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#NEED2FEED STARTS WITH A BANG!

On Friday the 16th January CMF began the year with a bang by working in conjunction with two other local organisations to provide a BBQ for exactly 381 pupils to welcome pupils back to a new academic year at Showground's Community School. Special guests of honour that attended included Mr Ambrose Milambo of the Ministry Of Education DEBS office, Mr Tebuho Mulala of the Tebuho Mulala Foundation and Mr Themba Matandalizwe the chairperson for the political party UPND's youth league.

The menu for the children included barbecued chicken as well as other meats and a cabbage and carrot coleslaw.



Mr Mwense as well as the guests systematically took turns both barbecuing the food as well as preparing the coleslaw and when time came alongside the volunteers from the community

that were present served every single pupil one by one, grade to grade in a rotating system until the very last pupil was fed.

Prior to the commencement of the feeding process Mr Themba Matandalizwe addressed the entire school alongside Mr Mwense and the schools director Mr Lisapo to welcome all the pupils back to school and to encourage them to maintain their attendance and dedication to education to secure their futures.



As a prominent youth leader in the community and the chairperson for the political party UPND's Youth league Themba Matandalizwe was received very well by the schools pupils and staff.

During his speech Temba also pledged to re visit the school in February with Mr Mwense to donate stationery and educational materials to the school for an entire term. As well as this great gesture from the honourable guest he has also pledged to sponsor one pupil's tuition and uniform fees through the foundations Andy Hodges Scholarship Program which was a gesture that was very welcome by Mr Mwense.

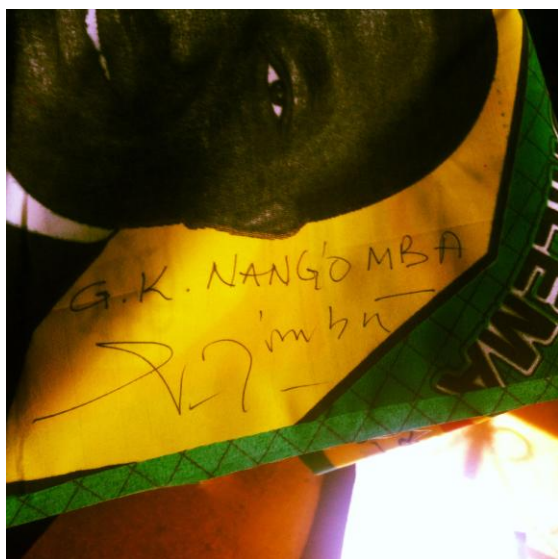
Mr Mwense said "This event has been very successful in many ways but what has impressed me the most is the fact that the local community are chipping in and doing their part for their own through people like Temba and Tebuho. Despite the fact we work in Zambia for Zambians a large majority of our donations and support comes from back home in the UK and the international community so to see Zambians taking responsibility and step up is great and we welcome more help from them at all times as it's their duty as Zambians to help their own."



The Daily Mail national newspaper was supposed to attend the event however due to a political rally taking place by the ruling party where unable to but local Mazabuka Times the districts newspaper was in attendance.

The Mazabuka Times has pledged to document the event in their next edition and many more to come and have pledged to give the Foundation a monthly slot in the community news section of the paper which is a great stepping stone in terms of improving awareness in the local community for many of the Foundations works.

Although the honourable MP of the constituency was scheduled to attend this event due to the fact his party was busy campaigning for the Presidential bi- election he found himself double booked with 4 days to go until the country was due to vote. Despite this small hindrance as a sign of respect he managed to send a traditional chitenge African wrap signed by him as a sign of respect and admiration for the #Need2Feed program and as a sign of respect for the work of the three young gentlemen involved in organising this event



NEW ENROLMENTS

The foundations Andy Hodges Scholarship program named after a former deceased friend of Mr Mwense has been actively running as the foundations newest program for the past three months. Up to this date the foundation has had one pupil enrolled who has been showing great commitment and promise in the program so much so that three individuals have

stepped forward as sponsors for exactly 5 new pupils to be sponsored under this program.

The three sponsors have pledged to support a total of five pupils under the Andy Hodges Scholarship Program which was very much welcomed by the organisation and its founder Mr Mala Mwense.



Mr Mwense said “We are currently in the process of taking care of all the paperwork and contractual agreements and hope to have everything executed by the end of the first week of February in terms of payments, paperwork and enrolment of the pupils into the school so they can begin learning. All the pupils come from very difficult backgrounds and live in very tough conditions at home but despite this show great academic prowess so this gesture by the three sponsors is somewhat of a lifeline for the 5 pupils involved so we would like to thank all the sponsors for supporting our vision for these children and helping us to execute it.”

There are a total of ten candidates on the Andy Hodges Scholarship Program shortlist for the first quarter of 2015 so to have secured sponsorship for half of that list within the first month of the first quarter is a great achievement for the organisation which hopes that many more donors and sponsors will follow suit.



The organisation is still actively seeking donors/sponsors for the other five candidates so anyone who is interested in possibly sponsoring a child's education for as little as £10 per month per child please feel free to contact the organisation or Mr Mwense himself directly so that an information pack can be forwarded to you so you can pick which candidate you wish to help

The contact details are as follows: mala.mwense@gmail.com
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NEW POSITION

To help with the ever growing workload involved with running the organisation as it grows Mr Mala Mwense has found and appointed a new Program Coordinator by the name of Stephen Kalonga. This appointment is for a probational period of 6 months after which based on performance Mr Kalonga will be given a full position as Program Director, as well as a contract for his position.

Mr Kalonga and Mr. Mwense have worked together closely for close to one year so far and Mr Kalonga was a key member in the organisation of the foundations biggest Need2Feed event to date and Mr Kalonga continues to help with all aspects of admin pertaining to the organisation.

"Stephen is a very passionate and determined individual as well as only 26 years young. Despite his youth he has proved to be a man of vision and often contributes great ideas as to how the organisation can grow and move forward which is always welcome as he has proven to be very competent thus far. I look forward to working closely with him in the near future and beyond and sincerely hope that after this probational six months we can secure him full time in writing and reward his great work and commitment to the organisation" said Mr Mwense.



Pictured above is Mr Kalonga with one of the Andy Hodges Scholarship Program candidates. Mr Kalonga works very closely

with Mr Mwense in terms of this program as well as Need2Feed so get used to seeing this young aspiring home grown youth leader and CMF ambassador

POWER OF A WOMAN

#PowerOfAWoman the joint venture between CMF and American Media Company is currently on hold due to circumstances out of both organisations control however CMF and AfriConnect hope to have the project back on track by the end of February at the absolute latest.

The main focus of the project as some of you may well know is to provide micro finance grants to 10 women entrepreneurs who show great potential to be very good businesswomen and documenting their growth and struggles in the documentary.



Filming had to be paused due to the general bi – election and the people being used by CMF to film having political engagements to film however now that the elections are over CMF hope to resume filming within the next few weeks.



There have been talks of a possible trailer to be made for the project for those that are anticipating its release however CMF has not been able to upload all the necessary footage to its American partners due to the poor internet infrastructure in Zambia and the high expense of internet services in Zambia. Mr Mwense assured us that despite this he shall do his utmost to find room in the budget to execute this activity and have the trailer made as it shall serve as a great marketing tool for this highly anticipated and well supported project

DIRECTORS MESSAGE

"Happy New Year ladies and gentleman. Welcome to 2015 and Happy belated Christmas greetings (laughs). Better late than never I suppose. I would firstly like to thank all of you for your support in 2014 whether it was in the form of your donations or simply reading this newsletter and spreading the word of our works in Zambia. Every form of support is always welcome and we as an organisation greatly appreciate it. Last year was beautiful in that we made new partnerships with organisations all over the world including One World 365 the world's largest volunteer agency to African countries, AfriConnect a leading American media company that specialises in all things African just to name a few. We maintained our previous partners such as LifeAid who even doubled their funding in December for us to cater a party for 50 orphan street kids for Christmas so based on these new alliances we have and the growth of our old ones I can safely say we are on track in terms of growth as I am so proud of our achievements thus far in such a short space of time. 2015 has seen us partner with a local NGO as well as a political parties youth arm so I thank everyone involved in making all these achievements possible and encourage us all to capitalise on the momentum we currently have as an organisation so we can experience a growth spurt in the first quarter of 2015. Those of you that are friends and acquaintances in the UK that know me personally I ask that you help us by advertising and marketing our work whether it be by word of mouth or by sharing our facebook page and forwarding our newsletters to your friends. As of now all our newsletters will be available for free download and the link shall be displayed at the end of every newsletter as well as in the email your newsletters come in so please spread that link where you see fit as such a simple and quick act shall make such a big difference to us as an organisation. I would like to thank those who have continued to support us financially through direct debit standing orders. Your financial sacrifices have helped us to grow and allowed us to touch more lives in the community we serve so words cannot express how thankful and grateful we are here at CMF. For those that have donated clothing in UK we are in the process of organising the items and getting them shipped to Zambia for the purpose of distribution in the community as well as to generate revenue through sales as a charity shop to decrease our financial dependency on gaining new donors for some income generating programs we are trying to implement this year so thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. There is so much we are thankful for and so much to say that the time does not permit me to cover it all however let me end by saying everyone of you is valuable to our vision and our goal and that without your support this organisation would cease to exist so we thank you for your love, support and commitment. May god bless you all and may all your 2015 be filled with blessings"



WEBSITE COMING SOON

All materials and content required for the website were submitted to the company close to one month ago so within the next few weeks the organisation hopes to have a fully functional website launched.

The website shall detail every program being run by them as well as a platform for one off donations as well as regular donations via PayPal.

As well as this you can expect all social media sites associated with the organisation to be integrated on the website for ease of use by our supporters and donors as well as pictures and videos.

Mr Mwense added "this day in age a website is an integral and essential part of any organisation so we look forward to the websites launch as I expect after it is launched we shall grow bigger and at a faster rate in every aspect"

The absolute latest that the site is due to launch is the end of February so please be patient and keep yourself updated on the progress.

TERMLY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The organisation is currently in the process of finishing their shopping list for Showground's Community School and its supplies

The list includes all stationery supplies for the school for an entire term as well as sanitation supplies for toilets and general hygiene of the school as well as some maintenance supplies such as paint, cement and wood etc to help with restoration and beautification of the schools premises.

CMF hope to have finished purchasing all the supplies within the next 1-2 weeks and after this is completed all the supplies shall be presented to the school in a ceremonial fashion with a special guest that is yet to be confirmed by Mr Mwense

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

Atinuke Omisade of LifeAid UK for her continued support and her organisations partnership from day one until now

Mr & Mrs Oyetan who are the organisations longest standing order donors and have contributed close to £500 in donations to the organisation. Every penny has been appreciated and will continue to be appreciated and goes a very long way

Maria Pilar, Shirley Winch & Mutale Chanda Colaco who are our new partners in the Andy Hodges Scholarship Program and are helping sponsor 5 children's educational careers

Ross Turner who is devoting his time and resources to ensure that the organisations website is ready for launch

Themba Matandalizwe our new local partner in the school as well as **Tebuho Mulala** of the Tebuho Mulala Foundation



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