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Pupils outside the new classroom block at Kalomo Central Community School, Zambia

Dear Friend

Welcome to our Winter newsletter. In this edition, we'd like to share with you some of the projects that have received much needed funding from you and are now able to provide an environment that enables the children to learn and to make their time at school an enjoyable one.

One such school is Kalomo Central Community School in Zambia, who have recently moved into their new double classroom block. Turn to page 2 and read more about our work at this school.

Please remember, that all of the successes of African Revival are only made possible due to your support and so on behalf of all of the children, THANK YOU and MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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Update from Uganda

Gulu Core Primary Teacher College

By supporting this college we are ensuring well trained teachers can provide quality education for many. It has developed into an institution offering food and boarding for students, it has a constant water supply through solar power and a library for both tutors and students. These improvements have resulted in higher pass rates and this year 91% of students reached the required standard.

We are continually looking to enhance this college and we have recently implemented an agricultural project. There are vast amounts of land on site that can be farmed and we will be providing the practical skills needed to start the work. The skills learned will enable the students to design lessons in farming and pass this vital knowledge onto primary pupils.

They will also be able to use the harvest to feed staff and students and to sell any surplus.

I'm sure you'll agree this project will benefit hundreds of children and their families.



Pupils at Gulu Core Primary Teacher College



Update from Zambia

A new classroom block opens at Kalomo Central Community School

In early October, we handed over the new classroom block at Kalomo Central Community School. This school caters for almost 900 pupils and they had been crammed into just 7 classrooms. In an effort to ease overcrowding, the school offered staggered start times for the pupils, but this wasn't working as lesson times had to be shortened and teachers struggled to follow the national curriculum. It also meant that for some families, children started school at different times, so many didn't bother to attend.



Hard at work building the new block



Pupils outside the new classroom block

The local community have been the driving force in the success of this project. They've provided basic building materials, cleared the site and under our supervision began to dig foundations. The work was completed within schedule and the handover ceremony took place on 3 October 2012. This additional classroom block will give the school more teaching space and we are now fundraising to build a further classroom block to reduce class sizes further.

New Project in Uganda

We have recently become aware of Anaka P7 School in Northern Uganda. This school has more than 1200 children enrolled, but their facilities are very poor and in the coming months we hope to help them.

They have 7 classroom blocks, but many are in a state of disrepair and they do not have sufficient desks or chairs and often pupils are taught sitting on the floor. Another objective is to construct new toilet blocks to ensure adequate and hygienic sanitary facilities.

We'd also like to repair the borehole which will ensure access to safe and clean drinking water at the school, but also for the wider Anaka community. We hope these projects can start soon.



An existing classroom block



The dilapidated toilet block

New Project in Zambia

Around 290 children attend Jokwe Basic School in Zambia, but their facilities are in desperate need of repair.

With your help, we aim to construct a classroom block which will immediately half classroom sizes. We will also need to provide 105 double-seater desks to ensure workspace for every pupil, along with 4 teacher desks and chairs. The school also needs learning materials such as exercise books and pens.

Another objective is to provide suitable accommodation for the Head and Deputy Head teachers as their current building is too small and not fit for purpose.

With your help, we hope to start this work in early 2013.



An existing double classroom block



The temporary teacher house

Can you help?



Mooka Basic School in Zambia currently has 422 children enrolled and a further 50 children aren't able to attend because the school does not have the room for them.

This school desperately needs our help. As you can see, the classroom block is in a poor state. The roof has collapsed and it is near derelict. The local community want to help. They've moulded bricks and they've collected other materials such as gravel, sand and stone.

We'd like to give them a school environment that they can be proud of. With funding we can renovate the classroom block and half current classroom sizes. We would also want to make sure that the classrooms are fully equipped with enough desks and chairs, teaching and learning materials. We also need to build new homes for the teachers as theirs are collapsing.

With your help, we can make a difference to the lives of hundreds of children.



Could you leave a legacy?

Making a Will is your chance to let your family, friends and favourite charities know how much you care for them. It also allows you to be in control of exactly what happens to all your possessions and a gift in your Will means that you can continue to help those after you have gone.

If you feel you are able, you may like to consider leaving a gift to African Revival which would really make a difference to the children in Africa.

Please feel free to contact us, with no obligation, and we have produced a free booklet that gives you all the information you need.



We hope you have enjoyed this edition of our Newsletter. If you are interested in finding out more about our events or projects, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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