



Serenje Orphans School Home (SOSH)

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Introduction

It is now time that rains are at their peak in Zambia. Maize has grown high and the environment is in natural green color. Children are now in the new year of stay at the orphanage. Many projects are in progress. Most fortunate the orphanage has so far received seven volunteers who are currently helping the orphans in different activities.

Volunteers Progress



Francesco coaching children in SOCCER



Girls Play with children

Children's Education

Children are now progressing very well in education. They are all in new class grades. Fees is being paid and uniform is being bought for every child as need arises. The slow learning children have been helped out so much through part time lessons which were so far organized by Mrs. Christine Williams. It is pleasing to communicate that 80% of the part time class children are now able to read their own language sentences, of course without full understanding.

Children's Welfare

Children's welfare is the priority to every body at the orphanage. Basically, the sponsors, the management and staff have the responsibility to make sure children have access to basic needs such as health, clothing, shelter, food and clean environment. Currently, a special attention has been drawn to Dorcus who with the help of John Talbot's family is undergoing operation to lengthen the leg. So far the first part of operation was done and it is healing. The management is yet to be advised by the hospital on the next stage of treatment.



First treatment done

Fish Pond Project

One of the successful projects is the fish pond. Since the water was filled, there awaited the change of water color into green, planktons' color. Lastly but not least, the pond has turned into green. The fish fingerings are now stocked into the pond. Nevertheless, there is a very small challenge that water still slowly sinks into the ground in the pond. However, it is able to hold water and the problem will be solved by timely opening the water into the pond. The expectation is that once the pond has sunk enough water, sinking will stop.



Fishpond now stocked



Fish fingerings being bought

House/Sick-Bay Project

The brick-lying phase of the structure is expected to finish in a week time. This has been delayed because there is less supply of bricks in rainy season. In one week then, it will go to roofing. The expectation is that by the end of September, the house/sickbay must be finished and worth dwelling by October, 2011. It is a relatively big structure for reasonable use.



One week away from building finishing

Orphanage Garden

The garden has been resumed. The vegetables are in simultaneous growth with fish pond project. Currently the vegetables are being harvested and fed to children.



Garden adjacent to fishpond

Orphanage Environment

As usual, there is always fast growing grass at the orphanage in rainy season. Continuous slashing is being done to make sure the environment is clean. The playgrounds are still intact.



Surrounding being slashed



Surrounding maintained

Conclusion

As it was expected, there has been still some progress in projects despite disruptions by the rains. It is our sincere hope as SOSH that more is yet to be done and achieved. We therefore thank all sponsors and supporters, and encourage them to keep up the good charity work.



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