



Church Support /Lusaka and Lusitu (from Chomba Tekela)

SHARE AFRICA Zambia (SAZ) has delivered food aid in the form of corn soya blend (CSB) to the most vulnerable households in five Assemblies since 2001. These gifts have answered God's call of helping the needy and are indeed relieving the acute hunger and malnutrition experienced by many of our fellow believers. The children's health is also improving, allowing them to attend school and grow up to reach their God-given potential.

Mr and Mrs Samalia Hakazila

Samalia (86) and her husband Richard (84) are committed members of the Lusitu assembly. Mr Hakazila is blind, and Mrs Hakazila is partially blind. This couple have been struggling to meet their basic needs, and can only afford one meal per day. With old age and impaired mobility their circumstances are increasingly difficult. They are too old to grow sorghum or maize (the

staple food). They said that the help they receive from SAZ in the form of CSB saves them from starvation.

New Kanyama Assembly



The Emmanuel children's home which supports 240 orphaned and vulnerable children is run by the New Kanyama assembly as a child care facility. The CSB they receive from SAZ is the main meal for their lunch break. Twelve of these children are housed at the facility while the rest travel daily from their homes. Most children come to school hungry and the CSB is the only nutritious food they eat. The school feeding program has had massive impact on the children's academic performance and health.

Providing meals for the children who live at the school is also a challenge, since the school is run by the assembly on a voluntary basis and financial support is very limited. The Elders from Kanyama are always grateful to SAZ for the help they receive.

Brenda Mwewa, a mother from Chibolya Assembly living in abject poverty, is another of the CSB beneficiaries. The mother of six moves around the compounds looking for casual work such as hand laundry. She uses her meagre income to feed her family, but on days when she can't find work then life is difficult. Since SAZ began supplying her CSB she says at least the small children will not go hungry and this has reduced her burden.



Brenda Mwewa at her home with her two children and two grandchildren under her care.

The light of Christ is being shown to these poverty-stricken households through the feeding programme which is bringing hope and help to those who need it. However, the need is great. With no state support they must rely on family, friends or any other help available. Even within those assemblies everyone does not receive the help they need. By God's grace we will continue to do all we can to share a little of His love and His provision.



MAGOMA ASSEMBLY (by Mwewa)

GOOD NEWS

In 1997 two brothers, Norman Tonga and Simon Nyirenda, both from the Chintandika assembly, started a small assembly in Magoma following an encouraging response to Gospel outreach in the surrounding villages. The assembly started with 12 people gathering under a large tree, and after 2 years numbers had grown to 40.

The Church was also actively involved in outreach work and through God's blessing 7 local assemblies in the region have been planted in the last 12 years.



Magoma today has about 120 in fellowship with about 250 who attend the Gospel services. The mud brick structure where they meet is too small with many having to sit outside, so in 2019 they embarked on an ambitious project to construct a new hall measuring 12 x 28 metres.

Raising money to construct such a large building in a village where most are relatively poor was well nigh impossible so they decided to approach the chief to acquire a field that could be used as an assembly field where all earnings would go towards the 'building fund'. In 2019/20 SAZ listed the 10 acre field as a seed growing field and provided seed and other support. The farmers clubbed together to share oxen and ploughs and in the first year they raised enough money to start making bricks and buying cement. The next year, 2021, they used the income to start constructing the hall as well as providing financial support for their orphans and widows.

SAD NEWS

After months of hard labour, the building has now reached roof level, but to construct a roof for such a large building will cost more they can raise in a year from the assembly farm. In April, when members from SAZ visited Magoma,

the elders asked if we could help out financially. Most in the assembly are farmers who are already being supported by SAZ, and on inspecting their fields it was clear that they were very hard workers. Altogether their combined commitment both spiritually and physically was impressive.

However, on inspecting the building we discovered it did not have adequate foundations and as a result major cracks were appearing on the walls. It was obvious the structure was incapable of holding a large roof, but knocking it down would be a great disappointment as well as an immense loss of time and money. The option therefore was to seek advice on how the structure could be saved.



SAZ arranged for an architect to visit the site and in his subsequent report he recommended that a steel ring-beam be built around the building at roof level along with steel pillars to hold the roof. This is the only way the structure could support a roof.

- The estimated cost for the ring-beam is £7,276
- The estimated cost for the roof is £14,010

Although the Magoma farmers are expecting a good harvest this year, the money will not be enough to meet these costs, and these don't include the floor, windows, plastering and so on. However, if we can raise the money for the ring-beam and the roof, they should then be able to meet in the new building.

Other work can be done once they raise funds from future harvests.

We look to the Lord for His provision.



ORPHAN UPDATE - BRIEF SNIPPETS (Patricia)

Brian Kaingu



Brian is a double orphan being cared for by his grandmother, Joyce. When Brian was one-year-old, criminals attacked the family's home at night in the shanty township where they used to reside. The criminals, after gaining access to the house, knifed the couple (Brian's parents) to death and stole some household goods.

The one-year-old Brian was found by neighbours who had rushed to the scene after hearing the desperate cries during the same fateful night.

Brian is now in junior secondary school doing grade eight. He lives with his grandmother who works as a domestic help. Resources for the family are scanty and challenges are many.

Melody Longa



Melody is the last-born child in a family of three girls and two boys. She is currently in grade two. The family are facing challenges due to hardship in living conditions. Poverty prevails everywhere in the area where she lives.

Her mother, who shares the same name as the daughter, is a baptized believer at the Chawama assembly where Melody also attends Sunday School and church meetings.

To provide for the family, her mother buys vegetables, tomatoes, and sweet potatoes from the main wholesale market in town to sell by the roadside.

Robert Lupiya and Tapela Mwape

The mothers to two children on the programme, Robert Lupiya and Tapela Mwape, were delighted to receive the two sewing machines with accessories.



The joy expressed is hard to explain. Robert's mother said, 'we will use these machines to improve our lives. In fact, I feel our lives have changed already'. Tapela's mother said, 'May God continue to bless the people who have brought these things', God is God indeed who has chosen my family for this blessing ...' The two women do not yet know how to sew but have pledged to learn quickly. The SAZ staff said they would like to monitor their progress and they happily agreed. We will see how well the sewing machines will be used before responding to requests for similar help.

Kahalu Masaha Graduates

The graduation ceremony for Kahalu Masaha was held in April. Kahalu graduated with a degree in Development Studies at a colourful ceremony attended by thousands of people. She has been receiving support from SAZ for her upkeep during the time she has been at university.



Kahalu expressed gratitude to the organisation saying the support she got from SAZ made her stay at the university easy. She said her father does not earn much, so the relief was extended to the father as well.

Kahalu now works in Chavuma for an NGO. She had travelled to Lusaka for the graduation.

General Status of the Programme

Presently we have 215 sponsored children, with many in the queue awaiting sponsors. Each child receives a monthly food allocation as well as a school allowance. All children are visited at least once every quarter with reports available on-line for their sponsors to read.

Due to a drop in the value of the Pound against the Kwacha, the programme is now being subsidised by other income.

If you want to sponsor a child please visit our web site or call us for more information.

CROP HARVEST (Prince Mwanza)

Joel 2:24 The threshing places will be full of grain; the pits besides the presses will overflow with wine and olive oil.



Harvesting of crops is underway especially soya beans and early maturing groundnuts. It is that beautiful time when SAZ farmers reap what they sowed earlier. SAZ has grown soya, groundnut, and sunflower and few selected farmers have also grown beans in addition to SAZ crops.



Despite the prolonged drought experienced earlier this season, our SAZ farmers are harvesting reasonable crops especially soya beans and some early maturing groundnuts. These crops grew well

and the harvest looks healthy. This is because of the provision of good quality seed to rural farmers by SAZ.

However, our staple food crop, maize did not do so well. Generally, the maize crop failed due to prolonged drought and lack of fertilizer. We are anticipating shortage of food this season.

SAZ Soya beans threshing Machines Benefits

SAZ provision of oxen and ploughs has resulted in an increase in size of the farmers' land being cultivated. This increase also means that there is need for an increase in



labour for harvesting. The process of harvesting soya is typically done in three stages i.e. reaping, threshing and winnowing. If this is not handled efficiently, the result is post-harvest loss. With

the use of a threshing machine, farmers can harvest larger quantities of soya within a short period. *(Picture of new harvested recently gifted)*

Challenges with Labour

Manual harvesting of soya beans is tedious and time consuming. Most farmers have expanded their fields with the aim of increasing the crop yield, but the most significant challenge is harvesting soya by hand. A lot of the crop can be lost in this process. There is also the problem that hired labour becomes scarce because almost everyone is busy harvesting their own crops.

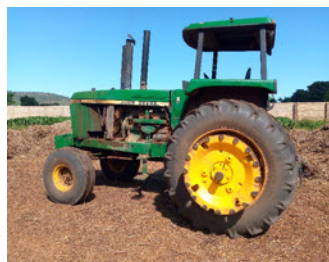


Tractors and Combine Harvesters

Helping farmers to be mechanised by tractors and combine harvesters would greatly improve their production levels. This can be justified by the benefits that SAZ farmers have already received from the oxen project. For instance, Jonas Phiri started with 10 acres of land but with the help of SAZ oxen he has expanded to 35 acres.

The cost of purchasing a tractor and combine harvester for an individual farmer would be very high. The best approach would be to give a tractor to a group of farmers living in nearby farms and this would increase the sustainability of the project.

Tractors can plough a bigger portion of land compared to oxen drawn ploughs. Combine harvesters would then be critical to minimising post-harvest losses because of its effectiveness and efficiency. A combine harvester executes three tasks at the same time i.e. reaping, threshing and winnowing, justifying its importance.



Providing tractors and combine harvesters would greatly increase crop production levels for SAZ farmers. Growing large quantities of crops and being able to harvest on time can definitely result into an increase in cash crop yield and profits. *(Picture of our one 35 year old John Deere)*

MAIZE SEED *(Kunda Siwale)*

ShareAfrica Zambia is making headway in its seed development program. Currently, there are two maize seed varieties that are being developed. Three different locations are being utilized to quicken the process. Mgawa farm and Chamasongwe farm are being used for active crosses, while Mulumba location is being used for multiplication of one of the breeder lines. The seed is subjected to frequent inspections by seed breeders from Lusaka.



Harvesting of the active crosses is underway. These will be subjected to grading, treatment, and further crosses. Each stage of the maize seed development process is closely monitored to ensure quality seed is used as parent material. Once developed, the maize seed will be of great benefit to the small holder farmers who will be able to grow disease resistant and drought tolerant maize

varieties. Investing in these improved maize seed varieties is one of the ways SAZ aims to mitigate the effects of climate change in the region. Maize being the staple food of Zambia, farmers will be assured of improved food security and nutrition as well as having added income generation from the improved maize seed crop.

SAZ would like to broaden its scope to develop new seed varieties including millet, sorghum, and additional soya bean, groundnut and sunflower seed varieties that would be unique to SAZ all with a view to increasing the potential earnings of the small scale farmer. This is something that can be achieved if SAZ set up a dedicated seed research and development facility equipped with automated irrigation system to allow for research to be conducted throughout the year. SAZ would also begin looking into possible rain-water harvesting methods as a pilot scheme from which data can be collected to assess the possibility of introducing the initiative to farmers on the programme. Doing so would be a much needed help to mitigate the effects of drought.



THE FOOD FACTORY *(Eddie Kasongo)*

The factory remains busy making the CSB for the orphan programme. Other variations of the same basic ingredients are being made into a breakfast porridge for children. There has been wide interest in the product including one from a German Christian organisation that asked for samples with a view to having SAZ supply the same product for their children's programmes.

Challenges with power failures and machine breakdown continue, but these are to be expected and the staff are doing their best to work around the problems. The biggest challenge we have currently is 'box folding' which is done manually by six people (the breakfast porridge is packaged in boxes). We have identified a supplier of equipment in South Africa and we will buy as soon as we have the resources.

Changes to the SHAREAfrica WEB

We are in the process of giving our website, shareafrica.com, a refresh to include some more recent photographs and to make it easier to navigate. There will be a slider on the top of the page highlighting the four main aspects of our work. We also plan to provide more regular news updates in all these areas so you will be able to read about progress on our projects as it happens. Facebook too will be regularly updated. Please share with those who are interested in the work in Zambia.

The website will highlight any pressing needs and make it easier to give to the various projects. We are able to take one-off or recurring donations using credit card, direct debit and PayPal. All gifts have the option of adding gift-aid where possible. This enhances the gift to us by 25% and is a valuable part of our income.

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS *(Eddie Kasongo)*

Minsundu Assembly

The Minsundu assembly was started by believers who used to travel long distances to congregate at the nearly assembly in Chifubu. Minsundu is in Ndola, close to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). It is a poor area with few commercial activities.

The saints built a hall some years ago but they didn't have the money to complete the roof. As an interim measure they used a timber frame with makeshift iron sheets but through time the timber rotted and the roof blew off.

Earlier this year the saints approached SAZ for help to replace the roof. Since it was clear they did not have the means to raise the money themselves SAZ agreed to help.

The picture shows the progress at the time of writing. A full report about the assembly will be given in a later newsletter.



Kamimbi Assembly

The Kamimbi assembly lies on the banks of lake Kariba in the district of Siavonga. The assembly is located in a fishing camp that was set up by the government some years after the Kariba dam was built.

The saints are fishermen who migrated from the Luapula province when fishing stocks in Luapula were depleted. They came from an area in Luapula where there were many assemblies so when they relocated they brought the Gospel with them and through time several assemblies were established.

The hall at Kamimbi was constructed with wooden poles and plastic sheets but the makeshift structure could not withstand heavy rains. After visiting the assembly SAZ felt exercised to assist with a new building. We agreed to fund it in stages if the believers were willing to provide their own labour. As the picture shows, construction is underway, although we expect it will take time to complete. As with all buildings the major cost will be fitting the roof.



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