



Newsletter

Makeni Ecumenical Centre

Sharing experiences and information with our partners

2018

St. Nicholas Child Care Facility

A new seriousness can be seen at St. Nicholas, as the children prepare for the end of year exams. This is especially obvious with pupils who are preparing to write government exams like Kaoko Shikato who is writing Grade 9 Examinations.

St. Nicholas Children who do not pass their Grade 9 or 12 examinations and have exceeded a certain age will be expected to leave the Child Care Facility and will

be able to repeat the year as Home-Based Children either at Makeni School or at a school closer to their home. MEC hopes to support them with school fees, uniforms, and transport money.



Depending on their academic ability we may advise some children to consider continuing their studies at a technical/work-oriented school, like Lusaka Trades where they can study Mechanics, Plumbing, Bricklaying or Electronics. Three of our boys have already done this course and are now all employed. (Giff Machaya, David Mtonga and Patrick Mwamba). If the children are not eligible to be enrolled at

an official trade school, we hope to be able to help them get an unofficial apprenticeship with a Township plumber, bricklayer, or mechanic, to "learn while you work".

Start of The Rains

We have three showers so far, heralding the start of the rainy season, but we look forward to a really good down pour to soften the fields so that we can clear them. We have a kind offer from Mr. Venus Kapalu to help and guide the children to plant rainy season crops like pumpkins, sweet potatoes and maize. After the rains they will plant vegetables like tomatoes, onions and green vegetables. The children's vegetable garden will be a welcome addition to their diet and will also help with MEC's budget.



During the eight months of dry season, the children have been faithful in watering their flower garden and keeping their surroundings looking as pleasant as possible, but it will be a relief when the watering can be left to the rains!

Children watering the flower garden during the dry season!



Youth Mid-Year Conference

From the 29th June – 3rd July, the Mid Year Youth Conference took place at St. Stephens Church Mwembeshi, a village 50km outside Lusaka. Teenagers from St. Nicholas were able to participate. It was an exciting time for them meeting old friends from other parishes and making new friends. Mwembeshi is the site of one of the Makeni Ecumenical Centre's earliest villages. The village is now autonomous, but MEC still keeps open the ties of friendship through the Church.

The theme for this year's conference was "Rebuilding the Walls of Love and Unity", taken from the Book of Nehemiah 2:17, 1st Cor 12:12 and 1st Cor 13:13.

The young people pledged to work, study and fellowship together more frequently and to work diligently for youths to bear fruit of hard work in Zambia and beyond.

A Confirmation Service

A confirmation Service was held on Sunday July 8th, 2018 at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Amongst those confirmed by Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba were three children from St. Nicholas. Pexilida Hanyimba, Basil Tembo, Anna Tembo and Bupe Bwalya.



Girls Brigade Competition

There were five groups that participated the subjects were as follows: Bible quizzes, recitation of poems, Bible exploring, exhibition of their sewing and handicrafts, sketches on evangelism, and physical exercises and relay races.

We were very proud that the girls of the Church of the Good Shepherd came first and won a beautiful trophy.

St. Nicholas girls participating were: - Esnart Tembo, Gift Tembo, Pexilida Hanyimba, Anna Tembo, Doria Bwalya, Bupe Bwalya, Esther Njonvu, Bianca, Blessing, Lontiya and Brenda Mofya.



Peace Club of Lusaka

On 20th October 2018 the Annual Festival of the Peace Club of Lusaka took place at MEC School. 520 pupils and Teachers, from schools around Lusaka were present for this occasion. Among the pupils from MEC school, were 9 St. Nicholas Children. Some children of St. Nicholas put on a sketch relating to the theme of "peace". In this scene the children show conflict in the home. In this picture, , Esmart, Maybin and Josephat



Christmas And New Year Wishes

Our institution of St. Nicholas Home for AIDS Orphans started on the eve of St. Nicholas day the 5th of December which is why we are named after that most generous of saints. We would like to thank all of our friends and donors for their hard work and generosity to our noble cause. We greatly appreciate your help. Finally,

we wish all our friends and donors a Blessed Christmas and every good wish for the New Year 2019!! May God richly bless you all.

Love and best wishes

From the Children and Staff of
St. Nicholas
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Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba

