

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2011

We have just received our figures for 2010-2011 and I am delighted to say that we have raised an amazing £270,000 (US\$445,000); this is our best year to date. All the money has gone directly into our grassroots projects in Zambia. Our annual report and accounts will shortly be circulated.

Despite a quiet start to the new financial year our funds have had a great boost from both individuals and corporate who have visited Mukuni Village in the past few months. Having gone to the village as part of a cultural tour, many took the opportunity to visit The Butterfly Tree projects. Donations of blankets, sports balls, stationery and clothing have helped a number of vulnerable people. Two companies, Brady Italy and Canon Australia have generously offered ongoing support. Others came in individual donations and orphan sponsorship from the UK, US, Europe and Australia.

The three schools we are currently building, two in the Musokatwane Chiefdom and one in Mukuni, are well under way and should all be completed by the end of this year ready to open in January 2012. This has been made possible thanks to grant aid from Jersey Overseas Aid Commission. We are now reaching out to fifteen schools in the Kazungula District in addition to three clinics and a number of rural villages.



Supplies donated to Macheje Pre-school



New football to replace 'bag and string'

Many existing donors have generously continued their support to sponsor orphans. The first of the sponsored orphans have now completed grade twelve and our aim is to source the funds so they can go onto further education. The Mukuni Village Fund in South Australia is now sponsoring fifty orphans through The Butterfly Tree program. However many more sponsors are needed. Due to the global recession and lack of employment in these outreach villages far too many children, even those with parents, have failed to pay their school fees. We have increased our support to keep them in school. This summer we have seven volunteers who are working at the Mukuni schools to tackle the HIV/AIDS problems and improve the education standards and also some of them will be working with women's groups.



Peter sponsored orphan completes school



Mukuni pupils receive HIV/AIDS education

This month I was invited to Zurich to receive a substantial donation from ENRC Marketing AG. Unknown to us their employees had held a fundraising campaign and the beneficiary was to be an NGO working in one of the many countries where their company operates. After sifting through hundreds of charitable organisations, amazingly The Butterfly Tree was selected for having the best record of proven transparency and for the fact that we are all volunteers both in the UK and Zambia. The male employees had to grow moustaches and beards, all the staff gave generously with matched funding provided by ENRC's Head Office in London. This was an amazing achievement especially as it took only one month from concept to reaching their target. The funds raised totalled US \$27,000 and will be used to build a teacher's house at Mukuni Village, five community houses for orphans in the Chiefdom and to support our HIV/AIDS programmes for children, which include peer education, workshops and feeding programs.



Employees involved in the challenge



Jane accepting ENRC Marketing's donation

Saga, who's Charitable Trust, is one of our major donors, are challenging their employees to raise funds to build a bore hole and a shelter for boarders at Mukuni who have to long distances to walk to school. This means that they can remain close to the school during the week and return home at the weekend.

Next month, after winning a team place, we are to participate in Cyclothon UK, a cycle challenge initiated by Victor Umbugu of VU Ltd and former England rugby prop. The event is to be held at Brands Hatch on 15th September. Our team 'The Flying Butts' need your support. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to The Butterfly Tree, 3 Gannaway Court, Norton Lindsey, Warwick CV35 8JR or made using our Just Giving webpage: <http://www.justgiving.com/clythothonuk>. If you are in the area any time during the day or from 4pm onwards when the excitement reaches a peak, please go and support the team and see many of the International Rugby players taking part. We are grateful to CRB Solutions, Academy Leasing and Geddes and Associates who are our three of our main sponsors.

Thank you to all the individuals, corporate, schools, clubs, volunteers and philanthropies who have given so generously to our grassroots projects, which have improved the lives of thousands of children and vulnerable communities in Zambia.

Warmest regards,

Jane Kaye-Bailey