



Boldly going ... edition 23 (August 2018)

Once again, big apologies for our lack of news over the last few months. Several months ago, Deborah Scott the current Secondary Head, announced to staff that she felt it was time for her to leave Amano and return to UK; she left at the end of last term. Debbie is a very close friend of us both and we will miss her a lot. Debbie taught Food lessons, Textiles and PSHE in Secondary and was in charge of exams. Andrew was asked if he would take the Head Teacher position again but with his current teaching workload doesn't feel he could do both jobs again. He has agreed to take charge of exams this year with a view to passing it to someone else for next year,

This last term, Spiritual Emphasis Week began with the Evening worship in our garden. It was led by a Zambian team from a church in Kitwe. Andrew, Samuel and Joseph were involved in Community Action Week building and repairing houses in a local township.



Samuel hasn't found the transition to studying A levels easy, particularly with the 2 subjects via internet tutors. The discipline needed in his time management should help him in the future though. Joseph continues to study for his IGCSEs and is very involved in the school's Year Book club and Robotics club and has been setting up a system for monitoring water pumped from the pond for irrigation. Both boys continue to lead Sunday school at our Family Services (along with mum) and numbers attending are now about 40.

In addition to their usual school activities Joseph took part in a week's outdoor activities at the Christian Outdoor Centre at Ndubaluba and Samuel had a Sixth Form trip to Mutinondo (Eastern Province) and enjoyed walking, cycling, climbing and spiritual times in its wilderness surroundings

Since our last newsletter, we have run two camp training sessions for Awana leaders. Unfortunately, the Awana committee wanted camp to start on the last day of term so we were unable to hold it here at Amano. A local government school was found but many of the young people were disappointed it didn't take place here at Amano. A tent was erected for the teaching times. We were very pleased camp used many of the older teenagers as young leaders and were pleased with their desire to see changes made to camp. Amanda was invited once again to speak to the 200 young people at the camp. We pray that seeds sown in the hearts and minds of the children and their leaders will bear fruit.

Amanda continues to visit local clinics in the holidays with a Zambian friend from school. It was a blessing to see another birth in May but a more recent visit involved praying with a young woman whose baby had died. I am so thankful to everyone who sends knitted items, layettes, soaps and toothpastes to distribute.

As you are aware from previous newsletters, Zambia's roads, particularly in the Copperbelt, are generally in very poor condition. Over the last few months, the Zambian government has employed Chinese contractors to repair and resurface the roads. In Chingola, it has amazed us the 'all at the same time' attitude and often we find roads



The Amano School Field

blocked or closed. Newly surfaced roads in town have created new problems with cars driving far too fast. In the first week of being opened, 2 children were killed outside Chingola High School due to speeding traffic. Amano has agreed to allow these companies to dig laterite soil from our school fields. In exchange, the companies have agreed to level the land of our school fields and improve school roads. We do have a much improved/level access to the main road but for the foreseeable future, the usual PE fields are out of use!!

Point for prayer

- We thank God for the many opportunities we all have to experience His creation, to learn, teach and be a channel for His blessing.
- Thank God our car keeps going.
- The Amano Board is able to manage and organise staff to cover gaps Debbie leaves and pray for a new person, with educational experience to lead the school.
- Pray for Andrew as he continues with his current responsibilities and manages the exam schedule.
- Amanda has some challenging children in her class. Pray for wisdom and energy.
- Samuel and Joseph as they continue their education here.
- The construction companies honour agreements made with the Amano Board re. Improving our fields.



All for now. Thank you for taking an interest in what God is doing here in Zambia and with our family.

Much love

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said “Here I am send me” Isaiah 6 v8