



M.A.D.4Kids Newsletter March 2025

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Thank you for your continuing support

The Good Samaritan Ministries School, Lusaka



Following our visit in July last year, we embarked on a much needed repair and maintenance programme at the school. Doors, windows and metal roofs were replaced and a solar powered water pump for the water supply was installed to enable the school to have water throughout the day and to lessen the impact of frequent power cuts.



Drought in Zambia

We experienced the impact of drought with both electricity and water shortages throughout Zambia when visiting last year. The economy is heavily dependent on Hydro-power generation plants on the Zambeze river and Kariba Dam . Both water (including sanitation) and electricity were only available at unpredictable times for 4 hours a day.

It brought home to us the vital importance of water and the enormous difference that MAD4Kids made to the schools and the isolated rural communities they serve by drilling bore holes at Namununga and Malomo schools. We came home determined to do more.

We are fortunate that friends felt that way too.



Namilongwe School

We are very grateful to longtime supporters, Bernard and Jan McDiarmid for offering to fund the installation of a new borehole with a solar powered pump, water tank and fenced school garden at Namilongwe school, 30km from Monze in Zambia. The school garden (the size of two football pitches) has a water system feeding multiple taps for irrigation. These are the first taps most of the 700 plus children at the school will have ever seen.

Hamunyangwa Community School

We are also delighted that friends Ian and Helen Doble, through Groove Associates Ltd, offered to fund another solar powered water installation and school garden at

Hamunyangwa school with 380 children, 65Km from Monze. This rural school had previously shown a big interest in establishing a school garden to feed the children and had already been given some training in permaculture through our partners Zambia Women and Girls Foundation. Within weeks of the new solar powered water supply and fenced garden, we were receiving photos of maize, okra and other vegetables starting to grow.



'Cream of the Nation'

You may remember that in July we met with Christopher, a former pupil at GSM school described at the time by the Minister for Education as 'one of the cream of the nation'. Together with the late Bishop Alick Malama and more recently his son Timothy, we have helped to provide him with some of the basics (e.g. school uniform, shoes and books) to continue his education. His ambition was to be a doctor. We are absolutely delighted to report that he has recently

secured a sponsorship to study medicine at the University of Zambia and we have been able to provide him with some of the basics including a laptop to begin his studies.

Christopher wrote a very heartfelt letter of thanks, including: **'I am very grateful in a way that words cannot express how I appreciate you for your good works for me. Thank you for unlocking the potential in me. I hope to make you proud in everything I do academically and morally. Furthermore you have inspired me to touch other people's lives the way you did to me.'**

A new teacher's house at Malomo school

Continuing our support for Malomo school, we recently agreed to build a house to accommodate teachers who have had to live in school classrooms for several years because there was no alternative accommodation. The community are actively involved in gathering stone, sand and other materials before our builders construct the new building to the government approved design. This should free up much needed classroom space for the pupils.



Creating a school garden at GSM

The improved solar powered water supply has enabled the staff and pupils to return to growing vegetables within the school grounds to supplement the 'nshima' served to pupils in the daily feeding programme.

