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Dear Friends,

Warm greetings from Makeni Ecumenical Centre. We are pleased to share with you our 2006 Annual Report, highlighting a number of activities that took place during the year.

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1 ORGANISATION



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. MEC offers child and adult education programmes of a wide variety, and courses in agriculture settlement to the people of Lusaka and Zambia as a whole. One of MEC's major programmes is the creation of rural "Settlement Villages" in which families trained by MEC in agriculture are settled permanently.

Makeni Ecumenical Centre constituted its Board of Managers in the late part of 2005. The Board's terms of reference include the following:

- a) oversee that the general business and conduct of the Centre as determined by its policy in accordance with the standards laid down by the Makeni Ecumenical Centre constitution and by cooperating partners are adhered to;
- b) assist in fund-raising;
- c) advise the Executive Committee on any matter of concern and act as the public relations organ;
- d) ratify the appointment of auditors, approve the Centre's Budget and recommend the approval of the accounts;
- e) ratify the Centre's legal advisors;
- f) ratify such committees as may be deemed necessary and to give appropriate directions and instructions to and to receive reports there from; and
- g) oversee that the management of all assets of the Centre are properly and responsibly managed through the Executive Committee.

There is also a Senior Manager Committee that sees to day to day policy matters.

The daily running of Makeni Ecumenical Centre is done by the Executive Committee consisting of senior members of staff. The Executive Committee meets regularly to ensure that projects are running smoothly. Each project or department is headed by a qualified Head of Department who is answerable to the Personnel & Administration Manager. The total staff establishment is 38, including part-time members of staff. We have 20 female and 18 male staff.

General News



The Executive Chairman, Fr. Andrew Mukuyamba and the Head of the Agriculture Department (also Assistant Administration Manager) Mr. Joe Silwenga were part of an eight-man delegation that left Zambia for the Netherlands on the 25th October 2006 to meet with several partner churches and organizations. Makeni Ecumenical Centre felt privileged for such an opportunity and wishes to convey appreciations to Kerkinactie and other partners for the sponsorship of the trip.

2 ADULT TRAINING PROGRAMME – Joe Silwenga

The Adult Training Programme (ATP) is part of Makeni Ecumenical Centre's seven different programmes. It is responsible for imparting technical skills to youth and adults in Agriculture, Home Economics (includes Food Production, Nutrition, and Tailoring and Designing), Carpentry & Joinery, Computer short courses and Electronics. It is headed by the Adult-Training Coordinator. The Staff establishment is 12. Gender distribution is three women and nine men.

In the year 2006 there were two main important activities at programme level. The first was the restructuring of work and procedures to conform to the guidelines set by the Technical Education Vocation and Entrepreneurship Training Authority (TEVETA) regarding the Technical Education Vocation and Entrepreneurship Training (TEVET) Fund. The second was developing the HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy. Both have been done successfully.

Training Programmes

Three departments, namely Agriculture, Electronics and Home Economics, received financial support from the TEVET FUND through a competitive bid. The amount of funding was above K90 million (US\$21,700) and was intended for the acquisition of training materials. This enabled Makeni Ecumenical Centre to obtain many useful materials for training.

The general enrolment as from September 2006 stood at 49 students. The table shows the statistics of the two successive enrolments.

Details	Number of students	
	2005/2006	2006/2007
Agriculture - General	14	8
- Settlement	16	15
Home Economics		
- Food Production	-	3
- T & D and Nutrition,	11	12
Electronics	18	18
Carpentry & Joinery	5	7
Computer short courses**	52	62
Short courses – Agriculture**	7	8
Total No of Students – Full-time courses	64	61
Total No of Students – Part-time courses**	59	70

2.1 Agriculture - Joe Silwenga

The Agriculture Department consists of the Training, Production and Settlement programmes and projects. This report gives an overview of activities that took place in the training and production programmes for the period 2005/6. The personnel that have been responsible for the implementation were three full-time and one part-time personnel.

2.1.1 Programmes/Projects

Overview of training

The Agriculture Department had a total of 30 students in the academic year 2005/6. The Agriculture General consisted of 14 students while the Agriculture Settlement had 16 students. This was 5 students more than it was last year 2004/5. The short courses also attracted participation from Justo Mwale theological College and the public.

Details comparing with last year are indicated in the table below:

Details	2004/5	2005/6	Difference
Agriculture General			
General enrolment	12	14	2
Full certificates	8	8	0
Repeats (from previous intake)	1	-	-1
Gender – female	0	1	1
– male	12	15	3
Agriculture Settlement			
General enrolment	10	16	6
Certificates	9	16	7
Settled	8	15	7
Gender – female	3	12	9
– male	5	4	-1
Agriculture Short intensive courses			
General enrolment	6	5	-2
Full certificates	4	5	1
Outside participants	0	3	3
Gender – female	2	0	-2
– male	4	5	1

The Agriculture training programme benefited from the TEVET FUND under the Pre-employment window with funding amounting to more than K40 million (US\$9,530). We have been able to acquire training materials and computers for training and administration.

Crop Production



The crop production unit is an integral party of the training but potentially a viable income generating entity. It is yet to make more meaningful impact commercially. It is, however, run commercially for the department and students. The main limitation is staff shortage. Commercial activities often conflict in terms of time, programme and concentration with the training programme. The crop production unit has considerably expanded in terms of scope. This includes the establishment of demonstration plots in organic farming, agro-forestry, a training orchard, departmental commercial

crop production, erosion control using vertiver grass and cassava nurseries.

2.1.2 Production Unit

Mushroom/Poultry

The mushroom unit had no significant activity apart from a demonstration which was done for Justo Mwale Theological College short course participants. The poultry unit did not have any stocking because it lacks an authorized regular production schedule. Mobilising for the project given the amount of work load was attainable. A feasible alternative is a layers project.

Piggery



The idea to start processing pork was proposed in the Annual Report of 2005 in order to enhance profitability of the piggery. The two things that were done towards this in 2006 were acquiring a 410 litres deep freezer and getting the PUM meat processing expert, Mr. Ton Linthorst, to come and advise accordingly and train the departmental staff. This was successful. Mr. Zulu and Kapalu were trained. It is hoped that the unit will be viable next year. Attention is needed to the staffing arrangement. It has been observed that most commercial and training functions most often

conflict in time, programmes and concentration. Specific manpower for the production unit will be an added advantage if supervised correctly. The establishment of an office within the production unit for the Production Unit Controller is being considered for the year 2007.

Biogas project

The staff of the department had the opportunity to learn how to construct a biogas tank and produce biogas. This was made possible by volunteers from the Netherlands: Maarten van de Graaf, Peter van Hartingsveldt and Michiel van Bochorst. It took about 2 months to construct. The project was televised several times on Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation television, attracting a lot of public interest. However, the biggest set back is that the gas produced is still not lighting the gas stove. Efforts are being made to get it work. Once it is in order then trials on its utilisation will be conducted before introducing a short intensive course in Biogas tank construction and production.

Conclusion

The department operated well during the year. However, more will still need to be done in order for the department to have a much more professional outcome and better image to attract more participants for long and short courses. There is a serious staff shortfall which results in a tendency to largely deal only with urgent and important things, instead of dealing with all relevant matters – particularly timely planning, careful implementation and evaluating and developing new programmes.

The Way Forward

The following are suggestions to improve operations of the department:

- i) Upgrade the Lima Hall and improve the general surroundings.
- ii) Create an office in the Production Unit to ease supervision of work.
- iii) Employ one more full-time employee in the department for the training section. Recommendation for three new employees for the Production Unit stands as was proposed in the poultry project proposal.
- iv) Enhance the marketing of the courses, including the short courses, in order to improve income generation and sustainability.

2.2 Carpentry and Joinery – Bringnas Saviye

The Carpentry Department went through a number challenges. The first one was a small student enrolment. The second is the need to integrate a commercial entity in the department to support the training. The third is the need to expand the workshop to accommodate modern machinery that the Centre received from the TEVET Development Programme (TDP) under the Ministry of Science Technology and Vocational Training more than two years ago. And, fourth, is the lack of several essential hand and electric tools.

Activities



Regardless of the challenges highlighted the future is promising. The Centre has engaged a new Head of Department who is embracing the fact that the department must become self-sustaining. We have put up advertising campaigns to improve enrolments. A sizeable number of commercial activities have been taking place and the workmanship is good. This is anticipated to improve as well as the enrolments. The department has also been involved in

carpentry and joinery jobs within the Centre.

Major challenge

The major challenge before us is the need to erect a workshop which can meet good standards for both training and commercial purposes. The minimum estimated cost of such a structure is ZMK60 million (US\$14,500). Assistance in this task is very much needed.

2.3 Computer Skills – Derrick Tapisha

The Computer skills department is currently managed by one part-time member of staff. It is only dealing with evening programmes at the moment. During the holidays, training sessions begin at nine in the morning. In the past the programmes were targeted for external participants only. But in the recent past we have introduced a computer skills programme to pupils in grade 4 to 9. The syllabus is the Zambian IT outcomes-based syllabus which has four modules covering Basic skills, Word Processing, Spreadsheet and Presentation.

Enrolment

External enrolments from February to December 2006 stood as follows:

Details	Basic Skills	Introduction to windows	Word processing	Spreadsheets	Revision	Total
students	15	13	16	14	4	62

In addition, ten MEC pupils attended courses in Term 2 and five in Term 3.

Working Computers

We have nine working computers:

- 2 x Compaq computers with CD. Reader (Matero donation) Windows 98 + office 97
- 1 x DELL computer with CD reader (Matero donation) Windows 98 + office 97
- 3 x RM Pentium III Windows 98 + Open office - donation from The Open University, UK. One is being used in the Accounts Department
- 1 x Olivetti M4 Computer (old) Windows 95 + office 2000
- 2 x Olivetti M4 Computer (Old) Windows 3.11 + office 97
- 1 x Pentium II (Accounts office) Windows XP + office 2000

New Programmes

We intend to introduce compulsory computer lessons for all the pupils in upper basic school and students in the Adult Training Programme. Modalities on fees will need to be worked out.

Renovations

Renovation of the computer room has been undertaken. This involved changing the floor tiles, painting the walls and door and fitting the electrical cables and the ceiling board.

Recommendations

- Sell damaged computers and non-working parts. Funds raised from the sale should be used in improving the computer room and its equipment
- Introduce MS-PowerPoint; MS-Access and Pastel Accounting. These are currently on high demand.
- Acquire at least two more very good computers (Pentium 4) with windows XP and Office 2000, in order to deliver practical skills with the most up to date applications.

2.4 Electronics – Isa Jeff Mtonga

Enrolment

We had an initial enrolment of twenty-one students, out of which two are females. Four dropped out due to transfers at their places of work.

Local support

The department received over K17 million (US\$4,050) from the TEVET Fund. This enabled us to purchase teaching aids such as 6 colour T.V sets, 6 Black and White TV sets, 6 Digital multi-meters, 2 Scientific calculators, 2 Advanced Digital multi-meters, Chalks, flip-charts and Whiteboard and markers. These teaching aids have greatly enhanced skills delivery. Previously we used to have, for example, one television to four students. Now we have two students to one television set.

Education Tours

In 2006 we had two educational tours. A tour of Lusaka International Airport gave the students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the use of electronics in the aviation industry. A trip to Mwembeshi Earth Satellite Station was undertaken to help students appreciate the use of electronics in telecommunication technology.

Recommendations

- Since a new electronics class has commenced, it is recommended that one or two more lecturers be engaged.
- Corrective maintenance is required for the Electronics classroom. The building used for both the classroom and laboratory is not in good condition.
- We need to include Computer Lessons in the curriculum.

2.5 Home Economics - Janet Jere

The Home Economics Department offers three one-year training programmes. These are Tailoring & Designing, Nutrition & Nutrition Education and (since September 2006) the Food Production Course.

Enrolment

The enrolment in 2006 was 11 students in total. There is a need to find more effective ways of marketing our programmes. The majority of students in the intake came to know more about the programmes through friends and relatives, who mostly are our former students.

Tailoring & Designing

The Tailoring & Designing programme is running with 8 hand sewing machines, 2 electrical sewing machines and one industrial sewing machine. The department has no treadle sewing machines working. Students have not been receiving training how to operate the treadle sewing machine.

Nutrition & Nutrition Education

Nutrition & Nutrition Education is still in demand especially now with the problem of HIV/AIDS. Projects dealing with the pandemic need personnel with knowledge of nutrition for home-based care and support.

Food Production

Food Production is a new programme introduced in September 2006. The course contents are: Food costing & control, Hygiene, Cookery practicals, Food theory, Baking practicals and Nutrition. There is an established demand for this course, however more advertising is needed.

Like the other two departments, the Home Economics Department has benefited from over K26 million (US\$6,190) from the TEVET Fund. Similarly, the funds have been used for acquiring training materials such as food stuffs, stationery and accessories.

2.6 Library – Martha Mbiya

Attendance



The number of students using the library from all the departments is good. They are all utilizing the library period allotted very well. At times they find that the periods allotted are not enough for students to do their research and write their assignments. Lecturers and teachers also make use of the library.

With the help of donated and bought books, lecturers are happy that some of the important reference materials needed are available.

New Reading Materials

There has been an improvement in the number of books which were needed for reference by both the lecturers and students, especially in Electronics, Carpentry and Home Economics. The Agriculture Department receives books from CTA and also magazines, serials and periodicals on a monthly basis from different organizations within the country and abroad.

This year the library received several books from different organizations and people.

Organisation/Individual	Number of Books/materials	Titles/Category
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Milano	10	Novels
Mrs. Jane Kazunga	3	Webster dictionaries vol. I-III
	2	Britanica Encyclopaedias,
Mr. Erik Mouritzen	102	Children's story books, novels, History and Geography
Dr. Anton Dil	17	Basic Computers
	2	Basic mathematics
	3	Basic English
Zambia Tamil Arts & Cultural Association	16	Assorted books on Electronics, Home Economics, Mathematics, Communication skills and Agriculture
The Technical Centre for Agriculture & Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA)	Several	Books, magazines, periodicals, serials
UNISA	Several	Agri-outreach Periodicals

We express our appreciations to all who donated to our library this year.

With the aim of keeping up-to-date with technology and recent developments in many aspects of knowledge and skills we still welcome donations!.

Recommendations

- We recommend that old and outdated reading materials be disposed of by donating to members of staff or selling them out to recycling firms.
- Create a strict *staff reference section* inside the library office to maximize on security for very valuable and limited stocks of books.

3 Basic School - George Halubobya



This report covers the period from 9th January to 1st December 2006. The school opened on 9th January and closed on 1st December 2006.

Enrolment

At the end of term three the total number of pupils from pre-school to grade nine was 188 boys and 192 girls (380 total).

Attendance

Attendance was good in all grades. Requests for places in various grades for pupils from other learning institutions has been high and we anticipate it will be the same in future.

Computer lessons

The school introduced optional computer lessons for pupils from Grades 4 to 9 during the year. A number of pupils showed interest and have since started the lessons.

Classroom Accommodation

There are six classes in use at the moment. Some significant repairs are needed for grade 5 and pre-school roofs. Arrangements have already been made to do the repairs during the December-January holidays. There are adequate desks for all classes. Cupboards are needed for grade 7, 8 and 9 classes.

Examinations

The school follows the GRZ/ECZ curriculum. The general academic performance of the school has been good. For the years 2005 and 2006 the table below shows the results.

Details	2005		2006	
	Grade 7	Grade 9	Grade 7	Grade 9
Number of Pupils	47	36	42	46
Pupils selected	32	-	39	-
Full certificated	-	28	-	37
Past rate %	68%	78%	93%	80%

Recommendations

- We recommend that road humps be put along Makeni Road near our school. We had two road traffic incidents involving four of our pupils in grades 8 and pre-school on their way to school. We thank God that none died though they had serious injuries. They have since recovered.
- There is a need for upgrading the school to senior level in the near future. This will largely depend on the availability of funds.

4 Health & Community Support

4.1 HIV/AIDS Prevention Project – Catherine Oreta

The HIV/AIDS Prevention Project Office was separated from the Family Planning Office at the beginning of the year. This was a strength to the project as it accorded the clients the chance for confidential counselling and more information on HIV/AIDS. We also recorded a substantial number of Adult Training Programme students who came in for voluntary counselling and testing (VCT).

The objectives of the project are to:

- Assist reduce new HIV infection by 1% annually
- Improve on quality of life of those living with the HIV virus
- Prolong life

counselling and Testing

In the year 2006, voluntary counselling and testing was one of the main activities. Below is the total number of people counselled in HIV/AIDS-related and general issues since the beginning of the year.

Total No. of People Counselled

ADULTS		YOUTH	
Men	Women	Male	Female
127	209	33	91

Total No. of Clients for VCT

Category	Total number tested	Number Positive	tested	Percentage (%)
Men	190	12		6
Women	483	23		5
Youth - Boys	39	4		10
- Girls	88	11		13
Total	800	50		6

In both activities the total number of clients served was 1,248.

Capacity Building & mobile VCT

The Project provided capacity building in the form of training of Psychosocial Community Based Counsellors. The Training and Mobile VCT were both funded by the United States Embassy – Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. The communities that benefited were Kalwelwe Settlement Village, Chisamba Settlement Village, Mwomboshi Settlement Village, Munyai Community, and Chinkuli Community. All had two participants each except for Chisamba Settlement Village which has one participant only.

The training was followed by Mobile VCT to the same communities. The Mobile VCT was a demand from the rural communities following the pronouncement by the government to

provide free ARVs. Mobile VCT was conducted in partnership with 2 staff from the Family Support Unit of the University Teaching Hospital. All the clients who tested positive were given referrals to ARV clinics nearest to their relatives in Lusaka. Details are summarized by the table below.

Site	Site Catchment	Target	Counselled	Tested	Positive		HIV +ve %
					M	F	
Munyati Community	Over 800	150	145	144	2	-	1
Chisamba Settlement Village	Over 800	150	152	151	2	1	2
Mwomboshi Settlement Village	Over 1000	150	170	165	5	1	4
Kalwelwe Settlement Village	Over 800	150	102	102	1	-	0.9
Chinkuli Community	Over 800	150	186	135	-	9	7

The demand for VCT in the rural outreach sites is still high. We have sent proposals to various donors for possible funding so as to train Community-Based Psychosocial Counsellors in HIV Testing with a view of setting up VCT Centres in these sites. We have also planned to train home-based and vulnerable children care-givers so that the rural sites are self-sustaining in these necessary services.

Video shows/Focused group discussion

We conducted focused group discussion sessions and video shows on HIV/AIDS related issues at the Centre. People came on their own to request specific video tapes to watch of which they opted to gather information. The project also lent out video tapes to people who opted to watch and share information on HIV/AIDS with their families.

Home visits

We conducted home visits on a weekly basis to homes in the compounds around the centre at the request of the clients. During the home visits, we conducted individual counselling, support counselling and couple counselling on HIV/AIDS related and also shared gospel messages. Families reached were 23 in John Laing, 4 in Kuomboka and 2 in Kanyama Compounds.

Outreach Partnership with Zambian Helpers Society

In addition to the HIV/AIDS prevention outreach activities, the project facilitated Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Mobile Services by the Zambian Helpers Society to Mwomboshi Settlement Village. We have been conducting monthly outreach activities to Mwomboshi Settlement Village with the Zambian Helpers since April 2006. The same activities were to be started in Chisamba Settlement Village.

There was poor organisation by the Chisamba Settlement Village Community and the MCH Mobile Services were postponed to January 2007. The project continued with its rural outreach combined with the Agriculture Settlement programme to Chisamba Settlement Village and Kalwelwe Settlement Village.

Mobile Family Planning

During the outreach activities to Chisamba and Kalwelwe Settlement Villages the project also helped with family planning. Statistics were passed on to the Family Planning Clinic.

HIV/AIDS Workplace policy

The department helped to facilitate the setting of the MEC HIV/AIDS Workplace Policy. The final copy was considered by the Executive Committee.

Partnership meetings

Mrs Oreta attended Project Concern International Partners monthly meetings on the nutrition program, of which the St. Nicholas Children's Village is a beneficiary. We also attended Non-Governmental Organisation Coordinating Council (NGOCC) monthly consultative meetings.

4.2 Home-Based Care – Catherine Oreta

The Home-Based Care Project is closely linked with the HIV/AIDS Project. It focuses on providing care and support to orphans and vulnerable children and their guardians. The objective is to improve on the quality of life of orphans and vulnerable children. The intended outcome is that the quality of life of orphans and vulnerable children be improved and that they have access to education without any difficulties. The children living with their guardians are at least assured of a meal per day.

The project received funding from the NGOCC Basket Fund, enabling us to carry out the activities mentioned below.

Children school support

A total of 43 orphans and vulnerable children benefited from the school assistance programme in terms of school requisites. Out of 43 children; 9 were in Secondary Schools and the rest at Primary School level. They were a total of 18 girls and 27 boys. An additional 5 children will benefit from the School programme beginning in 2007. There are 3 girls and 2 boys. Two of them are in Secondary School and three are in Primary School.

Mealie meal monthly rations

The project delivered 25kg breakfast bag of mealie meal monthly rations to children living with their guardians in Kanyama, Linda, Chawama Compounds and Chisamba Settlement Village as food supplementation. A total of 15 households benefited translating to 54 beneficiaries.

Child counselling

The project also targeted the same children for counselling as most of them had little interest in attending school. Through counselling we have noticed a change of attitude towards school and we had three pupils (two boys and one girl) who sat for the Grade Seven Examinations and are waiting for the results.

A status report (financial and narrative) on the NGOCC Basket fund is being prepared.

4.3 Family Planning Project - Dapheen Mkandawire

The Family Planning Project continued during the year 2006 as usual. The funding came from the Kloosterkerk Worldwide and the Milano Medical Mission. A total of 6969 clients visited our clinic. 2757 were new acceptors and 4212 were old members. Individual counselling was conducted. Special health problems were attended to by a Medical Doctor who comes on Thursdays by appointment.

Our main source of drugs was Chilenje Main Pharmacy – Ministry of Health. We suffered a minor setback when in the month of October Depo Provera was out of stock. The situation has normalised. Male condoms have been out of stock since November. Safeplan is bought from Society for Family Health. It is sold to clients who prefer it at K500 per two cycles.

Details on the methods of contraception used during the year are listed here.

Static Clinic Statistics

Drugs/Method	New Acceptors	Old Acceptors	Total Supplied
Pill Oracorn-f	228	699	1568
Pill Microlut	129	122	444
Inj. Noristerat	358	892	1175
Inj. Depo Provera	390	1435	1792
Male Condoms	1466	8365	31,395

A total sum of K2,796,700 (US\$666) was raised from the sale of cards and membership fees while the sum of K145,500 (US\$35) was raised from the sales of safeplan.

5 Settlement Project – Joe Silwenga

5.1 Settlement Overview



In the year under review we settled 15 farmers, though one was unable to settle due to family and personal problems. One lady did not qualify because she did not finish paying outstanding amounts for the inputs she was given during her training. Two people were settled in Kalwelwe, 3 in Mwomboshi and 11 in Chisamba. (One of the people settled was from the 2004/5 intake. He could not be settled then due to illness.) Three out of the 15 declined the loan offer. The rest requested for a capital loan to cover 7 iron sheets each

instead of the production and subsistence loans which are being offered by Makeni Ecumenical Centre at the moment.

The total nominal number of settlers per village is Kalwelwe 36, Mwomboshi 74, Kafue 20, Chisamba 107 and Mwembeshi 86. The total number of settlers settled to date is 319.

5.2 Loan Recovery

The loan recovery for the 2005/6 season declined to about K8,260,100 (\$1,967) from K12,500,000 (\$2980) last year. The reasons for this are difficult to fully explain since the rainy season was good, the mobilizations started in time and all the necessary information and materials were done in time. Local leadership is largely the cause. The outstanding amount is still huge at about K276,000,000 (US\$65,714) as at 31st December 2006. The ever increasing balance is due mainly to the 10% interest rate per year. Seventy farmers paid part of their loans in 2006. There is need to work out new supplementary and complementary recovery strategies in order to keep the recoveries high and economic enough.

5.3 Projects

Institutional project

At the beginning of the year one water development project dubbed “Water Supply Project II” was proposed to be undertaken. It had four sub-projects that were to cover Mwomboshi (2), Chisamba (1) and Makeni (1). These were to: (i) Rehabilitate one bore-hole – Mwomboshi, (ii) Construct one Concrete ground reservoir – Mwomboshi, (iii) Construct one Concrete ground reservoir – Chisamba, and (iv) Construct one Polythene-lined ground reservoir - Makeni Ecumenical Centre. The projects (i) and (iii) were undertaken successfully. Though for project (ii) there were a number of problems that delayed its completion. These included lack of committed and consistent community participation, logistical lapses, material underestimation and lack of commitment by the consultant. The Chisamba reservoir is yet to be tested and commissioned.



The allocation for project (ii) was taken to cover the urgent water shortage in Mwomboshi that was due to the breakdown of the central community water hand pump. Project (iv) was not undertaken because there was no excess fund from the whole Water Supply Project II. The other important reason that affected the projects' implementation was the gain in strength of the Kwacha which led to the loss of total project funds by 33%. That is, the €1,600 donated lost about €528 in value.

Community projects

Project proposals from the Chisamba Community were for a hammer mill and water distribution from the windmill tank. The possibility of the hammer mill lies with the possible repair of the one from Kalwelwe which will be floated for all settlement villages to bid on the first-come first-serve basis. The water distribution project is yet to be examined for its long term and sustainable feasibility. Makeni Ecumenical Centre is to provide all materials, technical support and logistics needed.



The Mwomboshi Community School has not been receiving money from Government for maintenance. Government has only been funding the school to cover operational expenses. So the infrastructure, beautiful as it is, would need assistance to avoid degeneration.

5.4 Capacity building

Settlers

In the year under review, the Agriculture Settlement Project conducted capacity building workshops in Community Mobilization and Conservation Farming and Agro-forestry in Kalwelwe and Chisamba Settlement Villages respectively. They were facilitated by the Green Living Movement and Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust, respectively. The main aim was to empower leaders and community members with leadership skills and new agricultural production techniques. 15 leaders attended the Community Mobilization programme and 21 leaders and community members attended the Conservation Farming and Agro-forestry.



The first workshop revealed huge leadership and organisational deficiencies/gaps in the community leadership. It also revealed the urgent and important attention Makeni Ecumenical Centre will need to pay to assist developing leadership in the settlements in order for the whole project to be successful. The second workshop brought out the critical need to introduce some degree of mechanisation (i.e. animal draft power) to improve the food security situation of the populations and demonstrate the techniques at village level in

order to create a higher propensity towards commercial farming and enhance ability to pay loans. These programmes are part of the 3 year Extension Plan that closes at the end of 2006. They were the only programmes that were implemented successfully, because of the funding which came from the Kloosterkerk Worldwide.

Project Staffs

In August 2006 Mr. J. Silwenga, B. Zulu and V. Kapalu were trained in Basic Land Surveying at the Natural Resources Development College. This was aimed at empowering the members of staff to ensure that the demarcation programmes for the Settlement Villages could always be done without the pressure of scouting for funding for demarcating using external surveyors.

Conclusion

The project operated well during the year. However, more work is still needed to change settler attitude, develop self reliance and improve productivity.

Recommendations

- 1) Facilitate village exchange programmes with farmers in Serenje (possibly January 2nd week, 2007) to facilitate farmer to farmer experience sharing.
- 2) Consider a course on Credit management for Agriculture staff in order to improve capacity to recover settlement loans.
- 3) Though, the three year extension plan is coming to the close in the year 2006, some aspects of the Plan will need financial support in the new Extension/Strategic period (2007 – 2009) which will be farmer driven by and large.
- 4) Introduce draft animals to increase hectarage of area being cultivated and improve food security.

6 Saint Nicholas Children's Home - Mrs Judy Passmore



The St Nicholas Children's Home currently has 9 boys and 19 girls, a total of 28 children. The number has reduced from 32 because 4 children have since been reunited with their families. There are 5 members of staff working at the children's home.

Grade 7 Examination Results

Esther Chisenga had the highest results in Grade Seven. She got 772 out of 1000 marks in a class of 45 pupils.

Volunteers

In 2006, we had a number of volunteers that worked with us and helped in a number of areas. Below is list of them and activities they assisted in.

Name of Volunteer(s)	Country	Main activities done
Truus & Jan Veldkamp	The Netherlands	Improvement of the Orphanage. Provided technical assistance to management on orphanage affairs. Taught child care and behavioural lessons to staff. They even bought sewing machines, barbing machine, hair blower, large pots, plates and cups. Did art with children and took them for recreation to various places in Lusaka.
Elise Shyders, Saramaria van Zessen, and Sheena Manning	The Netherlands and Canada	Did games and shows with the children, taught them bead work, and assisted with the academic work of the children. They would normally read books with the children. The girls also donated some things. They painted the tables and benches in the dining hall.
Claire Steen	United Kingdom	Auntie Claire, who is a teacher by profession, helped the children with their school work. Most of the children who had reading problems benefited a lot. She also bought and gave them most of her books. She taught them how to make mosaics, play-dough and other objects from paper mash. She also donated stationery, scissors, markers, pencils and other books which the children continue to date.
Ted Kricken	Canada	Ted came from October to December. He helped the children with their academic work. During his stay he helped put up basketball poles and nets and taught the children how to play basketball. The children normally have football matches during weekends, which he participated actively in. He also took the children for walks. In the evening, he would lend them his tapes and CDs, some of which he donated to the Orphanage. Ted also taught computer lessons together with Anton Dil.
Anton Dil	United Kingdom	Anon taught the children some computer lessons on the laptop. The children have benefited a great deal.

Donations

TAP Zambia donated a wash basin and pledged to donate to the Orphanage K500,000 (US\$119) per month and has continued to do so. We also received from Dina Plastics Limited a donation of 60 plastic plates and 144 plastics cups.

We thank all who donated to the Orphanage to help in its smooth running, especially the African AIDS Angels of Canada.

7 Donors/Volunteers/Partner organisations

We are pleased to express our appreciations for all the donors and volunteers who donated to the Centre and worked with us in 2006. Their names are listed here:

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Volunteers 2006

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Ton Linthorst	The Netherlands
Elise Snijders	The Netherlands
Michiel van Bochorst	The Netherlands
Peter van Hartingsveldt	The Netherlands
Maarten van de Graaf	The Netherlands
Saramaria van Zessen	The Netherlands
Sheena Manning	Canada
Ted Kricken	Canada

Previous volunteers visiting

Emily Spargo	United Kingdom
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Partner Organisations

Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust	Zambia
Green Living Movement	Zambia
Zambian Helpers	Zambia
Ministry of Health	Zambia
Justo Mwale Theological College	Zambia
The Technical Centre for Agriculture & Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA)	The Netherlands
Non Government Organisation Coordinating Council (NGOCC) Basket Fund	Zambia
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With Warm Regards from all the Staff of Makeni Centre!

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