



One Family Learning Centre

PO Box 240073, Vitanda St, Ndola, Zambia

Newsletter - September 2003

Dear friend

Greetings from Vitanda Street! This is my last newsletter, as Tony and I are leaving Zambia to return to the UK.

We are leaving the Centre in capable hands, however. Since the last newsletter, we have been working hard to build up the management and Board of the Centre, and have had an influx of new talent and energy.

The last two years have been very rewarding and frustrating in equal measures, but I am happy that we are leaving a vibrant and active Centre behind, and I wish the new Board and staff every success in the future!

Anne Hövels
Secretary



The children enjoying Renate's Goodbye Party

Health Care



One Family helps the Measles Campaign to reach Ndola's streetkids

A delegation from the *District Health Management Team* (DHMT) visited the Centre as part of the *National Measles Campaign*. The aim of the campaign was to reach half of all Zambian children between the ages of 6 months and 15 years in an effort to reduce the prevalence of this disease.

Measles is a killer disease in Zambia. Although symptoms in healthy, well fed children are mild, for those children who are malnourished, or are suffering from other illnesses such as TB, it is often fatal.

The team vaccinated all the children at the Centre, gave vitamin A supplements and educated the children on health issues.

One Family is now working with the DHMT to provide regular checkups for our children. The team will return monthly to the Centre to check and treat the children for infectious conditions such as scabies, lice and ringworm. We are hoping that this proactive approach will improve the overall health of our children.

New look Management Board

There has been a major update in the running of One Family, with a number of new faces on the Management Board. The new Board are settling into their roles and are looking forward to the challenges ahead.

Kephas Katongo joined the board as Chairman. Kephas is a lawyer by profession, running his own advocacy firm in addition to a transport company. *Susan Shone*, a librarian, joins the board as Secretary, and *Grant Gatchel*, an accountant, joins us as a board member.

Kanyenta Sambie has recently been appointed as Centre Manager. Sambie left his previous work as a Manager at *Prison Fellowship* to help us build a strong and reliable staff team.

The full board is now:-

Kephas Katongo - Chairman
Ruth Hughes - Treasurer
Susan Shone - Secretary
Kanyenta Sambie - Centre Manager
Nolly Nakasamu - Child Welfare Coordinator
Nancy Mayama - Staff Representative
Jan Lamb - Board Member
Grant Gatchel - Board Member

We wish them every success in their work.

Volunteers Update

Renate Verheul has completed her three month placement with One Family, where she helped to complete the management review process. We would like to thank her for her contribution and wish her well for her return to Holland.



We have a new volunteer from Finland joining us later this month. *Päivi Nurmi* is a sports teacher, and although there is not much call in Zambia for her speciality of ice skating, we look forward to her sharing her sports coaching skills with our staff.

Farewell Anne & Tony

Anne Hövels and *Tony Tompkins* are returning to the UK after seven years in Zambia and two years with *One Family Learning Centre*.



Anne, and Tony with their son Joshua

Anne started *One Family Learning Centre* with Nolly Nakasamu in July 2001, with a USD 700 donation received from her old primary school, *St Jozef*, in Holland.

Since then, Anne has acted as Secretary on the Management Board, in addition to raising over USD 12,000 for the project.

Tony joined the Management Board at the beginning of the project as Treasurer, and in this role he has overseen its development from an organisation run solely by volunteers, to a professionally staffed Centre.

The staff and management would like to thank them for their dedication over the last two years and to wish them well for the future!

Donations & Fundraising

Kasembo Transport, an Ndola based road freight company, have kindly agreed to sponsor the rent for our building in Vitanda St.

We have received a donation from *Oxford Area School* in New Zealand, via a volunteer named Bruce working in Zambia at a sawmill project.

We also received a donation of cash and equipment from *Renate Verheul*. Thank you all for your continued support!