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## TOUCH Ireland New Project 2018/19

### Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter '18 Misisi Community School Project

Misisi Compound is a shanty town, which is located in Lusaka, Zambia. Misisi has been identified as one of the five worst slums in Sub Saharan Africa. Due to a lack of resources there has been poor record keeping, but according to best estimates, there are between 80,000 and 90,000 people living in the area.

There is also a prevalence of many diseases in the area. Cholera remains a huge problem, due to a lack of clean water. The area is also prone to floods during the rainy season. Malaria is also a major issue during the warmer seasons of the year. Health problems related to poverty, such as malnutrition create huge problems in the day-to-day lives of the people.



**As a result of our visit  
TOUCH Ireland as  
agreed to build a new  
School Block in Misisi  
starting in 2018.**

During our trip we visited this Compound in the heart of Lusaka to see one of 'The Cherise Foundation' projects with George who is their project Manager. This project is a school in the middle of a compound that is badly in need of upgrading and could do with an extra new school block. We met with some of the Community members and Teachers.

This community struggles in a very dignified manner to raise their children in an extremely poor environment.

### Donate to TOUCH Ireland

You can donate by PayPal on the TOUCH Ireland Website: <http://touchireland.net/>

By Cheque made out to TOUCH Ireland or by Cash

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

## Misisi Food Programme

With funds some supporters gave us going to Zambia we set up a Food programme for Ten (10) of the poorest families designated by Cherise Foundation. We also set up a group of young professionals (Zambians) mostly trained by TOUCH Ireland. This Group will be coordinated by George from the Cherise Foundation (CMF Group - TOUCH Ireland). It is hoped that they will try to raise the funds to sustain this Food Programme. Indeed a Challenge for these young people but how great it would be if they can succeed!  
Young Zambian professionals helping the poor of their own society!



Great to see the CMF & TOUCH Ireland Group together discussing and organising the Misisi Food Programme project in Lusaka. Well done to you all, you make us all very proud! Good luck with your continued good work for the children.

Left: Mercy Luwi Kuwunda, Gloria Musukwa, Evaristo Matola, Bra Gee, Makala Enock Hamweemba, Wigan Muzungu, Pulcheria Nkumbwa and Evangelist Linkon Raymond Munax.



Tullamore Credit Union Ltd 'Our World Fund' provides support for communities all over the world. We were delighted to receive a Grant of €2,000.00 from the Tullamore Credit Union towards the Misisi School Block Project in Lusaka.

**A big thanks from TOUCH Ireland for your support.**



TOUCH Ireland Offaly Gp. with Staff/Members of the Credit Union



Well Done Damien Ward!  
In finishing his first 'Half Iron Man' and raising €2,213.00 funds to help us build a school for vulnerable children at Misisi Compound in Lusaka, Zambia. Here is the man with his wife Franny and family after the event! Thanks again Damien and your very understanding wife as we know you had to put in an enormous amount of training!



## **Change of Ethos TOUCH Ireland**

**We are now 20 years in operation and have been looking after vulnerable children since 1998. Some of the children from our projects are now young adults and TOUCH is also supporting other young adults not from our projects with their higher education. So we are changing our Ethos to: TOUCH Ireland supporting Vulnerable Children/Young Adults**

## TOUCH Ireland – 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Education

Every year in October TOUCH Ireland hosts a meal night in Monty's of Kathmandu Restaurant, Eustace Street, Temple Bar to fundraise for the Monty's Education Bursary. This year it will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and we would like to thank Shiva and all the staff for all the effort they put in to make this an extremely successful night.

We have some new students this year availing of the Monty's Bursary:



Rita Ghartimagar has started her Diploma in Radiology



Sushmita Bantha has started her Diploma in Nursing.



Puja Parki starts her Social Work course in October '18



Shavyata Shrestha starts her Social Work course in October '18

All these girls have been sponsored for their primary and secondary education through TOUCH Ireland child sponsorship scheme and it is great that we can now help them through their college training to give them good careers and a chance for a good life.

## Celebrating Twenty Years Supporting Vulnerable Children/Young Adults

From sending out one Aid Container to over 100 projects in Africa, Asia and South America and directly supporting over 20,000 Vulnerable Children and Young Adults.

It was a great day out with some of the TOUCH Ireland people on the Shannon Blueway!

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**A FLAVOUR OF NEPAL**

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**Monty's of Kathmandu,**  
28 Eustace St,  
Temple Bar, D2  
Tuesday 23rd October  
at 8PM

This Event is in Support of the  
**Monty's Education Bursary**  
in aid of Children at our Nepalese Projects

**TICKETS €25**

Monty's is a traditional and authentic Nepalese Restaurant, owned by husband and wife team of Shiva and Lina. Monty's of Kathmandu prides itself on its commitment to producing the finest, traditional Nepalese dishes.

100% of funds raised will go to the Children.

<http://www.montys.ie>  
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In the good tradition of TOUCH Ireland as well as celebrating we raised over €1,700 to help three of our smaller projects in Africa.

Thanks to Seamus Gibbons from Electric Bike Trails and David Carthy from Lock 17 Bar, Leitrim. I recommend it to all!

## Jalbire Child Sponsorship - Nepal

Some of TOUCH Ireland sponsored children in Jalbire recently receiving school materials from local coordinator. This was one of the worst areas hit by the earthquake. It's good to see the children back at school supported by TOUCH Ireland.

We look forward to seeing the children on our visit to Nepal in coming November.



## Goodbye to our Good Friend Victor Musonda Mukuka

**Victor** was a gentle and kind person in so many ways. He touched so many people's lives during his time here with us. We all have a lot of memories that we will always carry with us - memories that we will always hold dear. We first met Victor twenty Years ago in Lusaka when we arrived for the very first time to Zambia. One of my very first memories was that of Victor picking me up out of a hole in a pavement in Lusaka after I had disappeared down the hole!! This was an indication of the man's physical strength. Over the years we came to know of his mental strength and above all his caring nature. Victor became a most valued member of TOUCH Ireland and a founder member of TOUCH Zambia. Through this he demonstrated his kindness and his ability to work with vulnerable children.

During his visit to Ireland he made some great friends that always remember him with great fondness and are all so sad about his passing. I will personally miss him as a friend, over the twenty years we became very close friends. I always considered myself lucky that such a man was willing to call me his friend.

Victor and Friends



Kandongo School Opening



Sepo Food Programme



Mangango Food Programme



Societies always look for heroes outside of their own communities and forget to look inwards! So let me say this now, Kaoma, you were privileged to have such a person within your midst. We have traveled and worked in a lot of different countries and I can say with my hand on my heart that we have never met such a kind, gentle man, anywhere in the World!

So please Zambia always remember your Hero Victor Mukuka.

It is very hard to say goodbye and we don't want to, but we need to remember that he touched so many people's lives, so positively. He leaves an amazing legacy behind.

**Victor** left the world a better place than when he found it and for that we will always be grateful. **Our best friend Victor** we miss you but we will always remember you dearly. TOUCH Ireland

### Asia Trip2018

On November 5th we travel to Sri Lanka and Nepal to visit our projects.

As always we travel at our own expense to ensure that 100% of your donations for our projects go to our projects.



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