

# Kaloko News



HELPING RURAL ZAMBIAN COMMUNITIES TO HELP THEMSELVES

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## *They've arrived!*



**V**olunteers with the UK charity *Re~Cycle* loaded a 40-foot container in May this year with the 393 second-hand bicycles, along with tools and spare parts, destined for Luansobe. The bikes, which arrived in Zambia in July, are to be sold locally for a modest price. The revenue earned will pay for a second consignment of assorted machines and tools, enabling local residents to start up new enterprises such as welding, shoe-repair and tailoring.

The arrival of the bikes is well-timed. With the construction of a new tarred road through the Luansobe area, less than four miles from LUBS and the Rural Health Clinic, local farmers will be able to take produce by bicycle to the main road and access cheaper transport to their major markets in the Copperbelt towns.

## SPONSORSHIP: SPREADING THE BENEFIT

**S**ponsorship support is making an immense difference to schools in Luansobe where hundreds of pupils are enjoying the direct benefits of improved facilities and equipment.

With the funds raised from regular donations, Luansobe Upper Basic School (LUBS) has built in the last year a much-needed bathroom block for girl boarders and installed new doors and frames in the boys' dormitory. In addition, the boarding hostel has been given a cheerful facelift with a fresh coat of paint, while robust metal-framed windows have been fitted in classroom blocks and teacher housing at the school. The sponsorship scheme, which provides 50% of fees for 80 high-achieving scholarship pupils, has also paid the salaries for five hostel staff and provided food, books and other materials to support LUBS pupils. A further 31 students benefit from the High School Scholarship Scheme which supports students furthering their studies at other secondary schools in the Copperbelt.



*The spruced-up hostel at LUBS*

At Kandulwe Community School, which came under the scheme for the first time last year, the grant has provided for 20 new class desks and chairs as well as supporting other important running costs. Thank you!

## Ex army engineer shares skills

**Russell Edwards** is the latest in a long line of skilled volunteers to receive the customary welcome at Luansobe. Russell, who has invaluable experience after many years with the army's Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, arrived at Kaloko in mid-July to train a group of six local youngsters as bicycle mechanics.

On completion of their three-month course, the four most able trainees will receive equipment and tools, helping them to establish their own workshops to provide a necessary service to local residents. The skills-training scheme coincides with the arrival of the second-hand bicycles from the UK.

## LIT UP WITH ANTICIPATION



**L**uansobe's rural community is increasingly excited at the prospect of mains-supply electricity arriving in the area soon. Shopkeepers and small businesses are planning to expand and new ventures are being discussed; there is a palpable sense of anticipation that electricity will boost economic growth in the area as well as bringing local families into the modern world.

Electricity installation teams, funded by the Zambian Government, have worked hard since the start of the project in November 2008. Land has been cleared and poles erected, and a third team is now fitting 30 miles of cable from the main Ndola road to the Kaloko site. Distribution lines have been installed to take power to the Kaloko offices, LUBS and the Rural Health Clinic, extending on to surrounding clusters of buildings. Meter boxes are being fitted in the main Kaloko buildings.

## PRACTICAL ENTREPRENEURS

Luansobe residents are again showing entrepreneurial drive, making practical use of local resources and providing necessary services and employment.

The old Kaloko hammer-mill, for example, is again up and running. Mr John Chimonayi, an ex-Kaloko employee and part-time mechanic has bought and repaired the milling machine which was out of commission for three years, and is running the enterprise as a commercial venture. Farming families needing their maize milled into maize-meal are glad of the local service which saves them a five kilometre walk to the next nearest facility.

Meanwhile, local shop-owner Mr Nyendwa has set up a brick-making business. Clay dug from anthills is compacted in a manual press into blocks which are then dried in the sun. Employee Steven Luchenga produces about 100 bricks a day.

Just as mud is put to good use, so are the trees felled to make way for the new power line to Luansobe. Timber is being converted into charcoal by several local residents. Nothing is wasted.

## Poultry project sees first success

**T**he HIV/AIDS Support Group chicken rearing team has successfully produced its first batch of chickens. All 306 birds reared were sold, with a second batch of 200 chickens due to be ready for sale soon.

The small-scale collective enterprise, set up primarily to increase incomes for HIV-affected families, occupies a disused poultry house which has been cleaned and repaired. On inspection in July, the birds were healthy and well-treated, and group members are keen to continue the project. Marketing such a large number of chickens initially proved challenging but the group is now set to improve communications with potential buyers as the birds become ready for sale.



## DONOR VISITS KALOKO

Dr Paul Kane of the Three Oaks Trust in the UK has recently visited Zambia to see at first-hand Kaloko projects and developments within the community. Accompanied by KTUK Director Renato Gordon, Dr Kane observed a wide range of activities during his ten-day stay in July, visiting dams, schools, the Rural Health Clinic, two Agricultural Research Stations, the Beekeeping Cooperative and attending meetings of the Food Security and HIV support groups.

The Three Oaks Trust has long supported Kaloko, funding various projects including wells, guest and volunteer accommodation, an oil press and the cold store. Dr Kane, who has visited Zambia several times, was heartened by a

number of recent developments, particularly the wider use of the dams built by Kaloko. He noted that residents are now using them for fishing, watering stock, irrigating winter vegetable gardens, and are drawing drinking water from the wells built around the dams. At Kantolo, he offered practical advice to Kaloko staff about future work on the dam, due to be completed this year, and said he was impressed by the quality of work to date.

Dr Kane was optimistic about the economic potential offered by mains electricity coming to the area and the tarring of the nearby Mpongwe road. He stressed, however, the importance of ensuring that the improved infrastructure truly benefits all the people of Luansobe, and that Kaloko gives effective support to the process of economic development.

## If at first you don't succeed....

**A** sustained lobby for better school facilities at Serenje has, at last, seen success.

In 2008, Serenje Community School had only one volunteer teacher and the 79 primary pupils took their lessons in a small health-outpost building. Facilities were inadequate and crowded and, because there was no staff accommodation, it was impossible to recruit more teachers. The local MP together with the community and Kaloko Trust Zambia (KTZ), however, made determined and repeated appeals to Zambia's Ministry of Education for help to improve the school. In late 2008, the government finally agreed; it committed to building three new classrooms, two offices and three teachers' houses. Construction has progressed well and the fast-expanding school, now with 300 pupils, is delighted to see the project nearing completion.

Meanwhile, at Kwesha Community School, construction of its second new two-classroom block is also moving forward quickly. The site has been cleared, foundations dug and the base slab has been laid. With 2,600 cement blocks already manufactured with a hydro-form machine, construction of the walls started in July. The community at Kwesha has given the project vigorous support, providing labour as well as sand and crushed stone needed for building. The school's 304 pupils, who used to occupy an old dairy-cum-piggery, are already enjoying two other new classrooms built in 2008 with the help of Caritas and KTZ. Next year, work will start on two teachers' houses at the school.

## First Lady of the Store

**Safi Mulanshi** is known simply as 'The Stores Lady' at Kaloko. The job, however, demands efficiency and she takes her responsibilities very seriously. Keeping a strict control of stock is her first concern, but she is also in charge of 'gifts in kind' and helps with clerical work in Kaloko's office.

Born near Kalulushi on the Copperbelt, Safi moved to Luansobe to live with her uncle and began working with Kaloko Trust in 1997, first in cheese-making and later looking after guest accommodation. She then became a House Mother at Luansobe Upper Basic School before taking on the role of Stores Lady in 2001.

Unable to complete her own schooling, she is glad of the education open to her three children aged 17, 11 and 2. Her eldest daughter, completing her last year at Kafulafuta High School, is on a Kaloko Scholarship. "Thank you Kaloko UK for helping us with a school here where we can send our young children," she says.



*Safi hands over school books kindly given by Semley Primary School in Wiltshire to Godfrey Machawa, the Grade 7 teacher at Kandulwe Community School.*

## SCHOOLS for SCHOOLS

**S**chool pupils in the UK are putting their all into helping schools in Zambia. Students and teachers at Varndean College, a sixth-form college in Brighton, visited Kaloko Zambia this summer and worked to erect an improved pit-latrine and a set of goal posts for Kwesha School, as well as making school furniture at the Luansobe Carpenters Cooperative. The group, led by 2008 Kaloko volunteer Emma Iavarone, raised funding for the trip as well as for materials which were bought in readiness for their arrival. Among their fund-raising events, staff and students staged an energetic six-a-side football tournament at the college, and held a sponsored walk along the Sussex coast. They have pledged their continued support through further activities.

Meanwhile, Varndean School has plans to change its uniform and has promised 1000 of their redundant uniforms for pupils in and around Luansobe. Semley Primary School in Wiltshire has also recently made a donation of school and reading books, and says it is keen to develop further contact with the schools in Zambia.

KTUK, with plans to extend its Kaloko awareness programme, has already given a number of talks in UK schools this year with five more planned for the months ahead. Brampton Primary School in Suffolk has kindly provided KTUK with a power point projector which will make presentations easier and more effective.

## GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS

**T**he Rural Health Clinic at Luansobe was delighted to receive a blood pressure and heart-rate monitor donated by Tessa Burnett of Brighton which was handed over on a recent visit by KTUK Director Renato Gordon. Acting Nurse-in-Charge at the clinic Rosemary Moyo and Osman Matabishi, the Environmental Health Technician, gratefully accepted the monitor saying that, as their own machine had recently stopped working, the donation was especially appreciated.

Kwesha School, too, was a recipient of gifts in kind; 68 much-needed reading books which were donated by Kaloko supporter Helen Stenson of Gillingham, Dorset. Mr Gordon was also pleased to hand over a mobile phone given by Beth Chaudhary of London to the HIV/AIDS Support Group chicken rearing group to assist with marketing the birds when they are ready for sale.

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## A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE FOR KTUK

The Kaloko Trust UK (KTUK) has welcomed three newcomers to its Board. The new trustees all bring a breadth of relevant experience and specialist expertise.

**Raj Chaudhary**, an investment analyst, has had a long career in assessing the issues facing developing countries and in identifying opportunities to maximise the use of available resources. Born in Kitwe on the Copperbelt, he carries a personal understanding of the challenges confronting the people of Zambia. Raj and his wife have been stalwart Kaloko supporters for some time.

With a career in human resources spanning more than 24 years, **Jean Blackstock** has specific expertise in ensuring the effectiveness of organisations, and has served on the boards of numerous institutions in Britain and Jamaica. Volunteering her skills to Oxfam after the 2005 tsunami, Jean later undertook other charity

sector consultancy work including an assignment in West Africa.

**Dr Katy Steward** has worked for many years in organisational development with several major institutions, and has a long-held interest in Third World development. In addition, she has a clear entrepreneurial streak, having established a successful independent chain of bookshops with her husband a few years ago.

Speaking at their appointment in July, KTUK Chair Jim Smyllie said he was delighted to invite the three candidates to join the board, adding, "We were immensely impressed; they all have extensive experience in their fields as well as strong business and analytical skills. They complement our existing strengths and will enable us to move to the next stage of our support for communities in Zambia."

### Creative for Kaloko

Supporters are finding new and ingenious ways to raise money for Kaloko. In May, two sponsors, Vicki Glaysher and Juliet Bullock, held an open-house fundraising event in Teddington, where guests made a donation to Kaloko and were invited to enter a cupcake decorating competition.



Participants were rewarded with a glass of wine or a cup of coffee and, of course, their decorated cupcake. Several arts and craft stalls were also set up at the venue, with stallholders donating 10% of sales to Kaloko. The two organisers were amazed by the enthusiasm and generosity shown at the event where over £1,100 was raised in an afternoon.

We want to encourage more fundraising events, so if you would like to hold your own Kaloko Cup-Cake Party see our 'How to' guide on the website. For support with other fundraising ideas please call the office.

### Share a Gift

If you're looking for gift ideas for friends or relatives - for Christmas or any other occasion - why don't you donate to a Kaloko project on their behalf? You'll introduce them to a new community and culture, and make a real difference to people in rural Zambia.

Your friend or relative will receive a Certificate of Appreciation explaining how the gift will be used. We will also send them *Kaloko News* for a year so they can see what we achieve and the importance of their support. Please send your 'As a Gift' donation to the Kaloko Trust stating the name and address of the recipient of your gift. We can suggest specific projects that need support.

#### CLASS SPONSORSHIP

**£15 a month for class sponsorship at LUBS or Kandulwe CS**

**£10 a month for a class at the Crèche**

Contact KTUK for details

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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. In 2008 over 90% of funds raised were spent on charitable activities with the rest used for governance and generating further funds.



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