



One Family Learning Centre

PO Box 240073, Vitanda St, Ndola, Zambia

Newsletter - June 2003

Dear friend

Greetings from Vitanda Street! The last newsletter was well received, and we have had lots of positive feedback. It was great to hear from you all, and hope you enjoy reading this one just as much!

It has been an exciting few months for us. Our 'Street Kids Fundraising Concert' raised the profile of *One Family*, with reports on our work appearing on television, radio and in the national newspapers.

This has led to increased interest in our work from government agencies and a greater awareness locally of our activities. We have even received a ministerial visit.

You can read about all the above in more detail in this latest instalment of the *One Family Newsletter!* Thank you for your continued interest and support.

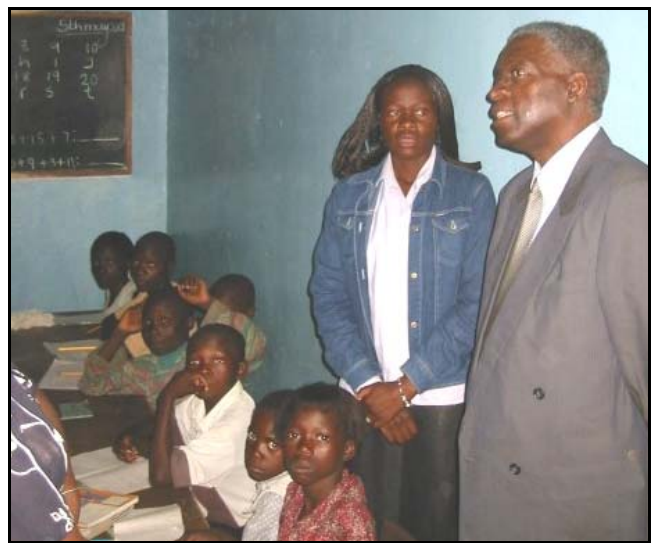
Anne Hövels
Secretary



The Minister with staff and children

Visit by the Minister

After attending the Fundraising Concert, *Lt Col Patrick Kafumukache* wanted to see the work we were doing at *One Family* first hand.



Emma introduces the Minister to Level One

The *Minister of the Copperbelt* visited the Centre on 5th May 2003, where he was given a full tour of the premises and met the staff. The children performed a song of welcome and read him some poetry.

After the tour, we talked to the Minister about how Government departments can best assist us, especially the Ministries of Education, Health and Social Welfare. He is in the process of setting up a workshop including representatives from these departments to which we are invited.

We discussed the possibility of being granted a building or land within the town centre from council property. The minister agreed to support any such application and to facilitate where he could.

The visit was covered in *The Times of Zambia*, a national newspaper, which brought welcome publicity for our activities.

Streetkids Fundraising Concert

We wrote in the last newsletter that the children were having an afternoon of music with *Mustapha*, a musician from a local band.



Taking a break from rehearsals

The children really enjoyed this opportunity to express their feelings with music, and wrote a number of songs about their lives on the street. The staff were so impressed with the songs that they felt the children should have the opportunity to perform them in public. After much frantic organising, the 'Street kids Fundraising Concert' was born!

Live & Direct

Street kids Fundraising Concert



Street Kids from One Family Learning Centre join 'Union Gap Band' stars Tsuma Treatment, Ras Mhumu & Master Uncle C in this special fundraising event!

Come join the fun and help support Ndola's Streetkids!

*** Friday 18th April 2003 ***

Venue: B.C.E.L.
Time: 19:00-till Late!
Charge: K5000



Publicity for the 'Street kids Fundraising Concert'

Part fundraiser, part showcase, the evening was a great success. The children added drama and poetry to their repertoire of songs and came up with a two hour programme of entertainment.



The children perform their songs on TV!

The *Union Gap Band* added live backing to the young musicians and also played their own set to get the audience dancing!

Lt Col Patrick Kafumukache, Minister for the Copperbelt, was our *Guest of Honour*. Like many of the audience, he could not believe that the performers were really street children.



Screen-shot from ZNBC Focus report on the Concert

ZNBC TV, the national broadcaster, was there to cover the event. The concert and Centre featured in a 10 minute slot on their current affairs programme, *FOCUS*. As this is one of the most popular programmes in Zambia, the story reached a very wide audience.

Everyone present had a fun and entertaining evening, and many went away reassessing their opinions about these children.

We would like to thank *Cowbell Ltd* for their assistance with transportation and accommodation for the ZNBC TV crew, and the hospitality they provided for the Minister.

New Board Member

We would like to announce a very welcome addition to our Management Board. *Jan Lamb*, who in her other life is the Deputy Head of *Simba Secondary School*, brings to the Board a host of experience gained from living and working in Ndola for more years than she would care to admit!



Jan Lamb, the newest addition to the Board

New Volunteers



Renate Verheul

We have been very happy to have two new volunteers joining us at the centre. *Renate Verheul* from Holland will be taking over the work started by Vicky Shaw, and is currently in a hand-over period with her.

Renate is a management consultant with Erasmus Medical Centre, Rotterdam, and has taken a three month sabbatical to work with us.

Rachel Kazembe has also joined us as a volunteer and will be assisting Emma with the teaching of level one.

Bye, Bye Vicky!

Vicky Shaw leaves us this month, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her work and commitment to the Centre.

Vicky has been instrumental in our transition from all-volunteer to paid staff. We wish her well for her return to the UK.



Donations & Fundraising



Pupils developed a surprising range of techniques in tyre transportation

AOC Oost School held a very successful action for us. The pupils raised money with a 'tyre push,' where they were sponsored for completing laps of a course with their tyre!



Fund raising can be very tyre-ing work!

The substantial amount they raised will be topped up by *Wilde Ganzen* (Wild Geese).

We have received a donation from *St Jozef School* in Agelo, after their third successful fundraiser was held in April 2003.

Students at the *University of Nijmegen*, with the help of *Anke Hövels* and the *Christian Student Association* have been foregoing their usual lunch and eating rice instead. The proceeds from these lunches are to be donated to *One Family*. Happy munching!

The last newsletter generated a number of personal pledges from old friends. A special mention goes to *Maura McGowen* and *Dave de Mello*. Maura was involved in setting up the original project at *Kwacha Centre*, donating a number of chairs which can still be found in Level One. Dave secured us a grant in our fledgling days, which helped us set up shop in Vitanda Street.

Thank you all for your continued support!