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**“The location, passion, enthusiasm and laughter are amazing!”**

**“Exemplary!”**

Extracts from Visitors Book

Thank you for your visit and for your interest and contributions. They are greatly valued and appreciated.

We hope that you will leave with not only very positive memories but also with a real insight into the considerable challenges we face.

Thank you too for your comments in our Visitors Book.



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## Chiziro Ethembeni (Place of Hope) Community School

*“Sustainable Community  
Development through  
Educational Excellence”*

**Chiziro Community  
Chipata District  
E. Province  
Zambia  
PO Box 510774**

## THE CHIZIRO COMMUNITY

Chiziro is a village lying about 7 km to the east of Chipata, at the top of a valley behind the St Anne's diocese. It consists of scattered homesteads in small farming plots. There is no mains electricity, nor mains water supply. The houses are made of mud brick with thatched or tin roofs.

The main occupation is subsistence farming.

It is estimated that there are approximately three hundred children of school age living in Chiziro. About one third of these are believed to be orphans being cared for within extended families. Malaria, TB and HIV/Aids are endemic. Precise figures are difficult to obtain because of the scattered nature of the settlements, the difficulty of the terrain and the high levels of adult illiteracy.

The nearest primary school is St Anne's in Chipata, 7km along a rough track from the Chiziro school site. The distance is even greater for all those living on the Magwero side of the site. The distances and difficult terrain effectively exclude the younger children from the education system. There are also high levels of youth unemployment.

The nearest health clinic is at Mchini 9km away. Health care and advice is difficult to access.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- It should be well built to provide a quality environment for learning and community activities.
- The school should achieve high academic standards by the appointment of highly committed and well trained teachers.
- It should provide a relevant curriculum for the rural context of Chiziro, accurately reflecting the needs and aspirations of the whole community.
- It should strive to be a model for other rural Community Schools



## THE PROJECT HISTORY

**May 2010**, Chris and Trina Mbewe set up a pre-school group teaching small children in the shade of a mango tree.

**August**. Teacher Aid come in as sponsors. The School Board is established. Paramount Chief Mpezeni gives his full approval to the project.

**November**. The first building is completed to shelter classes during the rainy season.

**January 2011**. The school opens running six classes with three volunteer teachers. The feeding programme begins. Staff and student latrines are completed.

**April**. A rainwater harvesting system is fitted to the shelter. June. A borehole is drilled providing pure drinking water for the first time.

**July**. A secure store is built for food and building materials. August. The Inaugural AGM is held and the school constitution is adopted.

**September**. Work begins on a three classroom block with offices and storerooms. Three further double latrines are dug.

**October**. The School is registered as a Not for Profit Company limited by Guarantee, owned by the community.

**November**. The Board apply for a Bank account and for registration with the Zambian Ministry of Education.

**December**. The classroom block is up to roof level.

**January 2012**. The Board take over financial responsibility. The school begins its second full year with a roll of 250 children.

Paramount Chief Mpezeni approves progress and gives permission for a clinic to be built next to the school.

**August** The first Immunisation programme for children takes place at the shelter.

**September** The Roof goes on.

**December** Internal plastering complete

**January 2013** The third year of teaching begins. George Tembo joins the teaching staff.

## TEACHER AID



## “EDUCATING ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN AFRICA“

We are a small, but very active charity based in Cardiff, working tirelessly to support schools in Zambia. These schools are privately run providing FREE education and food to hundreds of orphans and vulnerable or disadvantaged children who cannot afford to attend a state school.

A vital part of our work is raising funds to pay small allowances for volunteer teaching assistants; for helping to train new teachers and for paying qualified teachers' salaries. These dedicated men and women genuinely want to help the children who are suffering such hardship. Helping to sponsor a teacher is invaluable to many, many children. Please help us to support these teachers by giving a small but regular donation via the Teacher Aid Support Fund.

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