



M.A.D.4Kids Newsletter December 2025

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With our continuing thanks and seasonal good wishes

The Good Samaritan Ministries School, Lusaka



The school grew in numbers again this year, (to 470) and we bought an additional 30 two-seater desks to cater for the growth. The school garden proved to be a big success and we have sent funds for seeds for the new growing season.

The government charge pupils a small amount to sit their final year exams. When we visited last year we learned that this prohibited the poorest children in attaining their leaving certificates and so the teachers were paying the fees themselves. We now include funds to cover those costs.



MAD4Kids Support Fund

The MAD4Kids Support Fund is the backbone to our fundraising efforts. Next year, we will celebrate the 20 year anniversary of setting up the fund. Many of you have shared that journey from the start with us – we are now blessed with 90 supporters donating to us by standing order every month. A huge thank you to each and every one of you.

We guarantee that every penny donated goes to the Good Samaritan Ministries school.

They are entirely dependent on MAD4Kids to keep the school operating – providing an education and daily meal to the vulnerable children and orphans they support. Our goal next year is to increase the number of monthly donors to 100 by the August 2026 anniversary of the fund starting. Supporters can donate whatever amount they feel comfortable with each month. If you can help us by encouraging others to join, we'd be delighted. Please either email g.vaughan@hotmail.co.uk or send a message through the 'contact us' page on our website www.mad4kids.org.uk.

Christopher Phiri

You may remember that Christopher Phiri, an ex-pupil of the school, has progressed in his education and is just finishing his first year in University. We are pleased to say that, thanks to an anonymous donor, we have been able to sponsor Christopher with the costs of his education as he moves on through medical school.



Feeding Programme
Nshima, made of ground corn meal, is the staple food in Zambia and forms the basis of most school meals. When available, vegetables grown in the school garden accompany the nshima and occasionally soya is added, to the delight of the children. This year, for the first time, we have been able to add a small amount of chicken to their end of term Christmas meal; a first for many of the children.



Fund-raising events



This year we held 2 quiz nights, a plant sale, a Gower Yomp and the much loved Carols by Candlelight evening. These, together with personal donations, enable us to undertake projects for other schools in Zambia. The rural schools in the Monze District are faced with quite different challenges from those in Lusaka.

Subsistence farming remains the main way of life for those outside the main town. Droughts in recent years have emphasized how vital a reliable source of fresh drinking water is to schools and their communities. An on-site water source also enables schools to grow their own vegetables, corn and fruit trees to supplement feeding. **In the last 3 years, with your support, MAD4Kids has been able to drill boreholes and provide fresh water to 5 schools and over 2000 pupils.** Other recent projects have included building/rebuilding classrooms, toilet blocks, teachers' houses and providing permaculture training (for pupils and community members).

Clean drinking water, a school garden and new toilets at Malama school



A new teacher's house at Malomo school

When we visited the school last year to see the new water supply and school garden, the village elders asked if we could also fund a teachers' house as several teachers remained living in one of the classrooms. In a letter of thanks from the school they were delighted to report that the newly built house has led to a big improvement in teaching space.



Over 800 children at Malama school are now benefitting from a new borehole, with solar powered pump and school garden funded by the charity. The existing borehole and hand pump was totally inadequate for the size of the school, it only operated for short periods at a time and when tested was discovered to be polluted with faecal matter. The school would have had to close. A new, much deeper borehole was drilled, which has produced a consistent supply of good quality drinking water and enabled the school garden to flourish. We have also sent additional funds to build new toilet blocks at the school because current facilities were inadequate for the number of pupils.

Namilongwe school

We have received many photos showing the children growing vegetables and maize in their newly created gardens at all our schools and have sent more funds recently to Namilongwe school to buy hosepipes and new gardening tools to make their gardening even more successful.

