

MONTHLY MAIL REPORT

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Would you sponsor Grace Mvula? She is 11 years of age and is in Grade 5 this year. Contact us for more details.

SCHOOLS ... Attendance has been pleasing after the long COVID closure. Catching up for lost time is a challenge, especially for those sitting national exams. The schools are running smoothly and members of staff are working well together. We welcome new teachers Himweemba Muleya and Oscar Nkandu to Luyando, and Samson Sibanda to Limapela Cedric’s. The COVID infection rate in Zambia appears to have reduced, but preventive measures remain in place. Some teachers have received the Johnsons vaccine, but there is still much vaccine resistance in communities where the population is uneducated or badly informed.

FEE SPONSORSHIP ... Our sponsorship scheme has been in place since Limapela began in 2009. At the moment 258 pupils are sponsored by generous donors in NZ, Australia, UK, USA, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands and Zambia. This is impressive, but I would love to see this number increase to 300 or more. 2021

sponsorship reports and letters from the pupils are being prepared now — rather later than usual because of COVID closures.

ONESIMUS FUND ... Patricia Mwenda has just started her Pre-Med course at the Mulungushi University. Joshua Sianyimbo will soon start his final year of teacher training at Mufulira College of Education. Mabvuto Phiri started Grade 10 at Chiwala Boys Secondary School in Ndola in January. We can only assist these and other deserving young people if funds are donated specifically for this fund.

COMPASSION FUND ... We currently support quite a handful of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) who are not enrolled in either of our schools. They live with grandparents or other relatives, or they make up child-led households, and their needs vary. Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Canberra for committing to another year of support for Gift, Leya, Constance and Patience Mapoma, whose mother died after being assaulted by council police in Kitwe in 2017. These girls are thriving in the care of grandparents, and the support we are able to give is

a real help with school fees, uniforms and other personal needs. Like the Onesimus Fund, the Compassion Fund needs designated donations to operate effectively.

POLITICAL ... The people of Zambia are apparently very happy with the new President Hakainde Hichilema and his UPND government. Recovering the millions looted from the national treasury by the previous government and implementing measures to improve the economy of the country appear to be among the most immediate challenges faced by Mr Hichilema.

We are very grateful to you all for your interest, prayers and support.

— Matthew and Alison Raymond



After sustaining horrific burns in July, Rebecca Chinyemba, who is a pupil at Limapela Cedric’s, and the daughter of our driver, continues under physiotherapy and is making a very pleasing recovery at Chitokoloki Mission Hospital. When she is eventually discharged we may have to arrange another flight to get her home, as a 10-hour bus ride on Zambian roads will probably not be recommended.

