

## Hope in Christ – Zambia – Grade 8 Classroom

### Rev Andrew Spartan Challenge

Since returning from our first visit to Zambia in 2015 we have developed a “**Partnership Across the Miles**” between **Hope in Christ Ministry, Zambia**, our Church in Chepstow & other friends in the USA & UK. Hope in Christ was the vision of Pastor Paul & Mary Swala and started in 2008 with the vision of helping & educating orphaned & needy children. Hope in Christ school is sited on the edge of the “Chipata Shanty Compound” in Lusaka and currently provides primary education to Grade 7 for 156 children.

The ongoing vision is to accommodate Grade 8 children for their first year of secondary education onsite at Hope in Christ school. To this end a new classroom has been planned and needs to be built. **Rev Andrew Webster’s Spartan 10 km. challenge on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021** aims to raise funds for this project; every penny raised will be sent by Chepstow Methodist Church direct to Hope in Christ and be used for this purpose.

The Hope in Christ School motto is “**The distance between success & failure is action.**” Your action in supporting this project will help educate children in one of the poorest areas of the world where “**Education is Life.**”

**The target to build the new Grade 8 Classroom at Hope in Christ School is £4,000.** If you would like to sponsor Rev Andrew on his “Spartan Challenge” raising funds for this project you can do so online using your credit / debit card from anywhere in the world at

<https://www.give.net/HopeinChrist2021>

Alternatively in the UK you can make a cheque payable to “Chepstow Methodist Church” (*please write “Zambia Grade 8 Project” on the back of the cheque*) and send it to CMC Finance Officers, Richard & Katharine Stevenson, Kingsmark House, Kingsmark Lane, Chepstow, NP16 5LZ. If you prefer to make a gift by bank electronic transfer, please contact Richard [rs240uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rs240uk@yahoo.co.uk) or 01291 629640. All donations can be Gift Aided if you are a UK tax payer.

Vera & Brian Lloyd  
For Partners Across the Miles

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## Message from Andrew

Definitely not a mid-life crisis!

As you can see I have signed up for a 'Spartan Race'. It's a 10 km run with various obstacles along the way – rope climbs, commando crawls, fire leap and sand bag carries to name a few. Entrance was a gift from a younger and fitter friend who wondered if I needed a challenge, especially this year. You see this year I turn 50 and maybe a fitness challenge is a way to cling onto some residual notions of youth, or possibly its just part of the denial process!

It is certainly a privilege to be involved with Partners across the Miles. Pastor Paul and his team do an amazing and inspiring job amongst some of the poorest of people. Key to the project is that the local people on the ground make all the decisions in terms of priorities and they have been clear that the new classroom is vital for their work. Education really is the best hope for the children supported by the project.

So whilst I may be trying to kid myself that I'm not ageing please do consider sponsoring me, every penny makes a huge difference.

Thank you

Andrew Webster

