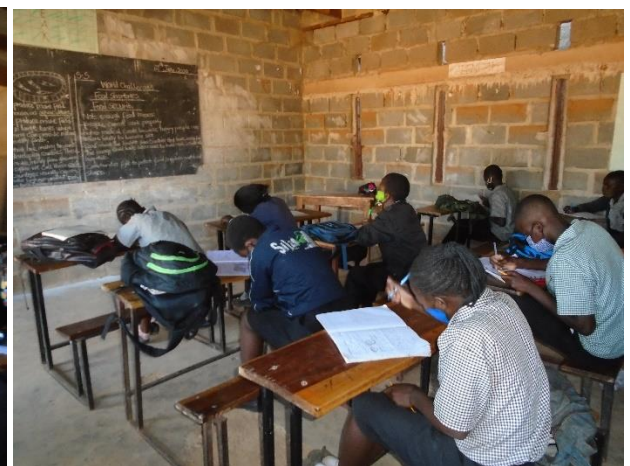


GHI Update

June 2020

Schools partially re-opened in Zambia in the beginning of June secondary to a directive from the Ministry of Education. This re-opening includes just the classes for which there are end-of-year exams which much be passed to matriculate to the next grade. Extra accommodations are in place such as requiring all students and teachers to wear masks and providing extra facilities for handwashing. The students of Mango Grove Community School were eager to return to school and were provided masks and hand sanitizer by the school.



Mrs. Banda lives in the Gripse Community in the Chamba Valley. Her husband, who was the chairman of the PTA died in 2017.

She supports herself and her family by growing vegetables. Her youngest son is in grade 12 and is part of the GHI scholarship program. She has six grandchildren, all of whom attend Mango Grove Community School.

She says “I really appreciate the school for the support during this difficult times of Covid-19. I could not grow or sell my vegetables since there was some restrictions. For the help of mealie meal and beans, thank you and may the LORD GOD bless you.”



Peggy is a 16 year old who is in grade 10 at Munali Girls Secondary School on a GHI scholarship.



She is the oldest of five children in the family, three of whom attend Mango Grove Community while the youngest is not yet old enough. Her mother is a single mother and they would not have been able to afford going to school without the opportunity at Mango Grove. Peggy credits Cosmas with encouraging her to enter school initially.

“Mother struggles to feed us so she thought of starting a small business to sell vegetables but because it is a small business still she cannot

provide us with our daily need, and we even reach an extent of having no shelter but by the grace of GOD we found uncompleted house which we live in up to date. My mother has skills in sewing, baking, and even farming and it is easy for her to start a business when capital is available and earn a living.

Even though things happen like this we still go to school without fail by the support of the Grassroots Heroes. I thank God for the support, love, and care that GHI have for us. That’s why when I am done with my education I what to be a neurosurgeon. I know that today am struggling and asking for support because tomorrow I will be the one to help others. I pray to GOD to add more days to every member of GHI. Thank you.”

Alfmary Community School, opened in 2017, has a total of 240 pupils from nursery to grade seven and the demand is growing. The aim of the school is to provide accessible, quality education to the underprivileged children in the area.

Previously, water was a challenge but it no longer is since we provided them with a borehole in the beginning of the year and it continues to work well. Other challenges include the lack of desks and the school structure. When the grade seven students returned to school in June, they found that the structure had sustained wind damage. They are working to repair the damage as well as to replace the

thatch walls with mud brick walls to make it a more durable structure. In the meantime, the grade seven students are using the church hall as a classroom.



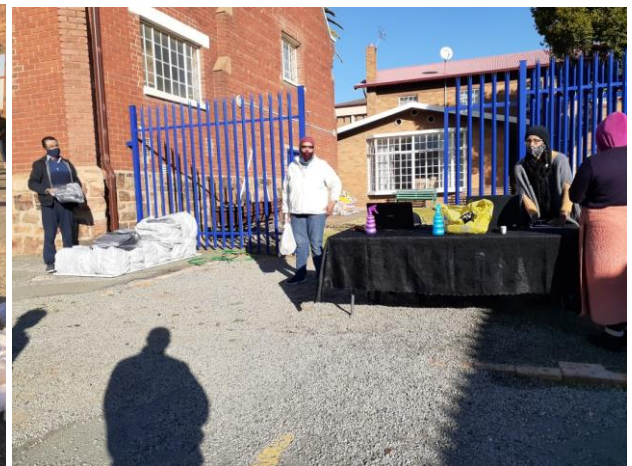
Paul is a 21 year old nursing student who will be starting his third year of school in July if he is able to pass his exams.

"I love what I do and am very thankful and grateful for the sponsorship that I have been receiving all these past years. I will forever be in debt to your kindness. It is only by the grace of God that I've made it this far. I will continue working hard and make you proud. Saving lives is what I enjoy doing. Thank you once more."



At St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Johannesburg, South Africa, food and blankets are being provided to help support people during the Covid lockdown. The blankets are very much appreciated as temperatures get down into the 30s (Fahrenheit) at night in Johannesburg at this time of year.





Thank you for your continued support!