

# *Makeni Ecumenical Centre*

## 2008 Annual Report



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*Dear Friends,*

Warm greetings from Makeni Ecumenical Centre. We are pleased to share with you our 2008 Annual Report. This Report highlights a number of activities that took place in the year 2008.

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## 1 Background

THE year 2008 marked 38 years since the founding of Makeni Ecumenical Centre (MEC) as a Christian Non-Governmental Organisation. There were no changes in the core activities the Centre has been running. These are:

- 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

However, many new support activities were carried out in 2008, many of which were with the help of our cooperating partners and donors. A lot of effort was also directed towards activities that would enhance the Centre's self-sustainability. All the activities and projects fell within the Centre's fundamental value of helping people to live decent lives.

The Agriculture Department enhanced the activities on meat processing through additional training conducted by Tony Linthorst. The Settlement Project benefited through the hammer mill, draft animal and water projects. The Carpentry workshop was completed with financial assistance from the Church of Barendrecht in Holland and the equipment is running. The production unit is gaining momentum. The Basic School saw its laboratory created from the existing workshop of the electronics school, funded by the Friends of Makeni. The HIV/AIDS Project, in the latter parts of 2008, was funded by the Non-Governmental Organisation Coordinating Council of Zambia to facilitate the training and establishment of rural VCT centres in the MEC target sites. It was in this very programme that bicycles were being distributed to enhance the outreach activities that contact people in these sites.

The St Nicholas Children's Village had its own share of activities and improvements. The living quarters for the children were expanded, a hand pump installed and additional furnishing was done. A vegetable garden was introduced and now children participate in the growing of vegetables.

Setbacks were suffered in the Family Planning Project where the necessary drugs were not available for the large part of the year. This affected our annual targets. The Home-based Care Project had more demands.

We had a number of donor visitors and volunteers who lightened our burdens and added to our joys. We are grateful that donors have continued to partner with us to ensure that the mission of Makeni is achieved.

## 2 General News

### ***Farewell to Mrs Judy Passmore!***

Makeni Ecumenical Centre bid farewell to Mrs Judy Passmore, who was House Mother (Matron) at the St Nicholas Children's Home. Mrs Passmore joined the Centre in 2000, just after the Orphanage was established. She has been a very friendly person, very hard working, honest and committed. The children at St Nicholas also adored her so much. She was so compassionate for the sick children and never would miss any appointment with the doctors. She would sacrifice her money and bring the children cakes, home-made jam or fruits for the sake of the children's welfare. Mrs Wenda Dil, co-founder of the Centre, remarks that these attributes befit a saint. The children used to fondly call her 'Ambuya', which means grandmother. We will greatly miss her. Happy and blessed retirement, Mrs Passmore!

### ***Well-done high flying Bertha Kabwe***

Bertha Kabwe is one of the orphans who were admitted at the time St Nicholas was started. She was in middle primary school then. She passed Grade 7 examinations and proceeded to basic school. When she passed her Grade 9 examinations, she was found a place at Katondwe Girls Secondary School in the Eastern Province of Zambia, which is a Catholic girls' school. Bertha wrote her Grade 12 examinations and passed with flying colours. She will need to go to college and the career of her choice is psychiatry nurse. There is only one college in Zambia where this course is done. We hope we can get her a sponsor next year so that she can start her college studies. Bertha has shown a deep sense of responsibility, morality and commitment. She is an example to the children at St Nicholas and appears to know that a better future lies in having a good education. Go, go forward Bertha!

## 3 Adult Training Programme

The Adult Training Programme is the programme responsible for coordinating the skills training section of Makeni Ecumenical Centre. The courses currently being run are Agriculture, Carpentry & Joinery, Electronics, Food Production, Tailoring & Designing, and Computer short courses. There were 60 students that graduated in 2008. This was 32% more than the year 2007. Since inception in 1971 MEC has graduated more than 4000 students.

In 2007 the Adult Training Programme graduation ceremony was graced by, The Minister of Community Development and Social Services, Honourable Catherine Namugala as Guest of Honour. In 2008, the 37<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony was graced by Hon. Lucy Changwe, the Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Vocational Training. Her address was very challenging, with an emphasis on cultivating and developing the culture of entrepreneurship among the young people in general and the graduates in particular. This, she said, formed the bedrock of sustainable national development.

### 3.1 Agriculture Department - Benjamin Zulu

In the academic year 2007/2008, the department enrolled 30 students, consisting of 22 and 8 agriculture settlement and general students respectively. The total enrolment was seven students more than the academic year 2006/2007. Short courses in Mushroom Growing, Fish Farming, Pig and Poultry Production were conducted. External participation was very low. However, it is hoped that the momentum gained will be enhanced next year such that external participation will be high.

The Agriculture Department conducted an in-house phase-two entrepreneurship training for members of staff. The workshop was facilitated



by Mr J. Silwenga and Mr B. Zulu. Revd Fr Mukuyamba officiated and presented the certificates to staff.

*Revd Mukuyamba & Mr J. Silwenga presenting a certificate to computer lecturer, Mr Mumba*

The department planted maize, inorganically and organically grown on demonstration plots. A wide range of vegetables such as cabbage, onion, tomato and local vegetables such as Amaranthus and beans were grown. The citrus orchard will soon bear fruit and the banana plantation will by the year 2009 yield bananas for sale.

#### **Production Unit**

**Mushrooms** - The department planted mushrooms in August 2008 for the purpose of training. They plan to start continuous production and mushrooms are already on the project plan for 2009.



**Poultry** - The department reared two batches of broilers totalling 400 birds. Some profits were generated, which we hope to capitalise on in the year 2009. The demand is good and we even do the pre-packaging. This is a cost saving measure.

Settlement students doing their daily practical work in a broiler pen.

The department has embarked on regular rearing of broilers with an increase in number of birds per to 400 birds. We have already acquired 4 new drinkers and 4 new feeders. The enterprise needs more marketing of the birds and

probably to start selling in small parts i.e. a pack of breasts or drumsticks.

**Piggery** - The piggery section continued pork and sausage processing and the demand has been improving. Three or more fatteners are processed monthly and the unit is almost breaking even.

In 2008 the section received support from Mr Tony Linthorst who provided protective wear for the butchery, trays, knives, a butchering machine, a packaging machine, a barbecue machine and electronic scales. He also trained the Agriculture Department staff in salami and polony making and smoking of meat products.

The settlers in Chisamba Settlement Village also benefited from the sausage making training for goat meat. The farmers were very grateful for the training. It is hoped that in the future their capacity could be enhanced so that they could add value to goat products.



*Pork and sausage products displayed in the processing room.*

*The barbecue and slicing machine donated by Mr Linthorst*



The **biogas project** is still under going trials and a lot of efforts are being made to ensure that the biogas produces gas to light the gas stove.

Members of staff in the department are making regular contacts with Maarten van de Graaf in Holland on every progress.

Although a few activities did not take place as planned, the department recorded a number of successes in the year under view. The department has the ability to perform much better in terms of enrolment and production unit.

### **3.2 Computer Department - Joseph Mumba**

The Computer Department performed well in the year 2008 compared to 2007. The enrolment of external students increased significantly from 114 students in 2007 to 207 students in 2008. In addition, 150 of our own basic school and 11 Adult Training Programme students were trained. We hope that the upward trend is likely to continue for some time, because promotional activities have been increased a great deal. The computer lab will undergo some minor upgrading to make it even more suitable for our students.

### **3.3 Carpentry Department - Bringnas Saviye**

The carpentry and joinery department has had a lot of success in 2008. Ten students sat for the exams, among which were those sponsored by the Church of Barendrecht. Only one student failed his theory while another failed his practical examinations. The average results were 61% and 63% for theory and practicals respectively. Students graduated in August 2008.



*Graduates from carpentry*

After the successful completion of the Workshop through financial assistance from Barendrecht and the installation of the industrial equipment, the department has embarked on furniture production for income generation (picture left) This is constrained by the amount of available resources for the raw material. Hand tools are also inadequate.



*Completed carpentry building*



### **3.4 Home Economics**

The Home economics department has, since the introduction of the Food Production course, been trying to enrol in January and September. The total number of students enrolled for both Food Production and Tailoring and Designing was 23. Tailoring has enrolled only 7 students. Male participation in these courses is very minimal with only three men in food Production.

In order to cushion the impact of insufficient enrolment the department has started an income-generating restaurant. It also offers students hands-on experience in their food production training. This facility has been catering for Makeni and Ministry of Health employees, students, pupils and outsiders. There has been an average of 30 users of this facility per working day. Its contribution is slowly beginning to bear fruits. This will be more significant once we start making confectionery products and consolidate the outside catering service. In the future we will need to build a separate structure and improve the kitchen.

Constraints include some small equipment and tools such as like cutlery, baking tins and mixing bowls. There is no office space, so the storeroom is used for the purpose of storage and office. An extra member of staff is needed in order to reduce the workload on the single staff we have at the moment.

### **3.5 Library - Martha Mbiya**

In 2008 the daily attendance of students from all departments has increased from 38 to 45 and is more intensive during the examination period. We received 44 books from Mrs Wenda Dil, the Friends of Makeni and Anton Dil. We also donated 311 books to three settlement village schools and Eden Institute.

We have a number of publications, periodicals, magazines and other books received from January to November. These include Spore Agri-Outreach, ICT update, WHO Technical Series, and Habitat For Humanity.

**Staff Upgrading & Volunteers** - The Librarian, Martha Mbiya, spent time with the Lusaka City Library. This was of great help because she is now able to apply accession and classification properly. The library was fortunate to have some time with Ruud and Loy, volunteers from Holland. They were able to help us computerize the classification system. This will make it much easier to quickly locate any book on the shelf.

**Environmental & Community Concern** - In order to contribute to a clean environment, the library has been tasked to coordinate the disposal of waste paper generated within the Centre. The waste paper is periodically sold to Fleximail Ltd, a waste paper collection and recycling firm.

The library has had requests from the surrounding residents for access to some of the literature and reference materials. It was resolved that members of the

public be admitted as members at a fee. The facility is for reference purposes only. The fees will be as follows: K5,000 per day, K25,000 per month, K50,000 per three months and K120,000 per year. Users have the option to choose what suits them.

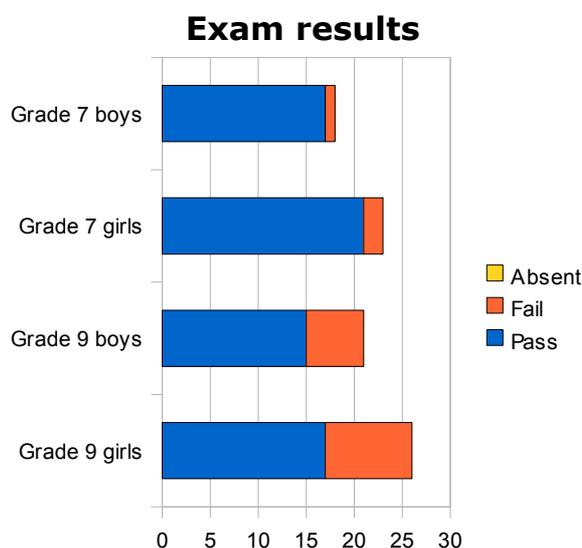
## 4 Basic School - George Halubobya

The school opened on 7th January and closed on 28th November 2008. At the end of term three, the total number of pupils from Pre-school to Grade 9 was 320 with nearly equal numbers of boys and girls. There are ten members of staff including the Head teacher employed by the school.

The attendance was good in all grades. Requests for places in various grades from other learning institutions were overwhelming. Both the parents and pupils have appreciated the computer lessons that were introduced in the year, catering for Grades 5 to 9. Repairs to Grades 5/6 classroom were done. Cupboards are needed for Grades 7, 8, 9 and the soon to be introduced Grades 10, 11 and 12 classrooms.

### **Examination Analysis For 2008**

Forty pupils sat Grade 7 exams in November 2008, with 19 boys and 21 girls. Forty-seven pupils sat for Grade 9 exams in November 2008, 25 boys and 22 girls. Numbers of passes and fails are as indicated in the chart below.



There were no absentees. The overall pass percentages were 93% for Grade 7 and 68% for Grade 9, with similar overall performances for boys and girls.

## ***New Developments – Structures & Activities***

The building of the Science Laboratory for Senior Secondary Education began in readiness for opening of the Grade 10 class. This is being done with financial assistance from the Friends of Makeni of the Netherlands. We also hope to start building a three by one classroom block once the funding formalities are finalized with the Friends of Makeni. We are very grateful for their funding.

Several activities took place during the year, among which was the newly introduced Annual Awards Day, in which deserving pupils received awards for their outstanding performance. The highest annual award of the Founders Trophy for General Excellence was awarded to **Stephanie Mulemi**, a Grade 9 pupil, for her outstanding performance in school. She was also the most outstanding debater during the Anti-drugs inter-schools debate competitions sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Commission. We are proud that our school achieved second place in Lusaka Province.

## **5 Health and Community Support**

Health and community support provides Family Planning, HIV/AIDS Prevention and Home-based Care Projects. These projects are carried out in order to intervene in the various health and community aspects where not much help reaches communities.

### ***5.1 Family Planning - Dapheen Mkandawire***

The Family Planning Clinic started on a good note with the usual clinic days on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. The supply of drugs was fairly good for both old and new acceptors. We received 345 cycles of Oralcon-F, 817 vials of Depo Provera and 125,400 male condoms.

The performance of the clinic in terms of client numbers was affected by two main unavoidable circumstances. In the middle of January there was a national call by the Ministry of Health for all vials of Depo Provera to be withdrawn, because they were suspected to have been contaminated with H.I. virus. Also in February we had a national short supply of Oralcon-F for six months. It was available again in September. The clients who depended on these family planning options were affected badly.

As a result, the clinic depended mainly on condoms and safeplan. The demand for safeplan slightly increased due to the shortage of the other solutions. We had a total of 1,076 clients who visited the clinic, of which 442 clients were new acceptors and 634 were old clients.

In the year we still did not manage to engage the services of a gynaecologist, due to the lack of funds. This has been a big problem for cases that need special attention. The national hospital, known as the University Teaching Hospital, is usually crowded and appointments take a longer time.

### **Family Planning services in the Villages**

Service to the rural areas was only extended to the Makeni Settlement Villages because of resource constraints. A total number of 773 clients were attended to. Kalwelwe and Mwomboshi settlement villages benefited more due to the combined service with the Zambian Helpers Society. Chisamba had only a single visit.

Apart from periodical transport problems, the combined service with Zambian Helpers Society in the second week of each month to Kalwelwe coincides with the MEC extension visit to Chisamba. The statistical details are shown on the tables below.

#### **Mwomboshi Settlement Village**

Contraceptive	Repeat clients	New clients	Total distributed
Oralcon-F pill	0	53	159 cycles
Female condom	2	30	420 pieces
Male condom	154	84	27,000 pieces
Total	156	167	

#### **Chisamba Settlement Village**

Contraceptive	Repeat Clients	New clients	Total
Male condom	6	10	3000

#### **Kalwelwe Settlement Village**

Contraceptive	Repeat clients	New clients	Total
Depo provera	0	25	25 ampoules
Oralcon-F Pill	0	115	345 cycles
Female condom	0	52	814
Male condom	39	203	28,700 pieces
Total	39	395	

### **5.2 HIV/AIDS Prevention Project - Catherine Oreta**

The HIV/AIDS Prevention Project is one of Makeni Ecumenical Centre's social projects that provides service to the community and does not generate income. Its activities are targeted at underprivileged people in both urban and rural areas. Many activities were undertaken in the year 2008.

**Discussions and Video shows-** Individual and Focus Group discussions at the Centre, targeting especially mothers coming for family planning services, were conducted and reached out to about 3500 women on average. HIV/AIDS awareness videos were also shown to both individuals and couples that visited the HIV/AIDS centre and the family planning clinic.

**Voluntary Counselling & Testing** – 221 people attended voluntary counselling and testing at the Centre. A total of 69 people agreed to be tested of which 10 tested positive. Details are shown in the table below.

**Counselling and testing**

	Total counselled	Total tested	Negative	Positive
Men	13	13	9	4
Women	208	56	50	6
Total	221	69	59	10

**Home Visits** –66 homes benefited from the home visits program. Individual, couple and family counselling were conducted. The word of God was also shared. These were in surrounding areas of Makeni which included John Laing, Kanyama and Chilanga-Mapepe.

**Outreach with Zambia Helpers Society** - Outreach activities with Zambia Helpers Society went on smoothly in Mwomboshi and Kalwelwe. During this programme, over the year we conducted individual counselling to 508 clients on issues related to HIV/AIDS and referred them to their nearest health centre for further action. We also did the family planning activities which have been reported under the family planning segment.

**Outreach with Agriculture Settlement Project (ASP)** – The combined programme with the ASP proved different from the one for the year 2007. This is because, of the three settlement villages, we covered two with the Zambia Helpers Society in 2008. We only had one outreach to Chisamba. This was because the Zambia Helpers Society’s Visit timetable to Kalwelwe coincided with Agriculture timetable visit to Chisamba. Therefore, Chisamba was disadvantaged in terms of outreach. The way forward shall be dealt with in due course.

**Anti-retroviral Therapy** - The number of clients on Anti-retroviral therapy in Mwomboshi, Kalwelwe and Chisamba has increased to 16 in 2008 from 10 in 2007. Some of these clients go to Kabwe General Hospital, Liteta Hospital in Chibombo and Lusaka every one, two or three months for review as well as the collecting of the drug supplies depending on the individual case.

**Bicycle distribution programme for rural HIV/AIDS Outreach** – Upon realising the difficulties the rural target groups suffer in carrying out HIV/AIDS outreach activities, MEC applied through the 2008 Proposal to the NGOCC Basket Fund, to incorporate bicycles for distribution to contact persons in our catchments. This was to cater for two contact persons per site for five of the target areas. It started in the later part of the 2008 and will continue up to April 2009.

### **5.3 Home-based care Project - Catherine Oreta**

The Home Based Project mainly targets Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) who live with their guardians in the compounds and MEC Settlement Villages. The main aim is to help improve the quality of life of these children and help lighten the burden of their aged grandparents by providing support and care in education and food supplement. The key result of this project is that the OVCs do go to school and their quality of life is improved.

There were sixty-eight OVCs who benefited from the school support program. Fourteen households from the compounds of Linda, Chawama and Kanyama as well as Chisamba Settlement Village benefited from monthly Mealie Meal rations. The largest part of the funds for this project came from the NGOCC Basket Fund.

The main challenges are limited financial resources and inability to provide accommodation for some of the children we are sponsoring.

### **6. Settlement Project - Benjamin Zulu**

The settlement program trains students in agriculture and helps them to settle in farms in Mwembeshi, Mwomboshi, Kalwelwe and Chisamba.

#### **6.1 Enrolment & Settlement**

Under the settlement training programme, the department enrolled 22 students. Only one student dropped out due to family problems and 20 students were settled in October 2008. There were 5 men and 15 women. One male student is yet to be settled. Four students were settled in Mwomboshi, 12 in Chisamba and 4 in Kalwelwe settlement village.

Transportation of settlers to the settlements remains a big challenge for the department. It is expensive to hire a truck for the purpose. Below is the picture of the truck hired during the settlement exercise.



After settling 20 settlers in the year 2008, the family population now stands as 83 for Mwomboshi, 126 Chisamba and 42 Kalwelwe. Kafue and Mwembeshi remain at 20 and 86 families respectively. The total number of families for all 5 settlement villages is 357.

## 6.2 Loan Recovery

The recovery of ground rent and loans started late due to transport problems and the recovery was negatively affected. The recoveries dropped by 27%. The ground rent increased by 13%. Loan repayments were through cash, maize and chickens. The table below is the table showing the loan recovery summary for 2007 and 2008.

**Loan and Ground rent Summary<sup>1</sup>**

	2007	2008
Loans	77	49
Rent	70	69
Loan Recovered (K)	9,705,060	7,048,710
Rent Recovered	2,370,000	2,691,000

## 6.3 Field monitoring survey

The department carried out a field monitoring survey in Mwomboshi, Chisamba and Kalwelwe settlement villages in order to ascertain the average levels of cultivation and yields for the settlement villages. Further, the survey was intended to help management improve the programmes of the Agriculture Settlement Project.

The field monitoring survey was done with the help of Village Management Committees (VMC) of each village in June. Using the VMC posed a lot of challenges since during this period all the members concentrate on managing their own fields.

Only 18% of land is under cultivation. Of which 56% is used for maize. The rest is taken up by various crops such as sweet potatoes, pumpkins, beans, groundnuts and many others. On average each farmer uses 2 x 50kg of fertiliser. A survey on the livestock will be done in 2009. The table below shows the land areas which are cultivated per village and predominant types of crops grown.

**Cultivated areas**

	farmers	Acres	Active farms	Acres	Maize acres	other crops	fertiliser use (kg)
Mwomboshi	79	790	46	154	48	106	9475
Chisamba	110	1100	78	162	102	60	0
Kalwelwe	38	380	33	92	77	15	7450
Total	227	2,270	157	408	227	181	27,225

<sup>1</sup>Rate: K5,100 per \$1

## **6.4 Land demarcation**

In order to create more space for new settlers, the undemarcated land in both Mwomboshi and Chisamba Settlement Villages needed to be demarcated. The exercise was carried out with financial assistance from Kloosterkerk and Impulsis. A total of 60 plots of 10 acre sizes were demarcated – 26 and 34 in Chisamba and Mwomboshi respectively.



There will be a need for quick intervention to resolve border encroachment by outsiders in both settlement villages. However, this can only be done by engaging licensed surveyors. The pictures above show the team of surveyors and their helpers regrouping for another assignment.

## **6.5 Water development survey**

A water development survey was carried out by Stainslaus Chisakuta of the Natural Resources Development College.



The survey was done in order that Makeni Ecumenical Centre establish the shortcomings in water resources and develop a water development strategy for Mwomboshi and Chisamba Settlement Villages. Currently water points are inadequate. The 83 families in Mwomboshi share 4 boreholes while the 110 families in Chisamba share 7 boreholes over the area of approximately 830 acres and 110 acres respectively.

## **6.6 Hammer mill and Animal draft power projects**

The Hammer Mill Project was launched with the financial help of Dimitri Knobbe of the Colonies of the Benevolent, the Netherlands.

During years of heavy rains, Mwomboshi settlers were cut off from the nearest hammer mill which was about 10km away from the settlement. This problem has also affected Chisamba settlers who have been covering more than 18km to grind their maize for food.



Settlers were singing and dancing with excitement. On the right you can see a picture of Mr Bwalya from Saro trying the engine of the installed hammer mill.

### ***Animal draft power and capacity building***

The Centre purchased eight draft power animals to be used in land preparation and transportation. Kloosterkerk Worldwide funded the project. The animals were shared equally between Mwomboshi and Chisamba Settlement Villages.



In April 2008, a combined group of seventeen settlers from Chisamba and Mwomboshi were trained in animal draft power matters, including management of the same animals. The facilitators came from Golden Valley Research Trust. Here you can see the facilitator, Mr Mbale, and trainees (settlers) demonstrating and carrying out the technique of introducing the rope to animals.

The hammer mill project was officially handed over to Mwomboshi settlers

together with Animal Draft Power project. The animals were officially handed over to villages by the representative of the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Sara Sayifwanda MP. Also in attendance were the District commissioner of Chibombo District and other dignitaries.

### **6.7 Water reservoir in Chisamba**

The water reservoir in Chisamba is being used now by the settlers for gardening and watering animals. Trials for fish rearing have also been started. Below are the pictures showing the reservoir and one of the gardens depending on the water from the reservoir.



The Centre, through the agriculture department, has the ability to perform much better in terms of enrolment, production unit, settlement project and in loan recovery. Transport is a major drawback, especially that the current vehicles have been having frequent breakdowns.

### **7 St Nicholas Village for Children - Christine Mtonga**



St Nicholas Village has 30 children. Three new boys and two girls were admitted into the Orphanage. These are Adam (7), Beriya (11), Chikondiwe (11), Kaoko (8) and Nicholas (4 months). Beriya and Chikondiwe are identical twins. Two children came from within Lusaka, another two from Kafue, which is 45km south of Lusaka, and one from Mwembeshi, which is about 41 km west of Lusaka. The age range of

the children is now 4 months to 17 years.

Esther Chisenga, Elizabeth Mwamba and Emmanuel Soko were integrated into their families after writing their Grade nine examinations and will be under the Home-based and vulnerable children programme. Memory Lyamba was also reunited with her grandfather. Eunice Soko and Peter Chirwa also joined their families.



There are five requests that are being considered. Once the process of verification is completed the children should be admitted in the home.

### ***Volunteers and visitors***

We had eight volunteers and three visitors. Two visitors were from the UK and one from the Netherlands. Mr and Mrs Lowes and two other relatives spent two weeks with us at the Orphanage. Barbara and Sheila visited on their way to Tanzania. Barbara is from Little St Mary's, Cambridge. Their donations were valuable. Mr Lowes has suggested agriculture skills for the children during the weekends. The agriculture staff are preparing to start this weekend. He will meet the costs of training and materials. One American resident in the Centre has volunteered to take walks with the children in the evenings whenever he is free. He is the son of America missionaries that are renting with the Centre.

We had repaired the swings and other facilities in the children's. Two wardrobes and tables and eight chairs were made for the new extension.



**Vegetable project** - The children are now doing gardening and it has been extended so that sufficient vegetables are available - fresh and plenty! Three members of staff and 12 grown up children were trained in vegetable production. The staff were awarded certificates of attendance. The staff were trained to work efficiently, to supervise the children and to help the children have fresh vegetables for improved meals. Garden tools and several inputs were bought for project.



### **Water supply by hand pump**

- The orphanage had erratic water from January to September due to the electricity load shedding being experienced in the country and our reliance on electric pumps to service our boreholes. A

hand pump was installed in October. We now have reliable water supply.



## ***Local fund-raising***

Makeni Ecumenical Centre management believes that local fund-raising efforts are necessary to supplement overseas assistance being rendered to the orphanage. The following are some of the efforts we made towards fund-raising.

- Agricultural Show - Some of the children's crafts and paintings were taken to the commercial Agricultural show for exhibition and sale. The Agricultural show is an annual event held in August where various companies and NGOs exhibit their goods and services.
- General sales- we sold second-hand clothes. The musical CDs, featuring the Anointed Lilies Praise team, which were produced by Dr Anton Dil were sold during the year. More CDs are available for sale. The Anointed Lilies is a CACZ Christian singing group which includes the St Nicholas Orphanage Children and other young people of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Expansion of the tuck shop – The tuck shop was expanded in order to sell more merchandise targeting staff, residents in the Centre, the surrounding communities, visitors to the general clinic and students. Previously the tuck shop catered only for pupils.

## ***Certificates of excellence***



Out of 40 pupils, 7 of our St Nicholas children were awarded with certificates of excellence in sports, academics, discipline and hard work at the Basic School annual awards ceremony, where deserving pupils are presented with of certificates of distinction in various categories.

**Social activities** - The children visited Munda Wanga Botanical Gardens and Zoo for some fun. They also performed as the children's praise team (Anointed Lilies) at a wedding. It was very colourful.

**Education** - All of the children, except Nicholas (who is too young), are in school. Bertha, who was in the orphanage, but is now under the HBC/OVC Project, completed school with very good Grades. She has been offered a place at the Copperbelt University by the Vice Chancellor and will be given a Bursary. We are waiting for the guardians to agree to the offer before we can proceed with all other arrangements. Audrey and Evelyn are now going into Grade 12 and in December 2009 will be finishing. Daniel will be doing Grade 11 in 2009. The challenge before us will be to see them do tertiary education. Sponsorship shall be needed.

There were four and eight children who wrote their Grade 9 and 7 examinations respectively. All the girls in Grade 7 passed their examinations.

### ***Extension project***



The extension project of the Orphanage has been thoroughly completed and handed over to MEC by the Contractor. It was done through combined resources from African Aids Angels, Canada and the Friends of Makeni, the Netherlands. The total project cost K174,487,420 (€31,147.27). We were asked by the Friends of Makeni if we could use the logo of NCDO and we gladly accepted. We have put it on the boys' hostel. The logo for African Aids Angels is to go on the girls' hostel.

Makeni Ecumenical Centre is grateful for the commitment and efforts towards the betterment of the Children of Zambia. Your suggestions are very valuable. We are willing to go the extra mile to conform to required practices.

## **8 Donors, volunteers and partners**

### ***Volunteers***

We extend our sincere thanks to Gordon and Julia Lowes, Margreet Oosterhuis and Malu de Fauw who all predominately worked in the orphanage. Gordon Lowes helped in computerising some aspects of our accounting system.

Loy Ebbers and Ruud Amerongen helped in designing and introducing new computer-based records in the library, stores, accounts, family planning and the registry.

Anke Warmerdam and Marjanka Flamma were at the Family Planning Clinic and HIV/AIDS Projects. Anke, Marjanka, Ruud and Loy (Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>), offered a rare treat to the Home-Based Care Project 24 children from Linda Compound – a visit to Munda Wanga gardens at Chilanga. This was a first for the children under the Home-Based Care Project. They also distributed clothes for the 7 year olds and below and even personal clothes to the bigger children, since their consignment did not have such.

Anne Claar Roselaers did creative works with the children at St Nicholas including some drama performances with the Grade Seven children.

Jan and Yvonne Kars came at the time we had a new mathematics teacher. Jan Kars was on hand to help conducting tutorials. Yvonne taught the children paintings and other art works. Some of these are display in the library some have been sold.

## Donors

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*With warm regards from all the staff at Makeni Ecumenical Centre!*

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