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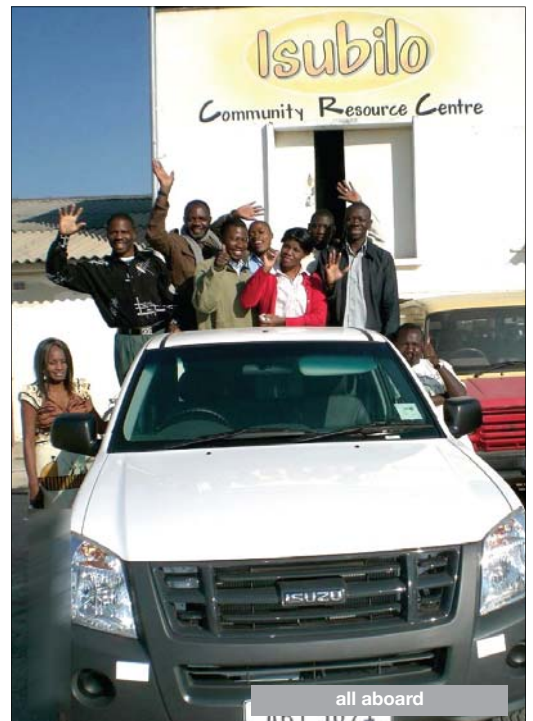
THE LAB

The extension to the clinic for a lab and added building for nutrition and counselling rooms are finally being roofed. There has been a pause in the building for a while when it had reached roof level. We are also very pleased to have found a great building team who work hard and efficiently, amazing us all with the speed with which they have done the job and with excellence. Not quite sure what health and safety in the UK would have to say though!

The clinic is also having a face-lift with tilting and a new coat of paint thanks to friends in England who specifically raised funds for this ■

NEW VEHICLE

We have a "Brand" new pick up thanks to the generosity of friends in England and Canada. We have been coping with an old banger which we bought very second hand eight years ago... so what a pleasure to have a vehicle that we know will pass the certificate of fitness (MOT) without too much prayer... not that we don't want to pray...better using our time praying for the people under our care though! It is a great relief for our driver who let's face it was not a little embarrassed doing the Isubilo shopping in the old crate. It is still a runner though and very useful for dirty jobs with the farm and charcoal which we distribute to the needy ■



all aboard

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

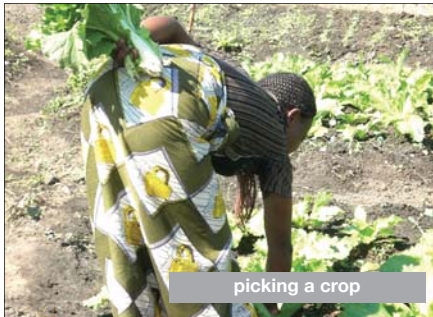
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MAIZE



We have struggled to build up the stock of maize we need to last us out the season. We are very grateful to those who have donated specifically towards this as it is so important to be able to help our needy clients through the lean period from January to April. We recently had a generous donation of \$5,000 which has rejoiced Tanga's heart as he is in charge of the maize reserve. There is fortunately still plenty of maize to be bought ■

EMPOWERING



As you know one of the great aims we have is to get people back on their feet and self supporting. We are trying to use different ways to help our friends get back to making a living for themselves. Thank you to the many who have sent us wool, cotton and material which we are able to give to widows who are able to transform them into saleable items and clothes to wear themselves.

A recent brainwave of Babs' was to issue a voucher to would be marketers to go to our farm and collect K20,000 worth of vegetables (enough for example to get say 8 cabbages). They take them to the market and sell them for as much as they can but have to bring back K20,000 in cash. We then give them a

voucher for double that amount and they sell those. Within a few cycles they have built up a tidy capital and they are on their own.

Back yard gardens are still a very viable way to get a family back on its feet. We are getting tough with the orphans, insisting that they grow something in their back yards or at the farm, if they are to stay on the programme. It is lovely to see grandchildren and grandparents working together to provide for their own food as well as to sell for their upkeep ■

THE MILL

The mill hits the headlines again! Only this time it is not good news. At intervals, in the running of the mill, the rollers which do the work of grinding have to be taken out and sharpened by experts. An engineer in Zambia claimed to have the right machinery to do this, saving us having to send them to a company in South Africa involving transport costs and hassles at the borders with much paperwork. Unfortunately the rollers have come back sharpened but unusable as they are eccentric. We had to put the old blunt set back in, but the production quality and quantity has deteriorated to such an extent that we have had to lay off our millers and are now going through the process of buying a new set of rollers from South Africa and later sending both sets of old rollers to be re-aligned and fluted. It has been very difficult to lay off workers who have been with us for a number of years. We will start up as soon as we can ■



A STORY as told by Tanga



Samson Kunda is one of our clients. He is about 50 years old married with children three of whom are school going. One child dropped out of school due to lack of funding since he was the breadwinner and was infected with HIV/AIDS. He was so weak that there was no way he could provide for his family. In fact he became dependent on them.

At this time Isubilo adopted him as a client under the home based care team. Since then there has been a dramatic change in his health. He was attached to the Isubilo Farm and was given a plot of land for gardening. His garden has done very well among the other clients' gardens. It has become a good source of income for him and the family enabling to support the family with basic needs such as school uniforms for the children.

He is able to make K30,000 a day when his vegetables are ready. Mr Kunda has really appreciated the idea of gardening implemented by Isubilo farm and would want it to grow big in the near future. He also stressed that the benefits of gardening are outstanding and wants to be progressive in his production ■



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