

STREETLIFE NEWSLETTER



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A Word From Mayo Mayo



Greetings to you all in the worthy name of Jesus Christ. The last quarter had really been graced with loads of fulfilment of God's promises and love. So much has happened that ink and paper cannot fully prescribe. All I can say is thank you to our God and a big thank you to all our faithful partners out there who have obeyed God up till now in being generous both with their substance and in praying for us relentlessly.

The global hardship economically has not left Zambia out not to think of the global warming that is negatively affecting the seasons. Our harvest this year has been compromised with a lot of the farmers getting less than expected. The cost of living is

becoming more and more unbearable for a lot of families where now even those that were having three proper meals a day are now struggling as the cost especially for the essential mealie meal has doubled. We have observed an increase in the children coming for the feeding program that has attracted breastfeeding mothers, the elderly and also those coming to get food for the terminally ill.

We cannot say thank you enough as we were able to pay for some of our children in college as we at one time thought they were going to drop out. The young men and women have been so so grateful and have promised to work hard so as to deliver the expected results in various fields. Of course, more are coming behind and will soon be requesting to be sponsored, too. It our prayer that this dream also becomes true.

We still look forward to another house to be built in Kapoto as we already have land. This will give us a better housing for the feeding project that already happens there. The current location we are using is not appropriate especially during the rainy season.

It was wonderful to receive the guests as you can read more about them in this newsletter, the young people, Go Zambia team was remarkable and the children received much care and support. We look forward to Go Zambia 2024. The team from Grace church came and brought so much encouragement, the prophetic words and prayer was so much edifying.

The Dayspring academy has continued being a shining light and we are so thrilled for the secondary school in progress as its being built. Our hope and prayer is that it can be finished in good time so as the children could be enrolled for January 2024. The children have continued getting the positive impact and to be nurtured for tomorrow's leaders. The children also particularly enjoy the school trips. This year with the weather being too cold, the school introduced winter uniforms.

With the help from above through many of you partners, we continue Rebuilding the children's confidence and putting back a smile on a child's face. Our prayer for you is that God will bless you richly and greatly reward you.

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Joyce Chofya



Born on the 1st of September, 2010, Joyce is a single orphan who was living with her grandmother in a shanty compound called Kapoto, an unplanned settlement in the city of Kitwe. She is the third born child in a family of six, Joyce was brought by her grandparents who were at the time raising a total of 32 people in their premises, 7 of which are their children and the rest are their grandchildren including Joyce. The grandparents

had no capacity to raise these many children.

Joyce was consistently attending feeding

programs in Kapoto, together with her siblings. The

mother would bring Joyce's younger siblings to also have some food at the feeding centre.

Joyce's grandmother was really pushing asking for sponsors to help her send her

grandchildren to school. Joyce was very determined to go to school too and she got a chance one day when she met Mayo Mayo and Michelle Cummings to let them know about her intentions and plead with them to sponsor her.

Joyce persisted until she got her wish and was given a chance to go back to school and was sent to Jack Academy Christian School, and she has proven to be smart and hard working. She is now

at Dayspring Academy doing grade seven (7) and will be writing her exams at the end of this year, which when she passes, she will go to secondary school, she is really excited about the idea of being in secondary school.

Joyce wants to study law after completing her secondary school. She enjoys listening to music, cooking and learning to bake in her free time. She is also always found resolving conflicts among her friends. She also enjoys nature and would one day love to explore the world.

EVENTS

I. Aqua Splash

Each year this event has become a special tradition which the children at Streetlife look forward to with a lot of enthusiasm. All the children under the sponsorship gather from all over including places like Kapiri, Chingola, Ndola, Luanshya and rural places like Lukoshi. Those coming from far come a day before to camp at the centres for the night before the actual day and the night after the event. Children of all ages get so excited as being taken out for a treat is such a special and very rare opportunity. Most of these children only get out at this time in their lifetime.

We thank God for the administrators who get the logistics sorted from getting busses ready to giving transport moneys to those outside the centres making sure they are there in time. We get to also have some of the children escorted by some adults just to ensure the safety of the young ones. To our surprise we find it difficult sometimes to say no to these and those that have finished school and are at college. To our shock they still find their way at Aqua splash and we just get everyone involved and plan to feed extra mouths.

The day started very early with rounding up everyone and getting them on busses. You could hear the noise of celebrations as they sang and ululated for this event. By the time we got to the venue I can confess it was hard work getting everyone to adhere to the rules for the day.

Like every year we started with a prayer and a word from Mayomayo emphasising the fact that we were there to be together for fun and really not a competition. After putting everyone in a team the fun began with different games lined up by the volunteers like Francis, Munga and Bwalya. Some games were new and quite complicated but everyone participated including Jonathan, Isabel and Olivier, who even won some of them. On the games children did egg race, stick run, balloon pop up, sack race, racing with obstacles and pass the ball.

The fact that this year's outing was joined by our guest JJ, Kathryn, June, Raj, David and Emy, made it so amazing and added cream on the cake. There was dancing and of course a lot of swimming. We had to supervise the excitement as some of these our children do not really know how to swim but still wanted to be in the water.

As the event came to an end there was a winning team but this year, we ended up with every child getting a shoe box gift from Samaritan purse. As a project we had been enlisted last year to receive shoe box gifts meant for Christmas. However, they did not make it for Christmas but were there just in time when we had the Aqua Splash event. Every child received a gift and was exhilarating with great joy.

A big thanks for all who gave towards this event, it really does make a big difference to our children who otherwise would not have any treat at all.



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II. Family Fun Day

In Zambia we have a four days holiday which is every beginning of July. As a way of keeping the children in the centres busy, we hold a Family Fun Day for one of the days. As a project we put the lunch for both centres together and bring the girls to the boys Grace centre to have some fun. We divide them in four groups and play together. This Year's family fun was interesting and had a different feel to it. With Francis coordinating for the first time, the games were different from the usual games we do. This time around, the children had games like eating competition. I don't think any adult can participate as you have to swing a bottle of water swinging it round to make it stand before eating.

The other game was a dressing competition, where clothes would be put in four different sacks and mixed up so that the competitor doesn't easily identify their clothes, it was a lot of fun. We also had dancing competition, drinking competition, and another game which was a bit more physical than all the others, it included sprinting and jumping through a course of tires and again sprinting to the finishing line. Children also had sack race and many other games which were difficult to judge but were a lot of fun.

During this fun day we had visitors from a group calling themselves Passionate Care Pioneers.

The group of young women and men with a passion to help especially the orphaned and vulnerable children. This year they decided to visit Streetlife and it happened that they visited during the fun day. Therefore, they joined in and identified themselves with the rest of the children who were in various colours; black, white, blue and red.

At the end, there emerged one winner, the White team who took the day and got the overall price which was a cake, the second team, blue, got a packet of lollipops. After the games the boys and girls were given some treats, they got chocolate bars each and a t-shirt each from Mayomayo who brought these from the UK.

The games came to an end at 17:00 pm, and it was a day well spent.



THE VISITS.

I. JJ and Group

We were blessed to receive JJ and Kathryn, Raj and June and their son Jonathan, David and Emy and their two lovely daughters Isabel and Olivia in April of this year, and it was an eventful time in Zambia.

Emy and June held a Successful Red Cross training with the staff at Streetlife and certified all the participants.

The group joined in to do evangelism on the streets of Kitwe and invite people to church which was a good experience, and few days later Raj and JJ introduced an IT Training Program to the youths at Dayspring and men from other churches, the program which is still running.

The group blessed the children with their presence in Libonji, where the children went for an outing, which comes every calendar year. The children really loved having them around. The group later travelled to Livingstone, south of Zambia to see the mighty Victoria falls.

the visit was very meaningful, and had an impact on people, especially the group of boys training under the IT program, the lives saved on the streets of Kitwe, the Red Cross Training and the memorable time with the children. We can only say “thank you.”



II. PASSIONATE CARE PIONEERS

Passionate Care Pioneers (PCP) is a group of young Christian men and women who either graduated or students of the Copperbelt University in Kitwe, who have a passion for helping the vulnerable and under privileged people by showing love and care. They put funds together, buy food stuffs and a lot of other things and donate them to people who need them. They, during our Family Fun Day, visited us and graced us with their presence and also brought food and some clothes.

The group was given chance to speak to the children and generally tell us the reason for their visit; they highlighted who they are and what they do.

This visit by PCP encouraged the children who were inspired by the group and individuals in the group, as it had young Engineers, Doctors, Environmentalists and many other professions.



III. GO ZAMBIA

The Go Zambia Team arrived in Zambia on the 17th of July this year, and were received by Mayo Mayo and Streetlife staff, and they got to travel to Kitwe from the airport on our new bus.

The team, led by Sam McGregor and Natalie Morris was a team of seven in total and these included Anna, Abby, Isaac, Ruth and Beth, who came in later than the rest. Like most of the past Go Zambia teams, we had a few that were visiting Zambia for the first time, and were excited about the visit.

While in Zambia, the team had a number of events lined up, to start with; they had a of fun and an interaction with the youths at Dayspring Church, where they also got to do praise rehearsal for the Sunday service the very next day.

The next event was a trip to Lukoshi for rural experience, which was an interesting experience, the team got the chance to meet Mr Nasinda, who was so welcoming and actually, told the team his life history, and afterwards showed the team his huge farm and his animals. His farm even had a river running through it and a really small beautiful water fall, it was a really nice place. After the visit at the farm, the team left for lunch to another farm, here a group of women from Dayspring Church, Lukoshi branch, and a few youths came together and made lunch, the team got to meet these people and did traditional Zambian greeting, the women did a bit of singing and dancing, which the team joined in, and afterwards food was served and the team opted to eat outside with everyone. A traditional drink was also served.

The next day, they attended the feeding program in Kapoto and actually participated in serving the kids with eggs and porridge, and later gave the lollipops and corn snacks. Later, the team travelled with the youths to Lusaka for a conference at Dayspring City Church where they got to evangelise in the communities and invite people to church. While in Lusaka, we got to celebrate two birthdays, one was Musa's 20th birthday and the other was Anna's 20th birthday as well. It was an amazing time there too. On a Sunday the conference was concluded and the next day, the team was on a journey to Nsobe Game Camp, in Copperbelt province, where they spent time looking at some wild life and managed to see the impalas, Zebra and waterbuck. Here they concluded their stay in Zambia.



FEEDING PROGRAMS

It is always a joy to see the fruits of one's labour, in our case it has been a joy to see the transformation of the children we are feeding grow from small and malnourished kids to healthy kids. It's at these programs where we identify some of the vulnerable children that need more than just a meal but also need help with education and also have to meet their daily life.

We pick them and give that help. This has been made possible by various donations that come in from around as people generously give. Thanks to the people that partner with us.

Kapoto Feeding

The Kapoto feeding still remains our biggest feeding program, here we feed about four hundred to four hundred and fifty kids every week. Kapoto has some of the most vulnerable people, and with a large population in this area living under the poverty line, it really helps to do the feedings that we do, and a number of senior parents always ask us if we can do the feedings more often than we always do. We give not less than 1600 free meals per month.

Luangwa Feeding

Luangwa feeding program is the oldest program we have; we have seen so much positive change in Luangwa, but there is still a lot of people still in need of help and in need of the hot meals. Every week in Luangwa we feed one hundred (100) to one hundred and fifty (150) children. We give out not less than 600 meals per month.

Lukoshi feeding

The feeding program in this area is our newest baby, this is done in a remote area just on the outskirts of Kitwe, here we feed, on average, seventy (70) to eighty (80) children a week, the number is small in this area because the population here is also small. We give at least 320 meals per month.



Family Strengthening

The Covid-19 pandemic revealed that a lot of people genuinely needed help, which has been a situation we have come to face, from helping on a few families before the pandemic to helping hundreds during the pandemic, nowadays we help a few families but a lot of families still need and keep asking about it, and this brings the desire for us to increase the number of families from 10 we help and do more.

BREAKFAST CLUBS

Our Streetlife Breakfast Club has continued to feed our Streetlife children at Dayspring Academy every morning before class. The program mainly benefits our children that go to school at Dayspring Academy. It was discovered that although we have provided educational sponsorship to these children and all, they were still lacking breakfast and would come hungry to school which used to affect their concentration and performance in class. But now all that is in the past as our children get to have Breakfast every Morning before Class. We are currently feeding over 75 children every morning giving a total of 1500 meals per month.

As a project at Dayspring we are now giving over 4020 free meals to vulnerable children and this is apart from the 24/7 feeding for the over 50 children in our two homes, at Grace Boys centre and Faith Girls centre. Thanks to all of you giving generously into this.



PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For our Children to Know Jesus and be discipled for Christ.
2. Protection for the Organisation and the children
3. Next term opening in September will bring big exams for a lot of our children, our prayer request is they concentrate and revise only the right work.
4. We need a borehole in Lukoshi so that we do vegetable gardening from there. We have some children who can really benefit from this project.
5. We also need a Hammer mill in Lukoshi to help mill our own mealie meal, and could also be a good business for some of our young people who are not in employment.
6. To build a House our Kapoto residency and open our third children's home to be called Agape Centre. We already have land.
7. Praying for Go Zambia 2024, and many others to visit us
8. For the finishing of the building of our secondary section of Dayspring Academy

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