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Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter '17

TOUCH Ireland Education Report

In some parts of the world children go to school everyday and this is their normal life. But in other parts of the world there are children who are starved of an education due to poverty and lack of support. Every child has the right to a quality education as it is the passport to their future. TOUCH Ireland is helping to give children an education and helping to bridge the gap between cultures, helping children to play an equal part in their society.

TOUCH Ireland Grant Scheme

Our funding sources for the Education Grant Scheme at present are:

Monty's Nepal Bursary

This fundraising Meal night is held in Monty's Restaurant in Temple Bar, in October every year. This is held to support children in our projects in Kathmandu, Nepal.

These are the students being supported at present:

TOUCH Ghar Kathmandu

Nirutha Kunwar: Nirutha started the course BBA Program (Bachelor of Business Administration) 4 Years in November 2016.



TOUCH House Kathmandu:

Narendra Bohara: is doing Chartered Accountancy. Narendra has completed his 2nd year exams. So we are waiting to hear his results.



Esther Sunar: has done her Grade 12 exams and is awaiting her results. While waiting she requested support for a computer course which she is doing for a year. Esther wants to do English teaching.

Surgu BK: Surgu commenced her Bachelor Degree in Humanities in 2017. Surgu will now be sponsored through this scheme for 4years.



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By Cheque made out to TOUCH Ireland or by Cash

Please send your Donation to TOUCH Ireland, 17 Monread Meadows, Naas, Co. Kildare

Education in Zambia

The Joan McEvoy Fund

This fund is set up by an individual in memory of a family member and who has an interest in Education. This is the student being sponsored:

Esther Walubita: Esther is doing a Bachelor Degree in Education distance learning and commenced in April 2017.



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Evaristo Matola: Distance teaching Diploma: Started in December 2015: Duration 3 years.

Matilda Daka: Matilda is continuing a 3 year Diploma in Human Resource Business studies.

Diane Mweemba: She is doing a BA and is now in her 3rd year.

Lucky Marlyz: has sat her grade 12 exams in August.

TOUCH Ireland supported this.



We have also maintained sponsorship in relation to some exceptional children moving onto Secondary school through our education grant scheme:

One child for Grade 12 and two children for Grade 10 in St. Patrick's School Mapepe, Lusaka and one child is being sponsored for Grade 10 in Mangango.

Fate Restaurant Education Bursary

This fundraising night is held in March in Fate Restaurant, Naas every year to support children in Zambia, Central Africa.

These are the students funded by Fate Restaurant.

Samson Banda:

Samson was a sponsored boy from Guardian Angels School and he is also doing the catering course at Chipapa Training centre



Rosie Mwita:

Rosie was a sponsored girl from Kaoma Cheshire centre. She is doing a catering course at Chipapa Training centre



Naomi Chanda:

She started her Nursing career in January 2017 in Monze, Southern Province. This year we were also able to give her a laptop that was donated to TOUCH Ireland.



Violet Kapimwa: Violet has been on the Kitwe child Sponsorship scheme for her Primary and Secondary education. She is doing a Food Production course level 1 for one year and commenced in January.

If successful she can do level 2 in 2018.

Cynthia Nkaka: Cynthia has been on child sponsorship throughout her education and is now training to be a Civics Teacher in Kitwe. She started her course in September 2017.

Sheri Sibeso: Sheri repeated her grade 12 and is awaiting her results. TOUCH Ireland assisted with her fees.

'Education does not end at any point in our lives: it is an ongoing journey to be carried with us everyday throughout our lives'
Thomas Powell.

Present Projects Zambia 2017

St Michael's Community School Block in Lusaka.

In July 2017 TOUCH started construction on the third School Block which is due to be finished end November. This New School Block will incorporate a Computer Room to facilitate a Computer Programme.

As a result of this new School Block St. Michael's will be able to cater better for the amount of children seeking an education. Over 800 children attend this school.

<http://touchireland.net/st-michaels-community-school-phase.../>



Update on St. Michael's School

By mid September the substructure was completed. The metal thrusts were manufactured and erected on the roof as can be seen from photo above. The next phase starts now when the roof is put on and the electrical fittings are installed.

As a result of our recent visit to Zambia we embarked on two new School Projects.

St. Michaels School Block



Kandongo Community School Block in Mangango.

After we visited the area in May 2017 we agreed to fund the construction of a three Classroom Block with a Storeroom and Office. This will cost €25,000.00 approx.

Fundraising for this project has now commenced and some funds are available. The construction has just commenced and we hope to finish this project before the start of the rainy season in November. Over 200 children will attend this school.

[http://touchireland.net/kandongo-](http://touchireland.net/kandongo-...)



Kandongo School Block



Update on Kandongo School

The Slab is now completed and cured. So the construction of the Substructure has started. End of September more materials were purchased such as windows, doors and burglar bars. The substructure will go up very quickly now. Then the roof construction will commence.

It is hoped that this School Block will be finished mid November when the rains come and flood the local river.



Present Projects Asia 2017

**Sanghamitta Seba Sangha Centre (SSS)
Food Programme in Bandarban, Bangladesh.**

These are indigenous people from Myanmar who exist as Hill Tribe people for generations before all the recent troubles. Just goes to show that the poorest on all sides suffer the most!

Below see letter from the Orphanage:

Good Evening! I do hope you are fine. The orphanage is running very smoothly and all are fine but having much tension with Rohingya Muslims peoples want to disturb our Tribal Christian & Buddhist peoples.

I am apologize been late to reply you. Because I was a bit busy my work. From Yesterday I would like to send you but suddenly internet broadband connection was not working. So, Finally I got from this afternoon.

On 25/09/2017 money has credit to our account.

Regarding, First which was purchase were some urgently items which we have stored. It's given below:

Rice 2 tons, Edible Oil 20 Bottles, Dall 50kg bag, Spices (chili, yellow, salt, dry fish, napi, onion, garlic, jira, alachi, daruchini etc

Just to inform of our SSS road transportation condition. That is why due time we are unable to transportation all commodity to SSS. We will transport more commodities when condition is good.

We are really very very grateful to TOUCH Ireland for supporters.

May All Beings Be Happy

[Sanghamitta Seba Sangha](#) SSS (Hill Child Home)

With Regard

Paimong Marma



Fundraising Events



TOUCH ethos:

All children have a right to food, shelter, education and basic care.

We believe that all people regardless of race, religion, gender or status in society are equal and entitled to the basic needs to survive and develop



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