

News from The Jubilee Centre

The Jubilee Centre has just published its five year strategic plan to cover the period 2016-2020 . It is a plan that recognizes that there are some significant challenges ahead but shows that they are so full of hope for the future.

Looking back over the previous 5 years, they achieved so much in 6 key areas: *Developing Community Infrastructure, Care and Compassion Support, Youth Development, Child Development, Leadership Development and, Advocacy and lobbying.* The St Nicolas teams who visited in 2011, 2012 and 2014 can be rightfully proud of the role that they played in helping the Jubilee Centre progress towards their goals.

Looking forward, Pastor Lawrence has set some difficult but achievable strategic goals that are underpinned by 3 core approaches

- ◆ **Integral Mission.** Meeting people's needs whilst still proclaiming and living out their faith.
- ◆ **Capacity Building.** Developing Churches, Faith based and Community based organizations, Community Schools and individuals so that they serve their community
- ◆ **Advocacy.** Influencing policy, attitudes and behaviour on behalf of the poor and marginalized in society

When you look at the detail of that plan, it is easy to see where St Nicolas can play an active supporting role; not just in our trip next year but in future years too. More importantly you can see the similarities between their missional objectives and ours at St Nicolas

Child Support programme

Martha is fully engaged with the Child Support Programme. Those of you who sponsor children in Zambia will have had the recent report which is full of positivity. It reflects on how so many lives have been changed by the programme. Over 850 young people are currently sponsored to attend High School. It is so nice to see that young people are given (and take) the opportunity to develop their potential. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, *there are more on the waiting list praying for people like you to help them.* You can talk to John or Emma; it is a simple process and in real terms not that costly but, it is a long term commitment to take a child through school. The programme is successful but it is totally reliant on the devotion and dedication of people like Martha who make it happen. Let us thank God for the work of the CSP.



St Nicolas Mission to Zambia 2016

Our first planning meeting is today 16 October. It is an exciting time. We are blessed with so many gifts that we can take to Zambia and there is so much that we can learn and bring back from Zambia. For those who attended the meeting we hope that you are excited by the prospect and energized to become involved. If you missed our meeting, you can talk to Helen or John anytime.