

Kondanani Zambia News

Pre-school Kalumbila

Kondanani Zambia has accepted the challenge of a new project: to resource the building of a pre-school at Kalumbila, in North-West Zambia on 15 hectares given to Zambia Open Community Schools by His Royal Highness Chief Mumena, following earnest conversation with the late Mrs Harriet Sianjibu Miyato, then CEO of ZOCS, and long-time friend and inspiration of the Preston family.



The Out of School Children in Kalumbila area number 1,853 and unemployment for the youth is 31%, in a district with a total population of 127,604 people.

We were thrilled to have a zoom meeting with Mrs Cleopatra Muma, the new CEO, (and formerly Harriet's Deputy) and to hear of this exciting new school for Out-of-School Children, and adults who have never had an opportunity to learn

to read and write.

At the same time, Kondanani Zambia had received a major gift, which added to gifts received recently, will fund the pre-school building. Kalumbila is just west of Solwezi and has recently begun to be developed as a mining centre.



Major benefactor Richie

Mark Preston & his daughter Iris will monitor this new project in 2021.

"Quality pre-primary education sets a strong foundation for learning with the child starting school ready to learn, and to continue learning throughout the schooling experience."
UNICEF

An Alternative Gift of pre-school books is available from Chipso 4 Life, for \$10.

See details on the back page.



Chief Mumena and ZOCS team

The Zambian Government honours the late Mrs Harriet Sianjibu Miyato :

On 24th. October, His Excellency The President Mr Edgar Chagwa Lungu conferred the posthumous honour of The Order of Distinguished Service, First Division to Mrs Harriet Sianjibu Miyato, to be a Grand Commander of the Order of Distinguished Service; the honour was accepted by her daughters Yvonne & Mwaka Naluvwi.



Pictured: From left, President Lungu's Aide, President Lungu's wife, Yvonne & Mwaka Naluvwi.

Harriet's passion to serve marginalised children was at the core of the innovations ZOCS had undertaken to address the challenge of Out of School Children especially girls and children with disabilities in Zambia. This has resulted in thousands of children having access to education.

Daughter Mwaka Naluvwi remarked: "On behalf of our departed mother, Mrs Harriet Maritha Sianjibu-Miyato - we are most grateful for the recognition and honour conferred on her posthumously by the Government of the Republic of Zambia. Our mother was a woman who could relate with and understand vulnerability and was determined to help in whatever way she could to change the lives of children. Mother believed it was her responsibility to ensure that no child struggled to receive an education."

"In her tireless pursuit of educational opportunities for orphaned and vulnerable children which became the core of her vision to her last breath, we are comforted by this noble honour conferred on her by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia. Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, knowing that her labour was not in vain."

Equally, ZOCS Executive Director, Mrs Cleopatra Muma commented, "At ZOCS we feel this is a well deserved award and we would like to express our gratitude to our Government for recognising this phenomenal woman posthumously."

Mrs Miyato served as ZOCS Executive Director from January 2004 till August 2020.



Harriet's daughters Mwaka Naluvwi and Yvonne Naluvwi received the Medal; Harriet was laid to rest in a beautifully manicured private plot, which we are sure will become a place of pilgrimage for all ZOCS staff and Community Schools graduates.

Since the death of Mrs Miyato, the Director of Education has recognised the thorough-going work of ZOCS in representing Children Out of School and have made decisions to employ more teachers (with wages) in ZOCS' Community Schools.

Covid and Zambia

Mrs Muma advised us that Covid cases had reduced because schools were able to be closed, and much work was being done by ZOCS teams reinforcing hand-washing guidelines. Now the rainy season has begun there is pressure on the schools for resources including mid-day feeding, security of food materials, hygiene and safety.

Mungule School of Excellence

Mrs Muma reported that the Income Generation Progreem of goat rearing is moving forward well, and recently other partners have enabled teachers' houses to be built at Mungule.

Other news:

Ms Nalucha Mwitelela is graduating from teacher training in December; Nalucha's fees were paid by a Kondanani Zambia donor. Nalucha is teaching at Rosamystica School, assisting the learning of Out of School Children and says she finds the teaching so satisfying; Professor Mudendan is receiving coaching for his final Year 12 studies; Professor is the sewing instructor at Kalalasaka, and has a young family to support along with his study for teaching credentials.

Feminine hygiene articles are being made at Chodort Training Centre, a partner we have worked alongside for many years. The delivery of the articles, along with education on use, and washing, was stalled for a month or two because of Covid, however activity has been re-activated and the girls are so excited about their own kit.

2021:

Jenny and John Preston will celebrate an anniversary of 25 years of commitment to education and care for children who are disabled, orphaned and vulnerable in Zambia; we had hoped that our dear Harriet would visit and re-connect with some of the many friends Harriet made over her time at university, and later when her daughters were in Australia studying and having their children.

The Harriet Sianjibu Miyato Scholarship

A Harriet Sianjibu Miyato Scholarship is to be established for 'young girls from community schools showing the same spirit and commitment to education, as Harriet has done all throughout her valued life.'



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

Chipo 4 Life gift cards - for anniversaries, birthdays and Christmas.

We have a range of giving opportunities for you to support for the numerous Zambia Open Community Schools including:

A	Children's Picture Book	\$10
B	Feminine Hygiene Kit	\$15
C	Pair Chickens	\$20
D	Solar Lantern for Student	\$20
E	Week of Meals for class	\$25
F	School Stationery Kit	\$25
G	Goat	\$30
H	Solar Light & Phone Charger	\$40
I	Piglet	\$40
J	Fencing Materials	\$40
K	Bags of Cement	\$50
L	Roofing Iron	\$50
M	Contribution to Scholarship Fund	\$50
N	Steel Window & Door Frame	\$100
O	Steel Roof Truss	\$100
P	Bicycle for Teacher	\$130

The Preston Family have met so many wonderful people who have faithfully supported us in our mission, and seen great progress and achievements:

To ensure that every child, especially those disadvantaged in any way, can actualise their full human potential, realise their rights and experience what it means to be a human being fully alive.

Kondanani Zambia Inc is a registered charity in Australia, and we complete federal & state government returns each year.

All monitoring visits by the Preston family are self-funded.

DONATIONS:

Special gift cards will be provided to the donor for each gift, with information about that project and about Kondanani Zambia Inc.

How to donate:

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