

Kaloko News



HELPING RURAL ZAMBIAN COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES

Christmas 2008

Enterprise 2008

Enterprise development is one of Kaloko's key objectives, encouraging local enterprise to add value to local produce, generate employment and income, raise skills levels and establish the base for broader economic activity. Luansobe's residents have taken great strides this year towards all of these goals.

Over the past year, the Luansobe Beekeeping Cooperative (LBCS) has worked to justify every bit of the support it receives from the Innocent Foundation and individual donors. It has expanded its membership to 157, trained a further 50 new beekeepers, tripled its purchase and sale of honey and completed the new LBCS office block.

Beekeeping is an environmentally-friendly activity, vital in an area where deforestation is a major problem, but it is also very popular with women, allowing them to generate additional income to support their families.

We are also delighted to report that Kaloko's printing press is in action again. Joseph Taulo, who used to manage the press, has set up an independent family-run printing business which leases the equipment from the Trust. We hope the press will be producing Kaloko's Christmas cards in 2009!

The Luansobe Carpenters' Cooperative (LCC) is another success story. Helped by UK volunteer Nick Frost, members have worked hard to improve production quality, standardisation and costing. As a direct result, turnover in 2008 has risen steadily. With orders coming in for desks, hives, doors, furniture for Kandulwe Health Outpost and building refurbishment, the future looks bright for LCC.



LCC carpenters work with Nick Frost on an order for wooden hives for the Beekeeping Cooperative.

Widening access to education



Which little face is more deserving than another? Fortunately, nobody has to make that awful choice under the class sponsorship scheme. Here, an entire class of small pupils at Kaloko Crèche is benefiting from your support. They all say 'thank you'!

Sponsoring classes rather than individual pupils, is proving to be fairer, more inclusive and significantly more cost effective.

Under the revised scheme, which has been in operation since 2006, far more funding goes directly to support children in school and less is spent on administering the system. Even with the recent inclusion of Kandulwe School and the Crèche in the scheme, overhead costs are contained and the benefit is certainly being spread more broadly. A total of 1,162 children in 29 classes now receive support, with an additional 35 high-achieving pupils gaining individual scholarships to fund them through secondary school. This is all thanks to the 222 individual or group sponsors who contribute to the scheme which raised £71,000 in the last two years, of which 90% was sent to Zambia.

In a country where many do not go to school at all, it is crucial that Kaloko helps to widen access to education. Learning, we hope you will agree, should not be the preserve of the lucky few and we would like to make it a reality for every child in Luansobe.

EDITORIAL

RENATO GORDON

Kaloko today - a partner in development

The rural community served by Kaloko has, over the past two decades, expanded and changed dramatically. A remote, under-populated area with little infrastructure in 1989, Luansobe is now home to over 10,000 people living in 11 loose communities. Visitors today will see schools, clinics, dams, smallholdings and small-scale enterprise. The achievements are great, but that is not to say 'the job is done'. There are mountains still to move. The growing community and the pressure on services and resources, however, demand a fresh approach.

Assessing the challenges in the context of Zambia today, Kaloko has adapted. More streamlined, it is moving away from the limiting role of sole provider, and works increasingly in partnership with other agencies – government, international development partners and local organisations – which can offer vital resources, funding and skills to meet current needs. In helping communities find new sources of assistance, Kaloko is again able to focus on its priorities.

Agriculture is one sector that springs to mind. In an area where soil is poor and farmers lack capital for seed and fertiliser, Kaloko is working with Zambia's Departments of Agriculture and Forestry introducing farmers to nutrient-enhancing cash crops, intensive small-livestock farming and other high-value activities such as honey production which do not degrade the environment. Water is another key issue. With Kaloko's help, communities have secured funds from the charity Caritas to drill 12 boreholes, now operational, and there are plans to install more boreholes and wells in 2009.

With the Zambian government now paying most teachers' and nurses' salaries at LUBS and the Kaloko clinic we can also expand our efforts to support neighbouring communities with other much needed, education and health projects. Apprenticeships and skills-training is one area where the Trust will work, often with partners, to ensure that school-leavers are better equipped to enter the job market in nearby towns. In the same way, it is looking at a project to teach mothers with HIV and AIDS how to reduce the risk of passing on the infection to their babies. Another new initiative is a scheme to support the elderly who care for child relatives orphaned when parents die of AIDS. With food security in mind, the Trust is also working with HIV sufferers on new approaches to farming to enable them to produce food even through their illness. Self-sufficiency is at the heart of all these projects.

The year ends with the world economy in turmoil. In this uncertain atmosphere, the most vulnerable will be donor-dependent communities in the developing world which lean heavily on a too narrow, and often distant, support base. Kaloko believes, however, that by sharing responsibility for development and generating sustainable projects to encourage self-reliance, the people of Luansobe will be in a far stronger position to withstand the impact of this global crisis. We are all, nonetheless, apprehensive about the economic future. Knowing this, I am constantly amazed at the continued, generous support given by donors in the UK to help the families of Luansobe: it is a sacrifice that shows the true spirit of Christmas. I thank you, and send all good wishes for the festive season and the coming year.

On track...but a way to go

Kaloko's appeal in summer to send second-hand bicycles to Zambia has had a fine response, and raised £1500 in two months. With freight costs at £6000 for a container – that's £15 a bike – the pressure is on to find the remainder to ship the bikes in time to help farmers get harvests to market at the end of the season.



Jonathan Gwalya and Orbri Tengo off to market

Using unwanted bikes collected in the UK by the charity Re~Cycle, the project will provide 400 robust reconditioned bicycles to be sold to Luansobe's rural families at half the local price. Proceeds will cover costs for future containers, and will be used to train four young bicycle mechanics, helping them set up two repair workshops. Another UK charity, Tools with a Mission, is helping to equip the workshops with tools and stands, and supply owner repair kits.

Re~Cycle has seen similar schemes take off successfully in many parts of Africa and in Haiti, giving people in remote and poor areas cheap, sustainable transport. Farmers are obvious beneficiaries, but Kaloko estimates that this shipment of bikes alone will have a direct impact on over 2,400 people at Luansobe, improving access to jobs as well as to health, education and numerous other community services.

If you can help, please send your cheque, payable to **The Kaloko Trust**, to the KTUK office or use the 'Donate Now' button on our secure web page at www.kalokotrust.org

A TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT MWANAWASA

Zambia's President, Levy Mwanawasa, died at the age of 59 on 19 August this year in France, having suffered a stroke during the African Union Conference in Egypt two months earlier.

Regarded as one of Africa's most progressive leaders, his efforts to tackle corruption won widespread debt relief for his country, and he earned the respect of the international community for his blunt criticism of Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe. Under his leadership, Zambia's economy grew by 5% a year, helped by buoyant copper prices, while inflation dropped to its lowest level in 30 years. The President was deeply conscious, however, that these benefits had not trickled down sufficiently to Zambia's poor.

KTUK Trustees attended a memorial service at Westminster Abbey and have sent their condolences to Mr Lotty Kakubo, Chairman of Kaloko Trust Zambia and brother to Dr Mwanawasa's wife, Maureen. The First Lady has been a great supporter of Kaloko, which proudly welcomed her on an official visit last year.

Kandulwe sees completion

As the year draws to a close, so too does the Kandulwe Community School construction project.

The purpose-built two-classroom block, which includes a staff office, book store and a walk-in safe for examination papers, has been successfully completed. In addition, the two new teachers' houses enable the school to attract experienced government teachers who used to be reluctant to move to Kandulwe because of inadequate housing. Kandulwe's Parent Teacher Association, however, is not resting on its laurels and has plans to use community funding to build two more classrooms out of local mud-bricks.

The expansion of the school means a lot to local residents, providing truly local education for over 240 children, many of whom had to walk several miles to attend Luansobe Upper Basic School. The community has seen developments in other areas as well. Now boasting a new health outpost served by the Rural Health Clinic, Kandulwe's access to clean water and sanitation has also improved with a new borehole and hand-pump installed and a 'dry toilet' built near the school.



With over 240 pupils at Kandulwe Community School, the new toilet is a welcome addition! The double-vaulted dry toilet is particularly suited to rural Zambia as it uses no water and is simple to build. The waste, free of pathogens if treated correctly, can be used as natural fertiliser.

AT A LOSS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

For grandchildren, godchildren, nieces and nephews who seem to have everything?

WHAT ABOUT A GIFT THAT OPENS THEIR EYES TO GIVING?

By donating to a Kaloko project on their behalf, you will help to widen their horizons, opening a window to a new people and culture. And your gift will make a real difference to people in rural Zambia too.

In return, your chosen relative or friend will receive a Certificate of Appreciation mentioning your name and explaining how the gift will be used. We will also send them three issues of *Kaloko News* in 2009 so they can see what we do and how vital their support is. It's a 'thank you' from us.

Please send your 'As a Gift' donation to The Kaloko Trust UK, stating the name and address of the person receiving the gift. And it doesn't have to be just for Christmas: it's a lovely gift for birthdays or any other occasion too.

**GIVING
THE BEST GIFT OF ALL**



GIFT OPTIONS FOR A KALOKO CHRISTMAS

- £10 - PROVIDES A SET OF SCHOOL BOOKS
- £20 - BUYS A NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SHOES
- £30 - GIVES A CHILD PERMANENT ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER
- £50 - SENDS THREE BICYCLES TO RURAL FAMILIES
- £180 - SPONSORS KANDULWE SCHOOL PUPILS FOR A YEAR

SPECIAL THANKS

A wedding anniversary and music recital were just two events this year which raised over £2500 for the Kaloko Trust.

George and Rosemary Wedell, parents of Kaloko's founder Philip Wedell, celebrated their golden wedding this year and, asking friends and family to donate to Kaloko in lieu of gifts, raised almost £2000. Meanwhile, Clifton Hughes raised nearly £500 for the Trust when he gave a piano recital in June at St Pancras Parish Church in London.

We offer our very sincere thanks to the Wedell family and Mr Hughes, all long-term supporters of Kaloko, for their considerable contribution.

Our special thanks also go to a much younger supporter. Celebrating her sixth birthday recently, Lily, daughter of Mike Dobson and Amanda Bellamy,

Lily's yoga birthday party



happily asked friends for a donation to Kaloko instead of presents. Lily says she had a great party and is very pleased to be giving the £141 raised to Kaloko school children.

OUR SNOWDONIA VOLUNTEER



Jack Dare QC, a former Ndola mayor and mentor to many young lawyers of the day including the late Dr Mwanawasa, Veronica worked in public relations after gaining her English degree at Bristol. Moving to Zimbabwe in 1982, she joined the British High Commission as information officer before becoming editor of the Beira

In North Wales, **Veronica Zausmer** happily takes a break from rebuilding an old mill to help the Brighton Office edit *Kaloko News*.

Corridor Group's Bulletin reporting on the redevelopment of regional trade routes. She has since written and edited numerous other publications.

Veronica, born and raised on the Copperbelt, has strong links with Zambia. 'I leapt at the chance to volunteer last spring,' she says, 'It was something positive that I could do from home for Zambians 6000 miles away.' The daughter of Sheila and

Now in Britain with her husband and three children, Veronica says, 'It's exhilarating to be writing again, helping to raise awareness and draw in continued support for Kaloko's vital work with the rural community at Luansobe.'

A full version of the **Kaloko Trust UK 2007 Annual Report & Accounts** can be viewed on the Charity Commission website www.charity-commission.gov.uk

Simply enter the number 1047622 in the box on the Search the Register of Charities page. If you would like an E-copy or printed copy, please contact us.



The Kaloko Trust UK works to relieve poverty and raise livelihoods in rural communities in Zambia, southern Africa. Promoting local development of agriculture and self-help projects to generate income, it encourages the sustainable and responsible use of natural resources. The Trust promotes education and healthcare through improved access to schools, clinics and clean water.

Established in 1995 as a registered charity (No. 1047622), The Kaloko Trust UK (KTUK) supports the activities of our partner organisation, Kaloko Trust Zambia (KTZ) by securing funds for KTZ programmes and providing management support and capacity building. It also offers technical assistance, recruits specialist volunteers and publicises KTZ's activities. 88% of funding raised is used for direct project costs, while 12% is used for support and fundraising in Britain.



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Kaloko seeks new Trustee

Kaloko is looking to recruit a volunteer to join our team of UK Trustees. If you are interested in helping to steer the direction of The Kaloko Trust UK and can offer commitment to our work, we would like to hear from you. The Trustees are particularly interested in applicants with skills and experience in fundraising, marketing or organisational development. International development experience, particularly rural development in Africa, would be valuable. Quarterly evening meetings are usually held in London.

For further details see our website. To request an application pack call Mark Whitaker on 01273 766660 or email mark@kalokotrust.org

A splash of colour

We hope that *Kaloko News*, which appeared in colour for the first time in August, strikes you as brighter and more engaging. The change, which has been warmly received by many, was partly made possible through the generous support of one kind donor.

Some readers have opted to get *Kaloko News* by email, helping us save paper, costs and labour. If you would like to receive publications this way, particularly if you live abroad, please email mark@kalokotrust.org. Similarly, if you have any comments about *Kaloko News*, we are always keen to hear from you.

The final bit..

Do you enjoy being a Kaloko Trust supporter and appreciate the real difference your contribution makes to the lives of people in Zambia? Did you know that under English tax laws legacies to charities are exempt from inheritance tax? Leaving a gift to charity in your will is an amazing way for your generosity to last beyond your own lifetime.

To find out how we can help you leave a charitable legacy please contact Kaloko and we can talk to you about what you need to do.

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