poor seems to be widening. Please continue to help us in our aim to give both tangible and spiritual hope ■

**WE ARE BECOMING FAMOUS!**

Thanks to our rapidly rising young stars in table tennis, we were able to hold a national tournament using the recently beautifully decorated OVC hall. Eight teams of adults and youth turned up from different towns in Zambia for a two



day tournament which resulted in two of our boys taking the first and second place in the national under fourteens. We are very proud of our boys who have since been offered free coaching by a Japanese world class player next month and invited to Lusaka for a further tournament shortly ■

**WATER AT THE SECOND SHELTER HOUSE**

A hand pump has now been assembled to pump water from the borehole drilled a few weeks ago. Progress on the house has been slow as with most things here, but we are grateful that we see an end in view ■



**ON A VERY SAD NOTE** It has come to our notice that a member of staff who was entrusted with responsibilities in the administration and the handling of money, has been embezzling over a considerable period of time amounting to a substantial amount. The matter is being dealt with at present and he of course has been immediately relieved of his duties. We are devastated as a team that we have been let down do badly by a loved and trusted colleague and especially that finances which were designated for those in desperate need have been misappropriated ■