

Dear Friends,

Throughout 2009 we have continued to see much progress on site at Ipusukilo for which we give thanks to God. We are pleased to report that hostel 1 is almost ready to receive the first children. With the rainy season on us now, most jobs are inside finishing off the interior. Please continue to pray with us for the children we seek to reach.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Col 3:17

FLOOR TILING

The concrete floor slab in hostel 1 was not in good condition, so we decided it would be best to tile it.

Tiles, adhesive and grout were ordered from South Africa and Brass Tacks tiled some of the bedrooms. Later a worker from Sunnybrook was employed on piecework to complete the main lounge, kitchen, corridors and bathrooms. We are pleased with his workmanship.

Moses is pictured grouting some of the Brass Tacks tiling.



PLUMBING

It was great to be able to welcome Peter Handsley to Ipusukilo in November to oversee the plumbing installation. Peter had already designed the plumbing layout and came with his wife Christine and their girls who were also involved at Amano Christian School. During his time, Peter worked with Felix and Moses and completed the first fix plumbing in hostel 1 and also a fair amount in hostel 2. Peter was also able to sort out problems with some of the machines such as the mixer and portable generators.



ELECTRICITY & WATER DISTRIBUTION

We have completed the first phase of the underground electricity and water supplies by burying an armoured cable and two water pipes along the road way in front of the five hostel sites. Connections have been made to hostels 1 & 2 and the other hostels can be connected when they are built. The cable will be connected at the generator house and the pipe to the water tower when it's in place. Here, Felix is pouring resin into a cable joint.

GENERATOR & ELECTRICAL ROOM

We are well under way with the generator house which needs to be completed before ZESCO bring in the electrical supply. We hope they will do this in early January, although they are months late on their original promise!

As there are many power cuts, especially at this time of year, there is need of a generator. We have been donated a lightly used, second hand set, for which we are grateful to the Lord.



LANDSCAPING

The area in front of hostels 1 & 2 have been levelled and a layer of black soil added. Before the rains came we planted simba grass along the drainage ditches and banks behind hostel 1 to try and prevent erosion during the rains. This plan worked fairly well, but it was only after the rains started in mid-November that the grass really took off. The areas around both hostels have been planted and we expect good coverage by the end of January.



WATER TOWER AND SLAB

We have asked a local fabricator to construct an 8 metre high water tower for the project. Unfortunately it's running a bit late but we've been able to construct a suitable concrete base for it to sit on. We will have two 5000 litre tanks at the top to supply the hostels, site facilities and garden taps.



BEDS AND MATTRESSES

Herbert who made the external doors, is now making bunk beds for the project. He has nearly completed the beds for the first hostel up at Chavuma, so once we have tested them out, we can get him to make the rest for hostel 2.

We have purchased mattresses for both hostels from a Zambian manufacturing firm who were pleased to give us a discount and free delivery from Ndola!



Hostel 1 grass planting - October

TITLE DEEDS

For the last year, Kelvin has been regularly visiting the Ministry of Lands in Ndola to chase them up over our title deeds. Unfortunately for us, the main lady went on maternity leave and in that time the survey drawings and then the file went missing. Meetings with the manager put pressure on the staff to find it, but to no avail. Just in last week, the lady came back to work and the file has now been found. We are promised that the deeds will be ready for signing off this week. Dealing with official bodies can be very frustrating and time consuming, please pray for patience as we meet with them.



Generator room slab - November

HOUSE MOTHER

We have just had an interview with a lady from the local assembly who we approached some time ago and has been considering the position. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide her as she would make this step to serve amongst the street children. She has a good testimony and experience working with children, along with many other skills that are suited to the job.



Running out the water pipe



STREET KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday we had a wonderful time with the children. 100 eager kids enjoyed party food, fun and games. We were able to share the Christmas message with them and show them two Christmas films. Each received a clothing parcel at the end, much to their delight!



Christmas party food

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- Completion of jobs on hostel 1 in preparation for first intake.
- Final decision of house mother and other staff for the project.
- Selection of the children to be accommodated.
- Interest and witness within the local community.
- Security of the site as more materials are installed and stored.
- Plumbing and electrical work to be completed.
- Thanks for progress on title deeds.
- Commitment of the workers to the project and at college.
- Installation of the electrical supply by ZESCO.
- Thanks for local and overseas support for this project.

With Christian Greetings of the season,

Philip and Deborah Cole & Kelvin and Joyce Samwata



'Christmas' - flame lilies on site