



Serenje Orphans School Home (SOSH)

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Introduction

It is now the first month after children went for August school holiday. The atmosphere has changed, it is now becoming very hot in Serenje and the bush is budding into green while it is the time two and half away from rainy season start.

Orphanage land boundaries relocation

It has been now a year since boundary wrangles started existing between the orphanage management and the neighboring plots' owners. At least one further step has been taken towards resolution. The council has shown the orphanage the new provisional boundaries. However, there is now a need that they meet and stamp an approval stamp on the new plan, then be taken for numbering as one orphanage block of land. After numbering, there will be need for the surveyors involvement so that they survey and put beacons including the new big block of land given to the orphanage. Currently, the land is just leveled as shown bellow.



New land block cleared

Canteen/Laundry

The canteen is clean as usual and the veranda is being built onto finishing.



Veranda being built

Gardening

There is a reasonable progress in gardening now. the land is being irrigated and the irrigation tunnel is well running despite the lowering of water level as of now, dry season. A lot of green vegetables are expected by the end of next month. Out of Shibon's donation to orphanage, some money is being used to pay a temporally gardener so as to fasten the field plantation project whilst assigning part of the work to older children at the orphanage..



Irrigation in progress at the orphanage garden.

Play Grounds

The good news is that the playgrounds that remained unfinished because of too much bush (now cleared) at one of the new schools have been finished. The football and netball pitches have been finished following the great work that was done by the July 2010 visiting volunteers. The orphanage playgrounds are as fixed as they were.



football pitch

Education

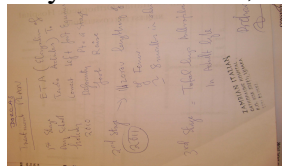
What a good step towards improvement of children's education in preparation of their future. As well mobilized by Mrs. William and John Talbot when last visited the orphanage in July 2010, part time lessons have so far started to facilitate the reading, understanding and writing by the slow orphan learners. The photo below depicts a lesson in progress. Last term's school reports will be sent next month, especially for the children who have performed well and have improved.



learner centered lesson in progress, and Nancy is now able to write her name, wow!!!

Children's Health

Children are in total happiness. They came back from the holiday in good health and all of them reported well except the need for Dorcus treatment. Dorcus was taken to an Italian Hospital in Lusaka where x-ray and scanning was done and the Doctor drew up a treatment plan and recommended that it is possible to treat Dorcus but in three stages. Firstly, one month admission, Secondly, 8 months admission, and lastly approximately 2 months admission. That is nearly a year of treatment. Since we were not given any quotation in as far as their philosophy is concerned, the treatment plan foretells that it will require a reasonable amount of money. Nevertheless, Dorcus needs to be treated.



After x-ray, treatment plan was given

In conclusion, SOSH is very thankful for the great work of fundraisers, their visits and all well wishers towards the support of the orphans. Will you keep it up for your support is preparing the future of orphans towards their self reliance.

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