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## NEWSLETTER

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### Lazarus Project transforming lives through education

#### COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPENS

The Lazarus Project has finally concluded the process of registering the school as a community school enabling it open doors to the girl child.

For a while now, the Lazarus Project had focused on the boy child, but there has been a steady growth of interest in the school expressed by the surrounding community.

The number of children attending the newly registered school has grown to a total of 255 children (138 boys and 117 girls). Of the 113 boys, 48 are in the residential program.

With the growth in the number of children, a great new working collaboration between the project and the community, especially the parents of the children from the community has come about.

In order to encourage community participation, partnership and ownership of the school, a school board has been put in place.



#### FEEDING PROGRAMME

The Lazarus Community School has also introduced a school feeding programme for the children.

The School management said that the feeding is to ensure that the children from the community partake meals with the boys in the residential programme.

This is to ensure that every child is getting at least a meal a day as some of them are from homes where they can hardly afford a meal a day.

The feeding program is also meant to encourage parents to send their children to school instead of sending them into the streets to beg for money for food.

#### CHURCH DONATES UNIFORMS

A Canadian Church has donated school uniforms to the Community school at the Lazarus Project. The uniforms help to build a sense of equality among the school going children considering that many of them come from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds.

### LAZARUS PROJECT SEEKS TO ESTABLISH TRUST FUND

The Lazarus project is seeking ways of setting up a Trust Fund for its boys.

Bishop Joshua Banda said that it was important for the Lazarus Project to set up a **Trust Fund** which will also help the children at the project as well as those who have since left the project.

Bishop Banda said he was amazed at the wonders of God to see Frederick who was once a street kid and had passed through the Lazarus Project go on and complete his senior high school.

And giving a testimony in church, Fredrick Phiri, said he was grateful to the Lazarus Project for having given him an opportunity to complete his education. *"I was picked from the street by the Lazarus Project who began supporting me and helped me to return to school in the 6th grade until I completed my grade 12 (high school)"*, he said.

Fredrick has been selected to further his academics by studying **Purchasing and Supplies (CIPS)** at the Zambia Institute of Management Studies (ZAMIM) starting in January 2009. The total cost of tuition required is **USD 2200**. We invite donations

into the **Trust Fund** to immediately help boys like Fredrick go to college.



**Fredrick testifying in church**

## The Lazarus Project Empowering women

It is said that when you empower a man, you have empowered a person, but when you empower a woman, you empower a whole nation.

Most people in Zambia live under the poverty datum line and the most affected are the women, youths and children.



**Women in a tie and dye class**

The Lazarus Project has an empowering programme for women that teaches them skills for life.



**A woman dyeing material**



**Dyed material drying in the sun**

The women are taught various life serving skills such as quilt making, jam and lotion making, batik, and tie and dye, mushroom growing, sewing, tailoring and basics of budgeting and managing resources.



**Mrs. Moono teaching the tie and dye class**

### *LAZARUS PRAYER ITEMS*

1. Pray for the Lazarus Project as they await a response from various organizations to help supplement the food budget. The total food budget per month is US\$2,000/Month. This is to cover the basic food needs only.
2. Pray for the Lazarus Community School as they work hard to meet the minimum government standards relating to the ratios of teachers to children. It is required that a teacher be assigned to each class. This has necessitated our having to hire three more teachers and an assistant which has increased our wage bill. The school has seven classes running from Grade 1 to 7.
3. Pray for The Lazarus Community School to have more classrooms as currently, it runs in two separate sessions (back to back) due to limited space.

### SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Lazarus Project runs a skills training project for older boys who have not been placed in grade school.



**Boys in the carpentry class**

The boys are taught various life giving skills that will enable them after completion look after

themselves.

The skills that the boys are taught include, basic carpentry, agriculture, mushroom making and entrepreneurship.



**Preparing for mushroom making**