

# HIGH FIVE CLUB

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## Kamanga-Tithandizane Open Community School, Lusaka, Zambia



The High Five Club is pleased to report that we are further building on our relationship and support of Kamanga-Tithandizane Open Community School, which serves vulnerable and orphaned children living in the slum area of Kamanga in Zambia's capital city Lusaka.

Kamanga School is flourishing thanks to the **hand up** that our members and

sponsors have extended to this community-run school over the past 2 years. Pupil enrolment has increased as a result of the two new classrooms we added, meaning that more children from this impoverished community have the opportunity to break out of the cycle of poverty. The learning environment has also improved significantly with the provision of desks, chairs and learning materials. The school has developed so much that even the Zambian government is now taking an interest, and several government officials have visited the school over the last few months to see for themselves the progress being made. As you are aware, the Ministry of Education in Zambia currently gives very little support to this community school and the teachers are all volunteers from within the Kamanga community.



The good news is that the government has pledged to support the school with a contribution towards teachers' salaries, **IF** the community themselves can provide the funds to train their teachers to 'government standard'. When implemented, this will be the first time since the community set the school up that the volunteer teachers will receive formal payment for their daily commitment and dedication to the children's education.

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High Five Club has pledged to support 2 of the female teachers with 50% of the costs to put them through such training. The community and the local catholic church of St Joseph's (which hosts the school buildings in its grounds) will pay the remaining 50%, along with the full costs of 2 male teachers at the school.

**Clotilda Chulu** and **Victoria Mulekwa** have both been accepted, and have already started, on the Diploma in Primary Education Programme by distance mode at Chipata College of Education. This is a 2-year course with two weeks contact sessions during each school holiday. They will both graduate in June 2013.

**Volunteer teacher Clotilda Chulu**



**Volunteer teacher Victoria Mulekwa**



We have pledged £1,200 in total to the school towards the costs of training Clotilda and Victoria from High Five Club membership fees and a long-term sponsor of the High Five Club's educational outreach in Africa.

If any members know of any companies or individuals who have old laptop computers that they may wish to donate to Kamanga School, Cheryl and Manny would be very happy to take these out with them on their next visit to Zambia. The school currently does not have any computers and these would greatly assist in the administration of the school, along with enabling the older pupils to learn valuable IT skills.

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