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MUKUPI
School Appeal

BUILDING A SCHOOL BRICK BY BRICK IN ZAMBIA

Can you imagine a seven-year-old girl sitting on a brick for four hours to do her schoolwork? Or crammed into one class with 80 other children? What about waiting 20 minutes to use the school's one and only toilet?

These conditions are part of a normal school day for Gladys aged 7, who attends Mukupi School in the Mumbwa district of Zambia. With hardly any desks, a few worn-out books, and buildings that are falling down around their ears, Gladys and her classmates struggle to learn.

ChildFund's Zambian education expert Christabelle says the conditions are so bad the children learn very little, despite the enthusiasm of children like Gladys.

"The children come to school on empty stomachs and they're forced to sit on a little brick which makes it hard to concentrate. They don't have books, and if they want to write something they don't have a pen to write with."

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Mukupi teacher Munzo says the children are desperate to learn, but there aren't enough resources, like text books and teaching aids, to teach properly.

"THERE AREN'T ENOUGH CLASSROOMS EITHER. IN EACH CLASSROOM, WE HAVE, ON AVERAGE, 83 PUPILS," HE SAYS.

Classes are seriously overcrowded with only three rundown classrooms and four teachers to serve 476 students. The school had five classrooms until last year when strong winds blew the roof off two rooms.

The teachers' housing is also in a much neglected state. One of the houses has already collapsed, and another leaks everywhere when it rains.

"The standard of accommodation is very poor such that teachers do not want to stay here," says Munzo.

A lack of adequate teacher housing for this rural school means the community finds it difficult to attract teachers – especially women. Female teachers act as role models for young girls who, without education, are often married at an early age.

The children are frequently sick because of malnutrition so the community tries to provide what food it can during school time. Children's health is also affected by a lack of clean water and poor sanitation at the school. The only toilet used by both girls and boys is a pit latrine, which is a breeding ground for disease.

ChildFund's Phill Prendeville, who has travelled to many poverty-stricken countries, visited Mukupi last month. He found a community robbed of its working-age adults. Many had died from AIDS-related illnesses, leaving elderly grandparents to care for the children.

As peasant farmers, they produce just enough food to survive but have no money at all.

"This is one of the poorest communities I've ever visited. I've never witnessed such a dramatic example of the effects of AIDS in Africa," says Phill.

"People here believe strongly in the value of education and are committed to making the school work for the sake of their children.

AS ONE PARENT TOLD ME, 'EDUCATION IS THE KEY TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR A CHILD'. BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN."

In an effort to provide a quality education for all the children at Mukupi School, ChildFund is launching an appeal to help repair the school and construct three new classrooms, a library, teacher housing and



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Gladys at the blackboard

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an Early Childhood Development centre. The school also needs a water borehole and new toilets for proper sanitation.

The new classrooms will allow children like Gladys to continue with their studies at the higher grades and make room for other children in the area who want to go to school. A library filled with books will open up a new world of possibilities for the children.

We are asking New Zealanders to donate money to help build the facilities and equip the classrooms with desks, books and teaching materials.

Bricks and mortar, desks, books and

equipment will help to give Gladys and the children of Mukupi a real future beyond the abject poverty they live in now.

"Without education a child's life becomes very bleak," says Christabelle. "When a child goes to school and gets a proper education, they are able to support themselves and have a better life."

"THEY'RE A VERY DETERMINED COMMUNITY, SO IF SOMEONE WOULD JUST GIVE THEM THE RESOURCES, IT WILL GO A LONG WAY."

CF

FACTS ABOUT EDUCATION IN:

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

- 115 million children miss out on an education – two-thirds of them are girls.
- 30% of rural children of primary-school age do not attend school, compared with 18% in urban areas.
- Children in rural areas account for 82% of children who are not in school.

ZAMBIA

- 13% of children aged 5–6 attend Early Childhood Centres.
- 57% of children aged 7–13 attend primary school.
- 22% of children aged 14–18 attend secondary school.
- Key issues affecting girls are HIV/AIDS, and health and nutrition are now part of the school curriculum.
- The country's average teacher-pupil ratio is 1:52.

MUKUPI SCHOOL IN MUMBWA DISTRICT

- In the rural district of Mumbwa, the teacher-pupil ratio is 1:67.
- At Mukupi School, the ratio is 1:83.
- Three classrooms and four trained teachers for 476 pupils.
- About 250 children from the area want to attend the school, but there is no room.
- No access to water and only one pit latrine shared by both boys and girls.
- Classrooms have few desks, a couple of worn-out books and no teaching aids.
- There is no library.
- Mukupi means blacksmith. The school was named after the first settler to the area.

View a short film about the children of Mukupi at:

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LIVING UP TO OUR PROMISES



There is no such thing as an innocent bystander.

Dave Broadfoot, Comedian.

IN 2000, WORLD LEADERS OF 189 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING NEW ZEALAND, MADE A FIRM COMMITMENT TO REDUCE GLOBAL POVERTY. OUT OF THIS COMMITMENT CAME A SET OF EIGHT GOALS KNOWN AS THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGS) WITH SPECIFIC TARGETS TO BE MET BY 2015.

BY AGREEING TO MEET THESE TARGETS, NEW ZEALAND ALONG WITH OTHER WEALTHY COUNTRIES, HAS PROMISED TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF POORER COUNTRIES.

FAILURE MEANS CERTAIN DEATH FOR MILLIONS

This July 2007 we will reach the halfway mark towards 2015, but are we halfway towards reaching our goals? The good news is we are making progress; the bad news is that progress isn't good enough.

Every year more than 10 million children under the age of five die from malnutrition and preventable diseases, like measles and malaria. If the world meets the MDGs, 5.5 million children will be saved in 2015 alone, but at current rates of progress 1.7 million children will die who should have been saved.

NEW ZEALAND'S PROMISE

As part of New Zealand's commitment, our government agreed to a target of spending 0.7% of gross national income (GNI) on

overseas aid by 2015. In the past year, the government spent only 0.27% of GNI. This year it plans to spend 0.30% with a plan to increase this to 0.35% in 2010.

This is a considerable increase but we still have a way to go if we are to meet our obligations. New Zealand can take

the lead and show the rest of the world we will honour our commitment to the MDGs by 2015.

New Zealanders are famous for our can-do attitude in the face of overwhelming odds. Wiping out poverty may seem an impossible dream, but so was climbing

Everest once. Let us show the world how determined we are.

As an active supporter, your generosity allows ChildFund to work towards achieving these goals. Make your voice heard and tell the government it must live up to its promises. **CF**

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

THE EIGHT MDGS ARE:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

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	IF MDGS ARE MET BY 2015	AT CURRENT RATES OF PROGRESS	DIFFERENCE IF MDGS NOT MET
CHILDREN WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED SANITATION	300 MILLION	170 MILLION	130 MILLION WITHOUT IMPROVED SANITATION
CHILDREN WITH ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES	100 MILLION	70 MILLION	30 MILLION WITHOUT ACCESS TO IMPROVED WATER SOURCES
UNDER-5S WHO ENJOY ADEQUATE NUTRITION	60 MILLION	50 MILLION	10 MILLION UNDER-5 WITHOUT ADEQUATE NUTRITION

GIFTS THAT GROWING

Last year, we launched our Gifts that Grow catalogue for the first time, and it's been a great success. So far, thanks to caring New Zealanders, more than \$200,000 in gifts have been purchased for children and families in need.

Here are some of the ways your gifts have been helping those most in need.

THANK YOU FOR THE BABY CHICKENS

Our most popular item purchased by New Zealanders has been the ten baby chickens for a family in need. Here's the story of just one of those families.

Ten baby chickens recently arrived at the home of seven-year-old Chamil Malishka who lives with his brother and parents in Sri Lanka. Unfortunately his father cannot farm anymore because of the severity of his diabetes. To earn money his mother now works as a laborer in a local quarry. Her earnings are not enough to provide a balanced diet for the family.

Once the chickens are old enough to lay eggs they will provide much needed

nutrition for the family improving their physical health. Raising chickens in their backyard will allow Chamil's father to help support the family again. The surplus eggs will be sold at the market providing an extra income of around US\$20 per month.

THANK YOU FOR THE MALARIA MEDICATION

Many of you have bought life saving malaria drugs that have meant the difference between life and death in The Gambia. This story reveals how important the medicine is to one community.

Before ChildFund began working in the Ding Ding Bantaba community, the nearest health clinic was 15km away. Travelling this distance was difficult for many and meant treatment for malaria and other serious



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Fentaye, Ethiopia

KEEP



Malaria drugs arrive in The Gambia

conditions was often delayed. Children and pregnant women sometimes died because they were too sick to walk to the clinic or treatment came too late.

Community health clinics built with ChildFund's support are within 3km of all the villages in the area. Providing these clinics with suitable drugs to fight a major child killer like malaria is vital.

Your generosity has provided malaria medication for all the community health clinics in Ding Ding Bantaba saving the lives of thousands of children.

THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO GO TO SCHOOL

Sending a girl to school for a year in Ethiopia gives her the chance to aspire to a better life. Seventeen-year-old Fentaye knows how true this is. She lost her father at an early age, and her mother, who has HIV/AIDS, struggles to support her daughter as best she can.

With the ChildFund scholarship, Fentaye pays for textbooks, tuition and food. She credits the scholarship with saving her from a life on the streets.

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THE 5 MOST POPULAR GIFTS

1. TEN BABY CHICKENS FOR A FAMILY IN SRI LANKA
2. ONE VEGETABLE GARDEN STARTER KIT FOR A FAMILY IN HONDURAS
3. SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FOR A CHILD IN EAST TIMOR
4. ONE HOE FOR A FARMER IN UGANDA
5. SHEEP TO HELP A FARMER IN UGANDA



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More than half of all children who die in the world today do so because of malnutrition and hunger. It is the number one health risk worldwide – greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

Deprived of adequate nutrition, the consequences for very young children are deadly. Six million children under five die every year from malnutrition and hunger-related diseases. That's more than 16,000 children dying every single day.

Lack of food is a key reason for malnutrition but it isn't the only one. A diet limited to only a few foods, poor food quality, and inadequate care of young children all contribute to malnutrition.

→ Nutrition at an Early Age

Nutrition is most important in the first two years of a child's life. Lack of good nutrition at this time slows a child's physical and mental growth – the effects of which last a lifetime. Similarly, if a woman is undernourished during pregnancy, her child may be born

underweight and suffer health problems. No amount of good nutrition when the child is older can make up for what was missed in those vital years.

By improving nutrition in children under five and women of child-bearing age, ChildFund aims to combat the worst effects of malnutrition.

ChildFund promotes breast feeding to ensure young babies are well nourished and protected from infection. We educate mothers on what foods are best for growing toddlers, and encourage the vitamin-rich foods that people can grow locally. It's often necessary for ChildFund to provide supplementary feeding and



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vitamin supplements. This supplementation is also vital for pregnant women to give their child the best possible start in life.

→ update on Dorcas

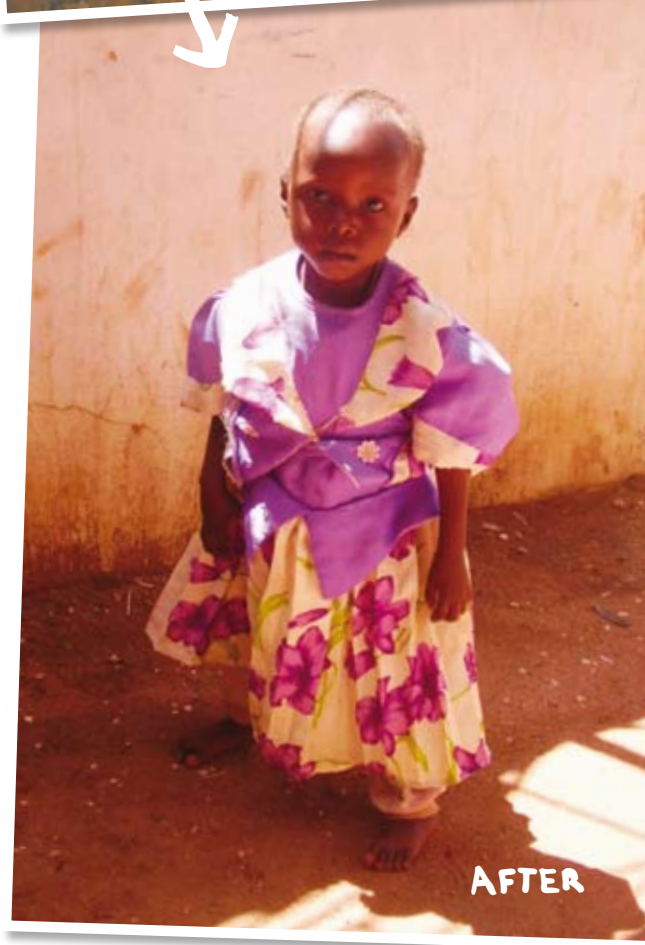
You may remember Dorcas from our Summer 2006 issue. When ChildFund met 3-year-old Dorcas last year in Kenya, she was suffering from third degree malnutrition, the most severe stage, and could neither stand nor walk.

Since Dorcas began participating in our emergency response feeding program, her malnutrition has decreased to second degree, and she can now walk. Recovery from malnutrition takes a long time, so she will need our help for a long while yet.

On most days, you'll see Dorcas in the company of other children at the Kandebene Early Childhood Centre, where children receive a high-protein porridge made from soy, maize, millet, wheat and water, provided by ChildFund.

ChildFund assists her family by providing food rations of beans, maize, skimmed milk and locally prepared corn-soya blend flour for Dorcas and her younger sister Angelina on a monthly basis.

As well as food, clothing and parental guidance ChildFund is also helping the family to look at an alternative livelihood, instead of solely relying on crop production and raising animals in the harsh environment. By working with Dorcas and her family, ChildFund through child sponsorship and your support is making a real long term difference to this child in need. **CF**



Top left photo: A nutritious feed of Unimix for these Kenyan girls. Top Photo: Before ChildFund's help - Dorcas unable to stand. Photo above: Nine months later - Dorcas stands on her own.



SPONSOR VISIT

VISITING FAITH and MAYIANI

A recount from child sponsor Abbey Leggett

Earlier this year, I had the wonderful opportunity to visit my two sponsored children, Faith and Mayiani, in Kenya.

I was in Kenya for ten weeks in total as I spent much of my time volunteering at a rehabilitation orphanage in Ngong, just outside of Nairobi. This was a work placement set up through Wellington-based agency Global Volunteer Network. I had an amazing time and fell in love with Kenya and its people.

When my volunteer work finished, I met local ChildFund representatives who took me to the community of Emali. They showed me new buildings, including an HIV/AIDS testing and counselling centre, and new wells and a water bore. I also saw programmes that teach children practical skills, like sewing and car maintenance. I was very impressed with the way the money was being used. And, of course, my trip included visiting with my sponsored children.

Arriving at the village where Faith lives, I was greeted by an excited group of children singing and clapping, including Faith and her sister. Then Faith's mother, grandmother and friends appeared singing and praising me with blessings. I was incredibly moved and rather overwhelmed.

After exchanging gifts with Faith's family, they treated me to a generous meal. Given the family's meagre resources, it was a very special gesture.

Next stop on my trip was a visit to my second sponsored child, Mayiani, a young Maasai boy. Again I was treated to a delicious meal with the family. Later, I found to my surprise, they had prepared a traditional Maasai costume for me to wear. After a

few alterations to make sure it fitted perfectly, I was presented to the family as Mzungi or 'White Maasai'.

Even after all this, the surprises weren't over. A few hours after the family had received news that I was coming to visit, Mayiani's family welcomed a beautiful new baby girl into the world. When I met her she was three weeks old and I discovered they had named her 'Abbey Nosim' in my honour.

The few words in Swahili I learned were helpful, especially with the little children. I wished that I could have spent a week with each family getting to know them better. The time I spent with Faith and Mayiani and their families was over too soon.

For me, the experience changed my life forever. I am encouraging others to sponsor children like Faith and Mayiani through Childfund. It's humbling to think that, just for the price of a daily coffee, I am helping to improve the lives of two beautiful children.

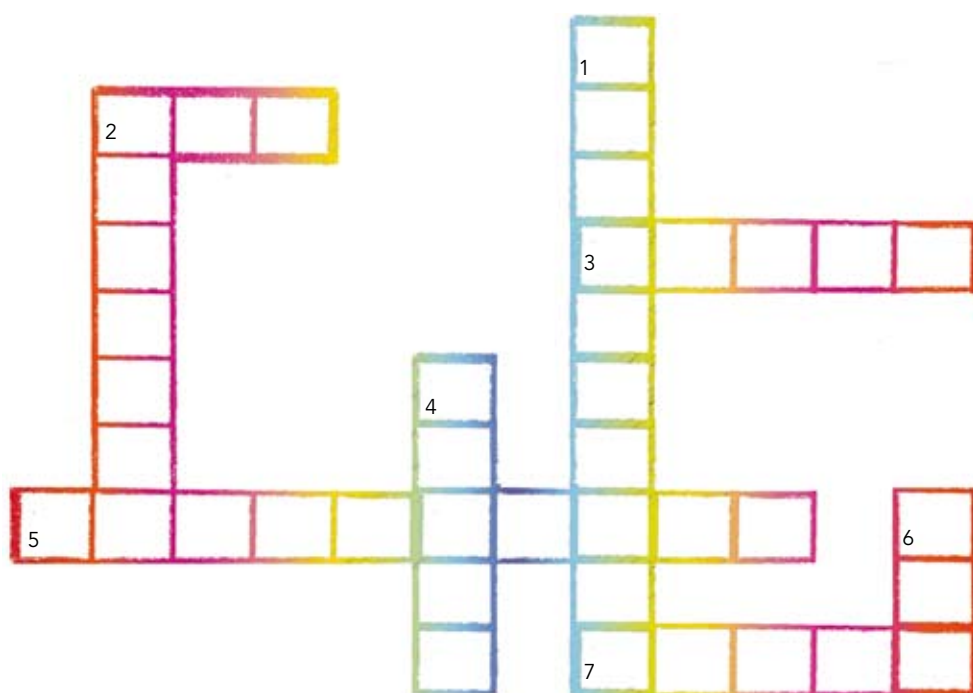




PUZZLE WORLD

4 KIDS

CROSSWORD – all the answers can be found in this issue of ChildWorld.



ACROSS

- 2 An ingredient in ChildFund's nutritious porridge.
- 3 What do you sit on at school?
- 5 What does the M stand for in MDG?
- 7 What's the first name of New Zealand's Prime Minister?

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- 1 What does Mukupi mean in English?
- 2 What language is spoken in Kenya?
- 4 What country did Abbey visit?
- 6 How many chickens can you buy for one family in Sri Lanka?

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



THANK YOU

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Paul Brown and friend at IDP camp, Dili, East Timor

I want to say a personal heartfelt thank you to you, our many committed child sponsors, project sponsors and donors. Without your support, we would not have been able to provide food to children affected by the Kenyan famine or provide blankets for refugees in Chad.

You may have heard from us more than usual recently. It's been a tough year for many of the regions we work in from the famine and flooding in Kenya to the violence in East Timor and Sri Lanka.

We would not ask for your help if it was not absolutely necessary, and we make no apologies for asking. Our first responsibility is to the children, and the very least we can do is ask.

The response to our appeals has been fantastic, and for that we and the children thank you. And even if you're unable to support the appeals, please remember that all of us at ChildFund greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment.

PAUL BROWN
NATIONAL DIRECTOR,
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