

MONZE MAKANI

From the Editor

Dear friends and supporters,

This is our first Newsletter. We hope you find it informative and wish to assure you that there will be another following a little later this year. The first year saw us 'cutting our teeth' - and what a result, with over £7,500 raised - thanks entirely to you and all of those who have helped both here in the UK and in Zambia.

Our aim is to minimise operating overheads, particularly on the marketing and administrative side - hence the format of this newsletter, which I hope you will concur with. The production costs are supported with our thanks to Concept Digital.

We will shortly launch the first version of our web site which will be found at www.monze.com. Please watch out for it and help with suggestions.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The Editor



Our little heroes

During the year 2004-05 you helped sponsor 44 of the 117 vulnerable pupils. This year with your help we hope to be able to commit sponsorship for 100 of these pupils. The photos (above) are just some of those vulnerable pupils who attend Monze Basic School. These children have either lost their parents to TB, AIDS or malaria, or whose families cannot support their education any more.

A £20 sponsorship covers the academic needs of one pupil. It also allows enables us to supply a school uniform. If the sum is Gift Aided we are able to reclaim the £5.60 tax from the Inland Revenue. This helpful sum covers vaccination protection. Ask for further details: gift-aid@monze.com



MBASAPRON

Meet the committee of MBASAPRON who look after the needs of the Orphan and vulnerable pupils. The Chairperson is Mr. Simutelo (front row). This is the team who organise support for the school and pupils locally in and around Monze.

Jerry Grieve reports from Zambia that local benefactors in Zambia have helped with some of the challenges the school was presented with. One generous supporter paid the school's water bill, enabling the school to re-open - see Bore Hole Project overleaf



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PC and IT kit donated

In addition to the tremendous financial support we have received, MEF has also been given PC and other IT equipment which will be used to equip a learning centre and provide staff with much needed resources to help with their education programmes. The equipment is awaiting refurbishment of the new building adjacent to Classrooms 1 & 2.

The refurbished building will also serve as a small library with the books donated by supporters.

Ways in which you can support the Fund and its beneficiaries:

- Sponsor one or more pupils - either for a year or throughout their schooling
- Gift Aid - adds 28% from the tax man
- Sponsor a classroom
- Buy a two seater desk
- Sponsor a 'self support' project
- Support our Bursary Fund
- Help fund raise



Ann Stavrou (above) recalls

"I'd had a Big birthday a week or so before and knew that the family had offered to pay for some kind of outing - but even as we set off I didn't know exactly what was happening. It became clearer as we approached Panshanger though! It was a wonderful experience, exciting and fun!"

Memorable flights

Since Autumn of 2004 MEF has benefited from a scheme know as 'Charity Flights'. Quite simply, if you, or someone you know, would like to go for a flight experience in a light aircraft you can call 01279-652766 and book a mutually suitable date/time. If this is to be a surprise for someone you can ask for a voucher to include with a card.

MEF receives 100% of the proceeds donated for the flight. The scheme complies with the guidelines set out by the CAA and is run independently of MEF.

Call the above number for further information.

Other progress:

A roof has already been installed over the industrial arts building and further refurbishment is in progress which will see the installation of windows and doors to the building.

The school is badly in need of 130 desks and seats to enable pupils to sit more comfortably (many needed to sit three to a two seat desk). Your donations have enabled the school to place an order for these desks.

Bore Hole Project

A school with well over a thousand pupils, as well as staff, use a considerable amount of water, principally for ablutions.

We can well imagine what would happen if there is disruption to the supply of flushing and washing water. During 2004 the school was compelled to close on at least one occasion because there was no water supply.

MEF is investigating the feasibility of providing the school with its own bore hole to ensure self sufficiency and continuity. The aim being to ensure uninterrupted education. Water Aid is helping with professional advice. An estimated £8,000 is needed to sink the borehole and provide associated pump, storage and plumbing infrastructure.



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