

Hi Markus

Thank you so much. You are doing an amazing job! I will confirm when the \$6000 has arrived. The furniture and desks are starting to be made and I am placing an order for stationery and general supplies for the school from Lusaka next week. I will let you know what I buy.

2 days ago the Zambian President decided to fly in on a surprise visit in his gold helicopter together with some VIPs including a Romanian (with Swiss connections) called Nicolae Buzaianu (a wealthy industrialist into energy) who is the Zambian representative to UNESCO in France.

20 students were here from Kawaza Basic School and were in class doing a word game on Climate Change. They all piled out of the classroom to greet the President and his party. He was very warm and friendly, it was just like meeting an old friend! He then met the kids who all greeted and welcomed him in unison. Two teachers were in attendance, one was Chilembwe Chibwana who was a Chipembele sponsored pupil from 2003 to 2006 and has been working as an untrained teacher at Kawaza for 4 years. There was also a woman volunteer teacher, Eunice Phiri. I introduced them and he asked why Chilembwe had not gone to college and I said because he couldn't afford the fees, so he immediately said he would sponsor him and to make it fair would sponsor Eunice to college too!!

The President had a wonderful meeting with the children. He gave them K15,000 each and sent his heli-copter back to Chichele to get chitenges with his picture on so they had one each. He also gave our guys K50,000 each. He took the Find the Missing Words exercise to try later and then I showed him the exercise that I had ready for them as the next exercise where they had to pretend they were the President of Zambia in 2030 and have to write a letter to the Ministers about what they thought was the most pressing global warming problem for Zambia. He thought it was fantastic and took a copy of the instructions and prepared letterhead with him. I later sent him the letters the students wrote in class.

After touring the Centre, he looked at Chipembele lake, then we all went to the verandah for a drink. He was very relaxed, very interested in everything and stayed for 3 hours. He went across to the children to say goodbye and they sang a lovely song for him.

What a day!