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Chankosa Project Report



This project has truly been a demonstration of Romans 12: 4-11. For as in one body there are many parts, each with a different function or use. So, numerous are we, are but one body in Christ. Each of us having gifts that differ according to God's grace, are called to use our gifts (blessings), to function together as one body in Christ.



Unsure of how many in the community were aware of the school opening we were overjoyed at this expectant crowd of nearly 200.



TTN School Building Projects Transforming local communities through God's Word and education.

Guest Editor

Josephine - TTN Ministries Secretary

Rural communities are centred around the local church and transformed through the gospel and education, so projects often begin with gospel outreaches.

Community needs are then identified and TTN seeks support from within Australia to raise funds and by connecting with local churches such as Victory Church, Kabwe Chapel and Ebenezer Tabernacle to plant churches within each community.

Existing partnerships with Australian based NGO's such as Operation Lift equip these projects with hospital equipment and basic building materials such as roofing tin. Australian churches and individual supporters of TTN within Australia, partner with TTN in Zambia through donations and fund raising in assisting TTN with transforming community projects in Zambia.

Chankosa Project begins

This rural community was brought to the attention of Pastor Sydney from Victory Church, Kabwe earlier this year. While in town he spotted a mother with a newborn infant riding into town with a bunch of bananas to sell.

Buying the bunch so that she could return home quickly, Pastor Sydney made enquiries as to why this mother, with such a young infant, had cycled the 20 km to make a sale and not the men folk of her family.

He discovered that the Chankosa community was characterised by illiteracy and high levels of alcohol consumption and many commented that the men were 'lazy' and often too drunk to function.

Chankosa community centered around a run-down clinic (awaiting a 30 year old government promise of renewal), situated 15 km from nearest school or hospital as well as being home to 70 *OVC's locally. However a small group within this community were eager for a better future for their youth and health services for their community.

**OVC – orphaned, vulnerable children*

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Transforming a Community

TTN and its Australian based church and individual supporters, together with Victory Church raised funds for the Chankosa project. TTN partners, Operation Lift, assisted in the equipping of this project utilising contents within 2012 container shipments. Chankosa elders engaged community resources to refurbish the existing clinic, new construction of a 2 room birthing clinic and a one room school.

As the project progressed during August/September TTN mission team members and Operation Lift team members from Australia assisted with the physical construction. People from the community have been encouraged by the transformation of their community by 'outside' assistance and have joined the project also. This community has been blessed by willing as well as skilled workers. Local men and women have joined together to make mud bricks, mix cement, lay foundations, paint walls and dig up gravel with nothing but bare hands. This community is blessed with skilled members: Bruce, a former headmaster, will be the key teacher, his wife Gladys and another woman are trained birthing nurses.

Men assisted in construction with laying foundations, brick making, brick laying and are now finishing the building projects by preparing the walls and floors for painting. Within the next 2 weeks the buildings will be roughcast with cement on the outside to protect the mud bricks against the rains of the wet season. Doors will then be fitted and hospital beds installed. Next on the agenda is the construction of a toilet block.

School Opening 1st October

Monday, 1st October was selected by the Chankosa community to open the school. Previous donations of school uniforms, notebooks and bags were pre-delivered ready for distribution to the expected 40 – 50 children to begin proceedings on the Monday morning.

Driving to Chankosa we were unsure of 1st day attendance not knowing how far across the community the news of a school being opened had travelled. Upon our arrival to Chankosa there was a sea of green (uniforms) and many happy, smiling faces and just like the 1st day of school anywhere else in the world there were a few tears also.

Evidence of the transformation within this community was evident before the school opened. Women have volunteered to help with school, be caregivers in the hospital and birthing clinic. Kabwe Chapel Hospital ministry team and government health services have already held a health clinic conducting eye testing, HIV testing, malaria testing, measles immunisations and testing for diabetes.

Praise God for the wonderful work of His Hands
Visiting Editor
Josephine – TTN Ministries Secretary



Chankosa School Triples Expectations

Driving up the red dust track towards Chankosa community the school building is the first to come into view. A red-mud brick rectangular building constructed and funded by many hands.

The traditional thatched shelter is packed and overflowing with uniformed children who, along with their caregivers, make their way quickly to our arriving vehicle. Gladys, wife of Bruce greets us with the news that Chankosa School opens with **145 students!**

Many had arrived early and were now dressed in their uniforms ready and willing for learning. Bruce and Chris (TTN Director) officially opened the school by reinforcing that we serve a God who loves us and sharing the vision of community transformation towards a brighter future for the Chankosa community.

We gathered the children into the school room to welcome them, distribute school bags and notebooks, practicing the alphabet. Concluding in prayer and declaring that the Chankosa children will grow to become future government leaders, teachers, doctors, accountants, lawyers, farmers and business people.

Thank you, to all who financially and physically supported the Chankosa project. Heart felt gratitude, appreciation and thanks is extended to the volunteers who pack containers and share the good work of TTN Ministries and its partners with friends and neighbours.

It has been an honour to be here to see the good work of your hands, the joy of the Chankosa community was visible within every smile and tangible in the air of excitement as they all gathered around ready to go 'to school'.

Though we are numerous and positioned upon different parts of the globe we have functioned as one body in Christ to bring God's love to a local community.

Romans 12:11 "Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavour; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord."



A local kiln is used to bake the bricks. Women used their hands to dig out gravel, taking 4 hours to gather a trailer load. TTN team members and community members dug trenches to begin foundations for the new clinic and school buildings.



Working together to construct a 2 room birthing clinic, refurbish and restore the existing clinic and construct a one room school.



In the next 2 weeks final stages of the Chankosa project will be completed:

External walls of the birthing clinic and school will be rendered with cement to protect the mud brick work from the wet season rainfall.



Painting of internal walls and floors to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

Painting the blackboards.

Construction of a toilet facility

