

THE LIMAPELA FOUNDATION

Quality, self-sustaining Christian education for Zambia

PROGRESS REPORT

11 October 2011

Helpers and Volunteers

It has been a blessed year for the Raymonds as we have enjoyed visits from family members, all of whom have helped the project — Luke Raymond and Angus Ramsay with internet improvements, Alana Ramsay in compiling fee sponsorship information, and Miriam Raymond as a volunteer, specifically with agricultural planning and supervision.

We look forward to welcoming Tim Christie, a teacher from Auckland, who plans to join us for a year in January. Gemma Stewart, a teacher from Palmerston North, is already in Zambia working with The Lifespring Foundation until we are able to arrange accommodation for her at Limapela Cedric's. We are grateful for the interest and commitment of all these willing people.






Accommodation is an urgent need, both for volunteers and for our Zambian teachers.

Agri-Business

Our supporters will remember that one of Limapela's fundamental aims is self-sufficiency, as a community development principle, and so that school running costs can be covered from locally generated profits. We are now seeking funding to expand the fledgling agricultural operation already started and turn it into something truly significant. Please write if you are interested in this.

Our small plot of potatoes is nearly ready for harvest. With the coming of the wet season, the ground is being cultivated and other crops will be planted very soon. Our long-term plans include bananas and chickens.



 <p>Alice Chipolo grade 4, age: 12</p>	 <p>Victor Ankolo grade 8, age: 14</p>	 <p>Luna Kunda grade 1, age: 5</p>
 <p>Annie Kamanga grade 1, age: 8</p>	 <p>Andrew Kamanga grade 1, age: 8</p>	 <p>Lackson Simwinga grade 1, age: 8</p>

Fee Sponsorship

Thanks to many of you, we now have 151 pupils covered by sponsorship. Can we cover another 100 by year's end? Do drop me an email (matthew@limapela.org) if you, or someone you know, would like to commit to a monthly payment of NZ\$20.00 (US\$15.00 or £10.00) for one of the students shown here. Sponsorship from the USA and the UK (but *not* NZ) is tax deductible.

Capital Development

The electrical connection and bore hole drilling at Limapela Cedric's have taken a long time, but happily, power is now on site, and one bore hole has been drilled. The final completion of the secondary classrooms has been on hold while we await funding, but it is close now, and we look forward to seeing our Grade 8 students move in soon. Special thanks to the Beit Trust for making this building possible.

Visit to Australia and New Zealand

I leave on 18 October for ten days in Canberra, and look forward to attending the Rotary District 9710 Conference as a guest speaker between 21 and 23 October. I will then fly on to NZ for a further ten days to report to our supporters. Please contact me if you would like to get together.

—Matthew F. Raymond, Chairman

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