



## Christmas 2013 Newsletter

### Chimwemwe 1

AET's first Chimwemwe (meaning 'happiness') Children's Home was opened in 2003. Over this last year, six of the original intake of children have been 'graduated' from the home. They are now of adult age and have reached the highest level of schooling that they are likely to achieve. They are now living, in Lusaka and elsewhere, with relatives such as cousins, aunts, and grandparents, who weren't previously in a position to look after them as children. Three of the six have already found jobs, two working in the Pepsi bottling factory in Lusaka, and one working in the construction industry.

### Eva

Eva 'graduated' from Chimwemwe 1 last year, after finishing her schooling at grade 12, when her elder sister was able to take over her care. For a time Eva had a job working at a filling to help earn her keep. This term she started at the University of Zambia, studying for a degree in Political Science & Development Studies. Both Eva and her sister have recently expressed their grateful thanks to AETZ and Eva's sponsors in the UK for all that was done to bring her up when she had no parents to do so. As an expression of their gratitude they have on a number of occasions bought food/cleaning materials to be used in the Chimwemwe Homes. This is a good example of the fulfilment of part of AETZ's mission statement which says "...we help young people who are then able to help others".

### Robert & Nancy

Robert Mwali and Nancy Banda are both 'graduates' of the Kids Aid scheme, which supports promising children in the community by providing school fees, uniforms etc. They are now to be congratulated on graduating (in the more usual sense of the word) this year with degrees in Economics and Education respectively from the University of Zambia.

### David & Sonia Brown

David, who is a long-standing trustee of AETUK, and his wife Sonia, who has also been involved in helping to run AETUK, have relocated to Zambia this autumn. They will continue to have involvement with AETUK, but will be spending more time on assisting with the work of AETZ on the ground. David has already been involved in some business planning and review of finances. Sonia has been spending some time providing extra individual tuition to some of the children in the Chimwemwe 2 Home to supplement their schooling.

## Income Generation in Zambia

In line with the mission statement of AETZ which aims to promote self-sufficiency in those it seeks to help, there has been an increased focus on seeking to generate funds within Zambia itself to supplement funds received from the UK – there is always more that can be done if there are the funds to allow this! One avenue that is being pursued is the letting out of the Kingsgate site (where the computer school, admin offices of AETZ, and also Hope College are based) for seminars, conferences and events such as weddings. A brochure for this is currently being produced by the trainer in the computer school, Emmanuel. The road that leads to the site has been laid to tarmac in the last few weeks, which means there will be less wear and tear on the AETZ vehicles, and also that the site is much more accessible for those interested in making use of the site.

## Facebook

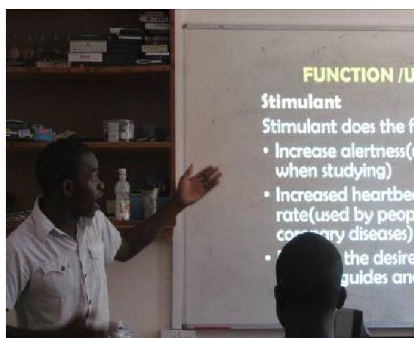
The AET Facebook page has been revamped recently providing more regular news, information about life on the ground in Zambia, and some colourful photos. If you are on Facebook, and would like to see this material, search for Africa Enterprise Trust, and then ask to join the group and your application will be processed within 24 hours (and hopefully much sooner).

Thank-you for your support on behalf of all those AETZ is able to care for, assist and train.

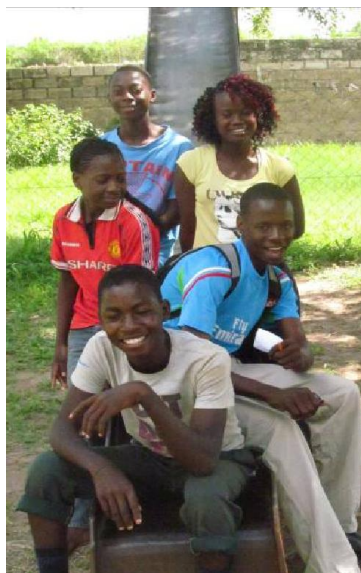
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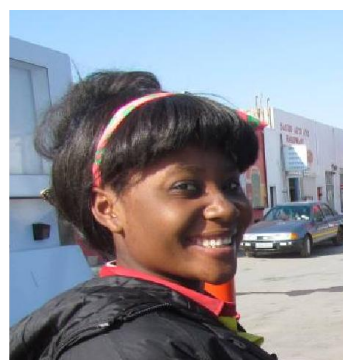
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&  
Happy and Prosperous New Year !*



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*Children from Chimwemwe 2*



*Eva*

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