

# MPIKA VILLAGE OF HOPE

## NEWSLETTER - CHRISTMAS 2018



### DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Season's greetings to you all. Many thanks to all of our helpers, sponsors, customers and those whose lovely donations have helped us to succeed.



Dorothy



Shadrack



Gift, Jaqueline, Nema, Connor & Dorothy



"School's Out!"

There have been (and no doubt will continue to be!) many challenges both here and in Africa, but also many achievements great and small in both.

Today I have just received via What's App photos of the plans for the new orphanage building. We are very excited but it's going to take a big fundraiser such as a large concert or Crowdfunding campaign to raise the necessary funds. Anyone who is willing to set up and run a crowdfunding campaign, we would love to hear from you. It's a job that would require a lot of commitment over a short period of time. In Zambia, they have been trying their best to raise funds and have purchased 20,000 bricks themselves.

The orphanage has several new additions! Twin babies Mishek and Shadrack (now 10 months old) Joseph Bongo (11months), Audrey (13 years) Joseph Simumba 11years Anthony Simumba (9years) Judith Nawakwi (11years) Nema Namumba (4years) Cecillia Nkope (4months) and Joshua Simumba (4 months). At the moment we have no sponsorship secretary, again anyone interested in taking up this post, it is

a longer term commitment but would not take many hours each month. I am trying my best to keep sponsors informed and keep up with any requests for information.

Our farms in Zambia are thriving thanks to the hard work of the staff there. They have proved to be a vital part of our project, supplying enough maize and vegetables for the orphanage to be self-sufficient in food with enough to sell. Our crops are really admired by the local community. This year we have jointly purchased a small tractor which will help to make the farming more efficient. The living conditions on the farm remain very poor and the absence of a supply of clean and reliable water supply continues to be a problem.....next on the list for fundraising!

Our beautiful school continues to be the best junior school in the whole of the Northern Territory, we have 100% pass rate.



Our Farm



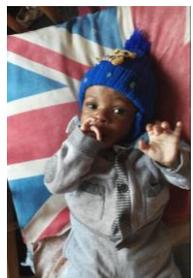
Nema



Cecilia



Judith



Baby Joshua

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENGLAND

We've had three big record breaking events this year. The Beatherder Festival- this was massive fun for the staff who went and raised £850. The Denholme Doodle challenge walk , now in its second year and increasing in popularity raised £1,700 and the Christmas Fair in Denholme, which seems to get better every year raised £930. Thank you to all who helped to make these events a success.

The Denholme shop continues to run smoothly although more helpers would be welcome. There are many different roles within the charity from cleaning to shop and office work, so if you're ever at a loose end please get in touch.

We have changed the winter opening hours to 10am to 5pm and will be closing the shop for a long needed facelift during January.



20p Sale at Blackdyke Mill

Blackdyke Mill continues to thrive. We have moved the storage downstairs where it has proved to be much more useful. Our drivers Mark and Simon have been a great addition to the team and this has been a weight off my shoulders! We plan to install CCTV and improve the layout. The 20p sales (First Saturday every month except January) have proved to be a big success drawing in new customers and getting rid of excess goods, people love coming for a good rummage, they are much like the old fashioned jumble sales.

### EBAY

We have now got a bit more organised and will be putting a lot more articles on Ebay in the coming year, watch out for bargains. If you are a regular e-bayer you can always donate a percentage of your profits to our charity.

## OTHER PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS WE HAVE HELPED THIS YEAR

Great Ormond Street Hospital, Biasan Bradford, God's Helping Hands Make a Difference, Greece Refugee Camps, Allerton Action for Refugees, The Cyrenians and other charities helping homeless and disadvantaged people.



### MY BOOK

If you would like an interesting Christmas gift for someone, my book Precious Proof – Stories to comfort and inspire, is available for purchase at the shop or mill at the cost of £12. All profits to our orphanage building fund. It can be posted out for an additional £3.



### OUR AGM

Which we try to make interesting! This will be held on Friday March 29th at 6.30pm at the Mechanics Institute, Denholme. ALL WELCOME, slide show, refreshments served.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSING:

**Denholme Shop & Office: Saturday 22nd December to Friday 1st February**

2, Commercial Street, Denholme, Bradford, BD13 4AD Telephone 01274 416226

**Blackdyke Mill Warehouse: Saturday 22nd December to Thursday 3rd January**

Unit 16A, Victoria Mill, Blackdyke Mills, Halifax Road, Queensbury, Bradford BD13 1QA

Telephone: 01274 945670



**WISHING YOU ALL A PEACEFUL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2019**