

Makeni Ecumenical Centre

2007 Annual Report



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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Makeni Ecumenical Centre. We are pleased to share with you our 2007 Annual Report, which highlights a number of activities that took place in the year 2007.

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1 Background

Makeni Ecumenical Centre (MEC) is a Christian Non-Governmental Organisation, formed in 1971, whose mission is to offer education, health, family planning and community services within a Christian framework. The Centre runs the following projects and programmes:

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- Agriculture
- Carpentry & Joinery
- Computer Studies
- Radio & Television Electronics
- Food Production
- House Keeping
- Primary and secondary education
- Family Planning
- HIV/AIDS Prevention
- Home-Based Care
- Agricultural Settlement Project
- St Nicholas Children's Home

The programmes form the basis for the fundamental values, motivation and aspirations of the Centre. Being an NGO with not-for-profit motives, the Centre always has a challenge of balancing the needs of its target groups and available resources.

The programmes run are ascertained from our perspective on actual needs that are in serious need of addressing. Skills training programmes are offered to avail the local population of relevant skills near where they live. Where general education is concerned, only two government schools are found in the area and about ten private schools operate in the same area, but there is no high school and existing government schools cannot provide for all the children. The majority of private schools are up-market and their fees are high. The presence of MEC in the area provides an affordable alternative.

The clinic at Makeni Centre is a facility that has been let to GRZ and so far there is no indication that the government may be building a clinic anywhere in Makeni soon. Women and men in need of family planning solutions are referred to the MEC clinic because of our comprehensive approach and attention to family planning needs. As there is a doctor every Thursday to attend to gynaecological problems, many clients prefer the MEC clinic to the University Teaching Hospital, where it takes time to be seriously attended to by a doctor.

The HIV/AIDS Project provides an alternative and efficient service to people in Makeni and the surrounding areas. The collaboration with the Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) clinic, built within the Centre, is mutual and complementary. The project also provides services to staffs, students and pupils. The outreach programme gives the project the opportunity to meet people in the rural areas of Zambia where help, support and facilities from Government will take long to reach or are even non-existent. Many families and vulnerable children have accessed valuable assistance including education and food supplements through the Home-Based Care Project. Some families are unable to keep extra dependants due to economic and social reasons. Children in some cases have been forced into the streets as a result. St Nicholas Village has played a role in

avoiding or minimizing such occurrences by looking after children who have no guardians.

The 2007 Report will highlight and document the activities and projects that were undertaken in the year with the support and collaboration of our stakeholders.

2 General News

Farewell, Mrs Christine Allen!

In 2007 Makeni Ecumenical Centre bid farewell to one of our longest serving and hardest working employees, Mrs Christine Allen. In attendance were all MEC employees, Adult Training Programme students and selected pupils from the basic school.



Mrs Allen joined MEC in 1990 as Personnel & Administration Manager and served in the same capacity until her retirement. During her farewell, Mrs Wenda Dil described her as a hard-working, honest and committed senior staff member of the Centre. She said that her experience was still valuable and that she hoped that we would still be able to contact Mrs Allen as need arises.

In her farewell speech, Mrs Allen described her work at Makeni Ecumenical Centre as very profitable. There were several challenges both pleasant and otherwise. She thanked the late Fr Pierre Dil and Mrs Wenda Dil for considering her for the portfolio. She also thanked the first Executive Committee she worked with, whose assistance and support helped her cope with the earlier challenges of her new job. She encouraged all the staff to work hard and pupils to concentrate with school. The Board, Management and staff wish her a wonderful retirement and God's blessings.

3 Adult Training Programmes



The 2007 Adult Training Programme came to the usual climax of Graduation Day which took place on 14th September 2007. The Minister of Community Development and Social Services, Honourable Catherine Namugala was the Guest of Honour. She showed admiration and appreciation for the complementary role MEC plays with the Government of the Republic of Zambia.

The details of the ATP activities are highlighted below.

3.1 Agriculture - Benjamin Zulu

The Agriculture General programme continues to be offered mainly to school leavers and Agriculture Settlement to retrenched and retired people or those who are vulnerable. The department has three full-time members of staff and one part-time worker. Besides training, the department runs production units in crops, mushroom, poultry and a piggery.

Training/Production Unit

This academic year, the department enrolled 23 students, 15 in agriculture settlement and 8 in agriculture general, a drop of 7 students on last year's figures. The drop was partly as a result of a more than 30% increase in fees that was necessary to conform to the fee harmonisation imposed by the TEVET fund. Two short courses were conducted (Fish Farming and Mushroom Production) for the students in full-time classes. This year there were no external participants for short courses, while we examine how to move forward with short courses in general. The table below shows the comparisons in enrolment for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007.

Enrolment for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007

	2005/6	2006/7	Difference
Agriculture General			
General enrolment	14	8	-6
Full Certificates	8	5	-3
Repeats (from previous intake)	-	-	0
Gender – female	1	3	2
Male	13	5	-8
Agriculture Settlement			
General enrolment	16	15	-1
Theoretical Certificates	16		
Practical Certificates	15	14	-1
Settled	15	13	-2
Gender – female	12	9	-3
Male	4	6	2
Short courses			
Main stream	30	23	-7
Outside participants (all male)	5	0	5

The main reason for the drop in enrolment is attributed to the increase in the fees. There is also an increase in training providers in town and the competition is high. In the year 2008 promotion will be one of the priorities for the Centre.

All training materials such as vegetables and maize seeds, fertilizers and agriculture lime as well as supporting teaching materials such as flip charts, markers and text books were procured using the TEVET fund.

Crop production

The department started with maize at its demonstration plot and as rain fed in the students' plots. Various types of vegetables were produced ranging from exotic to local vegetables such as amaranthus and cleome. These two are highly recommended and are good for people living with HIV/AIDS because they contain a high amount of selenium, which is important for the immune system. An expansion of the orchard was done by planting 35 seedlings of bananas.

Mushroom Production is still on a small scale since it has only been used for training and practicals for full-time students. We see mushroom production as a potential source of income if expanded and plans are underway for the 2008 period.

Poultry

A batch of 200 birds was reared for student practical lessons in broiler production. A proposal, written to Kloosterkerk, to embark on a commercial egg production project (layers rearing) was not accepted. Instead, the Kloosterkerk has suggested that MEC should seek commercial capital for projects that are deemed viable. For that reason MEC will continue with the broiler enterprise more frequently than one batch in a period of 12 months. More drinkers and feeders will be needed.

Piggery

The piggery section has embarked on sausage processing, though the demand at times drops. The production rate was anticipated at three fatteners per month, but due to low demand, production on average was one pig per month. The demand is likely to increase in future since the processing is of a high standard and a vigorous advertising campaign has been put in place. Also, the completion of the renovation of our old "Kitchen" in the year 2008 will contribute to a wider market. This building has been occupied by the local neighbourhood watch rent-free for many years, but we felt that we now needed to reclaim our building and put it to its original use.

The Piggery section also has a new stock man, who attends lessons in pig and poultry production to ensure that he is fully versed with the technical requirements as the section takes a new direction. An office is to be established within the production unit for the production unit supervisor when resource allows it.

The biogas project in the piggery unit is still undergoing testing. As the whole process resembles a large digestive system, balances of chemicals, bacteria and temperatures are all important. Volunteers from the Netherlands, Annemiehe Meems and Edwin Oostinga came and checked it to ascertain the cause of the failure to work. The causes of its continued failure have been unfortunately difficult to establish. As such, plans of introducing a short course in biogas production will remain pending until the unit is fixed.

Capacity building for staff

In May, 2007, Mr J. Silwenga and Mr B. Zulu worked with Majoru Meat Products Limited for a period of two weeks. This was to avail these members of staff hands-on experience in meat processing, especially since the agriculture department had embarked on a meat making project.

Conclusion

The department had success in a number of activities planned for the year. Short courses are under review. Transport for educational tours was a problem since the vehicles are inadequate and service providers are expensive.

The department requires an extra lecturer to reduce the work load on the staffs and promote efficiency. The two existing staff carry out training for both Agriculture and settlement students, coordinate the settlement project and manage the mushroom, poultry and piggery unit. Vigorous advertising of courses should be implemented in 2008. Short courses should be allowed to take place in a planned and harmonious way.

3.2 Computer Department - Joseph Mumba



The Computer Department performed well in the year 2007 as compared to 2006. We were able to enrol more students and extend the services to pupils and students of the Basic school and Adult Training Programme respectively. Five graduating students from the adult training programme attended short computer courses as well as 25

upper basic school pupils in term 2 and over 100 pupils in term 3.

A good number of external students enrolled in the various programmes. Class sizes have more or less doubled to around 30 each in Basic Concepts of IT, Introduction to MS Windows, Word Processing, and Spreadsheet Use.

We disposed of obsolete computers through an exchange programme with Crescent Future Kids, who provided us with three hard disk drives that we needed for computer repairs. Certificates have been improved to meet the students' demand and the labour market.

Equipment

In 2006 we had six working computers in the department. The number has increased to 21 after receiving 15 of the 32 computers which came from the Friends of Makeni in the Netherlands, who also have provided us with two large laser printers. The rest of the computers were distributed to all other departments. This enabled the computerisation of critical departmental activities such as accounts, registry and stores. Four computers are now available for general use in the library. We appreciate their assistance so much.

The extra equipment, promotion of courses and flexible schedules for external students have contributed to a better year for this department.

We intend to introduce a one year course in Information Technology. This is a pre-employment programme which is likely to attract a lot of school leavers. We also want to scale up publicity of the programmes in the department.

3.3 Electronics - Isa Mtonga

The Electronics Department still has two lecturers despite introducing an extra year's programme. The initial enrolment for the second year students was 18 two of which were female students. The total enrolment for first year students stood at 12. As this programme also falls under the TEVET fee rules, the major contributing factor in lower enrolment numbers is thought to be the upward review of fees.

Throughout the year we had adequate teaching aids procured in the previous year using financial assistance from the TEVET fund.

Two educational trips were undertaken to Mwembeshi Earth Satellite Station and students were impressed with what happens at this station. It is a get-away to the rest of the world through telecommunication facilities. Another visit was made to the Lusaka International Airport where students were shown the electronic equipment used for navigation and communication.

Examinations

Eighteen second year students sat their Zambia Craft Certificate Examinations and 14 (78%) passed. As government institutions average around a 56% pass rate, this achievement is very commendable.

3.4 Carpentry - Bringnas Saviye

The Carpentry Department in the last one year has undergone an improvement in service provision. The department is currently training 13 students. Five students graduated in September 2007.

New strategies for improved service delivery, survival and self-sustainability were planned in 2007. These included

- incorporating entrepreneurship skills in the training programme to assist the students to start their own business if employment was not possible;
- soliciting financial support to carry out the physical rehabilitation and extension of the workshop to house equipment to introduce income generating activities;
- advancing into the trade testing category up to Grade 6 and later Grade 5;
- soliciting for sponsorship to improve student intakes, which have been low in the past.

Achievements

The Carpentry and Joinery department worked on a number of projects in the year 2007. These include making sports items such as high jump posts, relay buttons and starter panels. We repaired desks and doors for basic school. The department has also been making furniture for sale and doing general maintenance within the Centre.

Future plans

We plan to enrol a minimum of twenty students per intake. It is possible to have three intakes in a year since the duration of training is 6 months with national examinations in April, August and December. We also intend to go into income generating activities more forcefully to supplement departmental income once the extension on the workshop is completed. Some of the items on sale are likely to include beds, mukwa doors, school desks, chairs and tables.

3.5 Home Economics

Home Economics has changed some of its training programmes and emphasis to suit the changing trends of the market. The food production course is being consolidated since its introduction in 2006. A new member of staff has been employed to teach the course. House-keeping will be reintroduced as a separate course in the year 2008. Courses that have been dropped include nutrition and nutrition education, handicraft and mother and child-care.

Income-generation

Plans are under way to have a restaurant. This will help students have a real 'hands-on' experience, as well as provide meals to other students and members of staff at an economical cost.

The tailoring section is also considering marketing uniforms and protective ware to the Basic school and Adult Training Programme.

3.6 Library - Martha Mbiya

The number of students using the library increased during 2007, with an average daily attendance of 35 as opposed to 11 last year. The library has a seating capacity of 48. In the near future it will need expansion to cater for almost 400 students and pupils in the Adult Training Programme and Basic School. More capacity in terms of skills of the human resource is needed for the library to continue to provide acceptable levels of service to staff, students and other users.

We received a number of books from various sources. The major ones include A. Dil, G. Lowes, P. Dil, Mrs. W. Dil, The Technical Centre for Agriculture & Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA), Friends of Makeni, J & T Veldkamp, UN/NGO and GRZ. The need for modern and latest editions of books is constantly there. A list of all the required books for all departments is available on request.

4 Basic School - George Halubobya



The school opened on 7th January and closed on 30th November 2007. At the end of term three, we had 333 pupils from pre- school to grade nine, with nearly equal numbers of boys and girls. Requests for school places in various grades have continued coming from other learning institutions.

Class attendance was good in all grades.

The School leavers' examination pass results were 93% for Grade Seven and 68% for Grade Nine, with no significant variation in results for boys versus girls. Makeni Ecumenical Centre has been one of the best performing schools in the zone consisting of 10 schools and during the year we came out a very creditable second to a local for-profit private school.

More effort is needed to increase the pass rate for grade nine from 68% to the target of above 80%. We intend to particularly target mathematics, which is a weakness in our results.

Thanks to the donation of new computers from the Netherlands, Computer lessons have been introduced in the school and are compulsory for all pupils from grade 5 to grade 9. The parents are pleased with this development. The only constraint is that of space. The Computer laboratory can only accommodate a maximum of 20 pupils per session, so multiple sessions have to be held to accommodate all the classes.

Classroom Accommodation

Repairs to grades 5 and 6 classrooms have been completed. The Grade 7, 8 and 9 classrooms need steel cupboards in which to store valuable teaching materials.

Extra-curricular activities

The school competed with other local schools in various sporting events. We have also introduced Inter-School debates. Currently Makeni Ecumenical Basic School is in the finals on Anti-Drug Abuse debate with St Francis of Assisi Basic School.

The Chongololo Club (an environmental awareness club) was also introduced and we had a tour to Munda Wanga Zoo and Botanical Garden for lessons. The start of the Chongololo Club was facilitated by Dr Pierre Dil from Canada.

5 Health and Community Support

Health and community support programmes consist of Family planning, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Orphan and Vulnerable Children's Support, which we also call Home-based care.

5.1 Family Planning - Dapheen Mkandawire

The Family Planning Project started on a very active note in 2007, but by the end of January and May we ran out of noristerant and microlut respectively. Male condoms were also out of stock. We were depending on a few vials of depo provera, safe plan and oralcon-f pills. Apart from safeplan, all the contraceptives were obtained through Makeni Government Clinic. However, due to unexplained lapses in procurement by the government clinic the decision was made by MEC management to start ordering contraceptives directly from the Ministry of Health, instead. Our supply of contraceptives has now significantly improved. Clinic days are still conducted three times a week. The doctor has been attending once a week to attend to clients who had gynaecological problems.

Kloosterkerk in partnership with Kerkinactie has been funding the Family Planning Clinic under a three year contract ending in the year 2008.

A total number of 8,647 clients were attended to this year of which 1218 were new clients. This was below the standard of 10,000 clients per year MEC agreed with Kloosterkerk. A number of our clients stopped coming for family planning mainly due to non-availability of the contraceptives of their choice. Unfortunately, the Ministry of Health determines and distributes permissible contraceptives to be used nationally and so this element of patient care is beyond our control.

Safeplan is the contraceptive pill we sell at K500 per two cycles to clients who prefer this type of contraceptive. It is bought from the Society for Family Health and a total sum of K351,000 was raised from the sales since January. A total sum of K3,059,500 was raised from the sales of

cards and membership fee since January. The total supply of contraceptives as from January was as follows:

Details/Types of Contraceptive		Old clients	New clients	REMARKS
Depo provera	179 vials	362	1429	Was withdrawn for health reason
Noristerat	100 vials	18	82	out of stock since January
Microlut	180 cycles	118	42	out of stock since May
Oralcon-f	836 cycles	327	736	
Condoms	29,682	393	140	

5.2 HIV/AIDS Prevention Project - Catherine Oreta

The HIV/AIDS Prevention Project is one of the social/community projects of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. This Project conducts awareness and facilitatory programmes on HIV/AIDS within the Centre and in eight selected townships in Lusaka and rural sites near Lusaka, under Mumbwa, Chibombo and Kabwe Districts. Those under Mumbwa District are four. Mwomboshi and Chisamba are under Chibombo District. Under Kabwe District we have Kalwelwe.

The main objectives of the Project are:

- To help prevent new HIV infection
- To mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS, especially in the rural areas
- To promote and conduct voluntary counselling and testing so as to improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS
- To encourage behaviour change and instil Christian morals
- To create public awareness and encourage discussions on HIV/AIDS so as to reduce stigma and discrimination

Counselling and Testing

Both individual and group counselling are conducted. For individual counselling about four clients per day were attended to, about 960 persons in total. Not all the clients counselled had undergone HIV Tests. 224 opted to undertake the tests, i.e. 23.3% of those counselled. 48 were tested at Makeni Ecumenical Centre and two men and twelve women tested positive. This represents 29.2% of the total clients who underwent HIV testing at MEC. A further 176 Clients were referred to the Anti-retroviral Therapy General Clinic for HIV Testing.

We had Video Shows for clients visiting the Family Planning Clinics and HIV counselling and testing. Over 5000 women benefited from this facility during the year.

Joint Mwomboshi Outreach with Zambian Helpers

During our monthly outreach to Mwomboshi we reached an average of 138 people per month. The Zambian Helpers Society offers ante-natal and under-five services including curatives consisting of mainly first aid.

These services attracted even those outside Mwomboshi Settlement Village. We also shared the Gospel.

Clients on Anti-retroviral Therapy

There are two patients in Mwomboshi on Anti-retroviral Therapy, while in Chisamba and Kalwelwe there are eight. All are settlers who live within the settlement villages. These individuals travel to Lusaka every month for review as well as to collect their monthly drug supply.

Joint Outreach with Agriculture Settlement Team

Outreach trips to Chisamba and Kalwelwe Settlement Villages with the Agriculture Settlement staff were undertaken. The project was not able to reach out to all the targeted people as it only involved community members from the two settlement villages and besides, when the trip is combined that means we have to take turns to offer our services within a limited time as both activities target the same clientèle.

First Aid Kit by Milano Medical Mission

We supplied first-aid kits to Chisamba and Kalwelwe Settlement Villages during the first quarter of the year. These were sponsored by the Milano Medical Mission run by Bruce and Deborah Milano from the United States of America.

Home visits

We visited 11 Homes in Kanyama, John Laing and Chawama during the year. During the visits we conducted individual and couple counselling. During the individual, group and home visits we shared the gospel message with the clients we interacted with so as to help revive hope in those who appeared to have lost it. We reached about 40 people on average per site per monthly visit.

Family Planning mobile clinic

Due to resource constraints the Centre was unable to hire a mobile clinic nurse. The HIV/AIDS Project was used to assist with family planning services during the outreach to Mwomboshi, Kalwelwe and Chisamba Settlement Villages. The contraceptives supplied were the Oralcon pill and the Depo provera injection. Over 20,000 male condoms were distributed as an HIV/AIDS preventive measure and as well as a family planning contraceptive method (Double Protection). Also distributed were 4,000 female condoms received from Kara Counselling, a Lusaka-based Catholic NGO, also involved in HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention.

HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy

In June we launched the MEC HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy. The launch was presided over by Fr Mukuyamba, Executive Chairman of MEC. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that HIV/AIDS issues are fully integrated into the work aspects of MEC employees and school curricula for students. The event was attended by 50 MEC staff and volunteers as well as 75 skills training students. It was a colourful ceremony. All staff and students were clad in new MEC HIV/AIDS T-shirts. The whole launch program cost Makeni Ecumenical Centre K4,967,000.



International AIDS Day was held as usual on December 1st. To commemorate this day we had a Candlelight Walk and a Church Service from the Church of the Good Shepherd of the Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia to Christ the Redeemer Parish of the Roman Catholic Church in Makeni. It started with a brief Church Service at 18:00hrs and ended with people sharing their experiences at the respective congregations. The theme

was, "Leadership Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise". There were more than 100 people from various walks of life who attended the service.

5.3 Home Based Care Project – Catherine Oreta

The HBC project mainly targets orphans and vulnerable children who live with their guardians, especially aged grandparents. The objective is to help improve the quality of life of orphans and vulnerable children. They are mainly provided support in education and a small proportion in food supplements. The expected outcomes are that the children attend school and the quality of life improves.

Sixty children have been able to access education, with the help of the NGOCC Basket Fund. More than K80m was spent on education and food supplements in 2007.



This project has not only targeted children in Lusaka but also outside the city. There are three who are doing skills training in tailoring, radio and television repair and carpentry & joinery.

Food Supplementation

Fifteen households from Linda, Chawama and Kanyama compounds as well as Chisamba Settlement Village benefited from mealie-meal monthly

rations. The children living with their aged guardians are at least assured of a meal per day through this support. We gave a total of 168 bags of mealie meal during the year. We lost Mary Mtonga, one of our monthly beneficiaries, during the year.

Challenges

One of the most serious challenges of the HBC Project is that of Orphans and Vulnerable Children leaving school. Seven children left school for unclear reasons. Background-related factors are suspected.

6 Settlement Project – Benjamin Zulu



New Settlers and families Out of 15 settlement students trained in the year 2006/2007, only 13 students were settled. One man and woman were not settled because of outstanding loans for inputs obtained during the training and due to personal problems respectively. The project managed to settle 2 families in Kalwelwe; 5 families were settled in Mwomboshi and 6 in Chisamba. Two settlers did not apply for loans while 11 applied for capital loans in the form of iron sheets. The number of settlers per village increased with Kalwelwe having 38, Mwomboshi 79 and Chisamba 113. Kafue and Mwembeshi have remained at 20

and 86 respectively. The total number of families settled now stands at 332.

Loan recovery

In the year 2006/2007 loan recovery was conducted between the months of June and September. A summary is shown below. At the time of writing, the exchange rate is approximately K7,000 to 1 British pound sterling, or K4,400 to the US dollar. Thus the total loan recovery is approximately £1,386 or \$2,205.

	Chisamba	Mwomboshi	Kalwelwe	Mwembeshi	Totals
Num paying loans (K)	19	28	21	9	77
	1,593,565	550,653	175,560	3,888,482	6,208,260
Num paying ground rent (K)	15	31	22	2	70
	360,000	180,000	60,000	180,000	780,000
Loans(bags of maize) Amount (K)	20	51	22	0	93
	755,280	1,923,840	817,680	0	3,496,800
Ground rent (bags of maize) Amount (K)	9	21	11	0	41
	360,000	810,000	420,000	0	1,590,000
TOTALS	3,068,845	3,464,493	1,473,240	4,068,482	12,075,060

In 2007, seven more settlers repaid part of their loans making 77 compared with 70 for the year 2006. There is an indication of a gradual change in attitude as a result of the training in leadership which was conducted in the previous year. The total loan recovery was K9,705,060 (i.e. K12,075,060 minus 2,370,000 for ground rent) 17.5% more than was recovered in the year 2006.

6.1 Community Projects

New Boreholes

In Chisamba Settlement Village, two boreholes were sunk and hand-pumps installed to help reduce water problems. However the area needs more boreholes in strategic places so that settlers only need cover short distances to fetch domestic water. The boreholes were sunk using financial assistance from Kloosterkerk/Impulsis of the Netherlands.

Community School roof

In 2007, the roof of the community house, which houses the Community School, at Mwomboshi Settlement Village was damaged by wind in the rainy season of 2005. We are very grateful for financial assistance from the Friends of Makeni in the Netherlands that has allowed us to make repairs.

7 St Nicholas Village for Children – Christine Mtonga

The orphanage has six members of staff including one live-in-Assistant. The two new members of staff were employed are Stella Mvula and White Kachali. Both were employed to replace members of staff who left. There is still need of a man who can be a father-figure, but resources cannot allow hiring another staff member at the moment.

The current number of children is 30, 12 boys and 18 girls from the age of 5 to 16 years. The Centre started building extensions to the boys and girls quarters in the year. It is hoped that they will be completed in 2008. All the children are in school. There are 6 who sat for their Grade 7 examinations of which two failed. Those who failed were asked to repeat.

Volunteers' contributions

Several outings were arranged for the children with sponsorship from volunteers who came to Makeni during the year. Some of the places visited were Munda Wanga Gardens (Zoo), Kalimba Reptile Farm, Adventure City and other places. The orphanage received several items from different well-wishers and volunteers. The items received included a computer, printer, radio, hair-blower and football kit (soccer balls, jerseys, boots and sneakers) for both the girls and boys. Others were wall mirrors in all the dormitories and 3 mattresses were bought for those who had worn-out mattresses. A geyser was installed and some more tables for dining and wardrobes for both boys and girls living quarters were made. We are very grateful for this support to all volunteers and donors.

More is needed in terms of finances and human resource capacity building to help the children in many areas of their lives and improvement of the general work environment. Short course interventions will be considered for the year 2008 to help improve operations.

8 Donors, Volunteers and Partner Organisations

We are pleased to express our appreciation for all our donors and collaborators in 2007. Their names are listed here:

Donors	Country
Kloosterkerk Worldwide, W. Goris	The Netherlands
Anton Dil	United Kingdom
Pierre & Lee Ann Dil Canada	Canada
Jan & Truus Veldkamp,	The Netherlands
Friends of Makeni, NCDO	The Netherlands
African AIDS Angel	Canada
Moore AR and H	
Kerkinactie	The Netherlands
Swinburne JC	
Impulsis	The Netherlands
Church of St. John the Baptist, Piddington.	United Kingdom
Nike Kits	
Saanich Community Church,	Canada
R. Robinson (Mr & Mrs)	United Kingdom
DRJ Cope	
Little St. Mary's, Cambridge,	United Kingdom
Andrew Knowles,	United Kingdom
Mrs Carter	
Gordon & Julia Lowes	United Kingdom
John and Hilary Vanderleest	Canada
Kisan Tenekoon	Zambia
Dimitri Knobbe (Colonies of the Benevolent)	The Netherlands
TAP Zambia Limited	Zambia
Milano Medical Mission	United States of America
Jane Kazunga	Zambia
International Anglican Fellowship	United States of America
Alberta Treasury	Canada
Diaconie Gerefor - Barendrecht	The Netherlands

Volunteers

We extend our sincere thanks to the following volunteers who worked with us during the year. Geeske Meems & Cindy Schotte helped fix the basketball court (yet again!). We really need to use some heavy duty equipment, but this is difficult to obtain and expensive locally. Until then, regular repairs seem the only option.

Cindy was instrumental in laying the ground work for the establishment of the Central Storage Room.

Julia Lowes helped a great deal at the orphanage and family planning project. Gordon Lowes helped in the computerisation of the Accounts Department and also worked at the orphanage where he donated football jerseys and did sports activities with the children.

Jack Rusthoven, Anje Noorman & Albert Meems helped a lot in revisiting the idea of upgrading our school during their short visit.

Albert Meems made architectural drawings for the school, which will need the livestock production unit section to be modified.

Annemiehe Meems and Edwin Oostinga attempted to repair the biogas tank!

Partner Organisations

We also would like to thank our partners:

Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust	Zambia
Zambian Helpers	Zambia
Ministry of Health	Zambia
The Technical Centre for Agriculture & Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA)	The Netherlands
Non Government Organisation Coordinating Council (NGOCC) Basket Fund	Zambia

With Warm Regards from all the Staff of Makeni Centre!

Mr Joseph Silwenga, Administrative Manager
Fr Andrew Mukuyamba, Chairman