



## NEWSLETTER

### November 2008

Dear Friends Thank you so much for your very kind and generous support, which enables us to continue to make a very real difference to many young vulnerable children in village schools in Zambia.

Rural Community schools are set up by the local villagers to try to provide a basic education for the many orphans and vulnerable children, who otherwise would not have an education. The villagers make the bricks with their own hands and teachers are usually volunteers. These communities receive very little if any help from the government and yet are very dedicated to educating their children.

**It is wonderful to see what a relatively small amount of money can do in supporting their aims.**

It is vital to involve the Communities from the start on any project and we work hand in hand with the teachers, PTA, and village headmen.

Some projects require maintenance eg the hand pump on a borehole, and during our visit in October we spoke with a group linked to Rotary, who are able to arrange training in the communities, so that they learn these skills and become self-reliant.

Thank you so much for your support.  
With Love, Jill Gillanders Secretary

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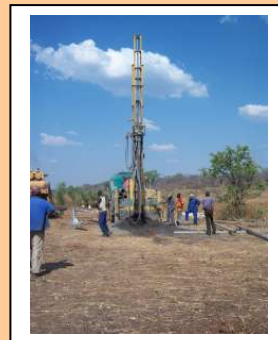
School Twinning Friends proved to be too long a name, and in Sept 08 the Charity Commission approved the change of name to **Zest-uk** (Zambia Educational Support Trust ) Reg. 1119927

**\* Do have a look at our new website!**

Our thanks to David Stringer of [www.synchronisedwebdesign.com](http://www.synchronisedwebdesign.com)

In the last few months the following has been achieved through your generosity:

- **Libala School: 2 teachers houses completed**
- **Simatobolo School: New school building exterior finished.**
- **Simatobolo School & Community: Borehole drilled**
- **Over £1000 spent on textbooks**
- **Fruit trees - funds raised**
- **100 leather footballs distributed**



Borehole Drilled at Simatobolo Oct 08  
Funded by Hatch Beauchamp School & Church & with donation of £500 from Helston Rotary



16yr old Gift Dube was taken for eye surgery to Lusaka Eye Hospital so he can see well enough to return to school. Oct 08

## SIMATOBOLO



The new school had its roof put on last month and is protected from the heavy rains soon to come. It's a very good size and is already being used. 3 classrooms, 2 offices and 2 store rooms. We are now applying for grants to finish off the interior – paint, plaster, window panes etc as well as furnish it with desks, cupboards and blackboards.



Bricklayer

The Community helping the carpenter with the roof timbers



## LIBALA



2 New Teachers Houses were completed and now occupied. For the past 2 years, Mr Kayunga had to use a classroom for sleeping in.



Leather balls last much longer in the rural conditions

We have supplied the Zambian schools with leather footballs, netballs and volley balls, purchased from Alive&Kicking in Lusaka. Their workshop employs local people to handstitch the balls, which also carry messages on AIDS and Malaria prevention.

**FRUIT TREES** On our visit in June we assessed that the schools most needing fruit trees were the ones that still needed a reliable water supply. The Fruit Tree Fund has therefore been held in readiness to use when these schools have the adequate water supply.

**TEXT BOOKS** Approx £1000 has been spent on books for the following schools: Mulindi, Chileleko, Libala, Simatobolo.

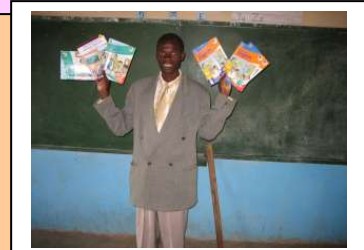
The Government recently introduced a New Curriculum and so its been helpful for the schools to have the new books at this time.

We hope to be able to supply more to more schools..

Funding for this has come from: Tami Ellis's Book4Book Appeal, Stoke St Mary Church, All Saints Church, Thirkleby, N Yorkshire, Northallerton & Mowbray Rotary Club.

## GREETINGS CARDS FOR SALE

Designed by school children from the Zambian twin schools, these are available in packs of 5 for £4.50. Please see the website for details



### HELIX

Donated large quantities of board rules, sharpeners, compasses, rulers pens, stencils etc

### BRITISH AIRWAYS

Continue to support us with generous baggage allowances

### SCRIVENS OPTICIANS

Provided all new glasses for the eyecare program we did in June

SpecSavers provided magnifying glasses for a partially sighted community

£ Online Donations Now Possible

## TRADITIONAL ZAMBIAN SONGS - CD available soon.

Recorded live at the Zambian schools in June this year, this CD has a variety of group and solo songs, sung in tribal languages. It will be released soon. Please see our website or contact me direct if you would like a copy. All proceeds go to improving teaching facilities at the rural Zambian schools



### SCHOOLS NOW LINKED:

Chaba Community School = Knayton CE Primary School, Thirsk : Chileleko Community School = Skelton Newby Hall CE School, Ripon : Kabuyu Basic School = Settrington CE School, Malton, N Yorks  
 Libala Basic School = Thurlbear CEVA School, Taunton : Livingstone Primary School = Easingwold Primary School, York : Mulindi Community School = Husthwaite CE Primary School, York  
 Musokotwane Basic School = Topcliffe CE Primary School, Thirsk : Nsongwe Basic School = Northallerton College, N Yorks : Siamasimbi Basic School = Court Fields Community School, Wellington