

THE BUTTERFLY TREE

UK CHARITY & NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION
HELPING RURAL COMMUNITIES IN ZAMBIA



ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

UK Charity No 1118084

FROM THE CHAIR...

I am delighted to report that The Butterfly Tree has had an extremely successful year, despite the global crisis. Each year since March 2006 we have been able to reach out to more rural schools and villages. This is due to several factors: the continual sourcing of new funds and grants, spreading awareness, promoting the charity through the tourist industry and our website which resulted in a Google AdWords charity award. In September we were shortlisted to the final five of the 'Best New Charity of the Year' at the Charity Times Awards in London.

Working with the tourist industry to reduce world poverty, The Butterfly Tree was chosen as the official charity at the 2008 European Travel Distribution Summit, where we hosted a seminar on philanthropic travel and corporate social initiatives. We have recently been featured in Conde Nast Traveler and numerous tourists who have visited Zambia have offered support. All of these achievements have helped The Butterfly Tree to gain international recognition and increase awareness of the significant work we are doing in these remote communities.



The Zambian team is based in Mukuni Village close to the Victoria Falls and it is here where all the projects are initiated. They are an amazing group of people and I would like to thank them for their tireless efforts - the secretary who does a wonderful job of administering the charity, all of the committee and the ten female representatives who look after the welfare of the orphans. A special thanks to Chief Mukuni for his counsel and to the Bedyango, Chieftainess of Mukuni.

Although all the projects we fund are of great importance water is the most vital. Seeing people drinking from crocodile-infested rivers is very distressing; seeing the six new bore holes, four of them situated in schools, is a very humbling experience and has made a huge difference to the lives of over two and a half thousand children.

Supporting these developing countries, working with local authorities and increasing grass root projects, is crucial. Zambia has one of the highest rates of HIV in the world; malaria is another of the serious diseases. This year the World Health Organisation selected Zambia as a role model after seeing a 66% reduction in malaria mortality during the last decade. Other major problems are TB, malnutrition, lack of safe water, poor health and education facilities. Poverty is the cause of most of these issues as 64% of the population is living on less than fifty pence a day.

Our most challenging project this year is to extend the health centre and school at Katapazi, some two hour drive from Mukuni Village. A male ward will be added to the clinic and a new classroom for older school pupils up to grade nine. As always, children remain the focal point of our work and the number of HIV/AIDS orphans is still far too high. Although we are currently supporting two hundred, many more need sponsors. All our programs are for the benefit of these vulnerable children. They are the future and by educating them they are the ones who can make a considerable difference. Many of the orphans will be involved in the sustainable projects we are setting up with the schools.

This has been the Butterfly Tree's finest year to date both in fundraising in achievements. However I feel I cannot fail to mention the period in November which shook all of us when Lawrence Bailey, my late husband, was tragically killed in a helicopter accident. He was a great support to both me and the charity and gave generously both his time and money. An astounding £7500 was donated to The Butterfly Tree in Lawrence's memory.

I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the growth and success of the charity this year, regrettably too many to mention individually, though each has helped us to achieve our aims. My thanks to the volunteers in the UK, to those who have travelled from England, USA and Australia to work at the schools and clinic, and to the medical companies who have donated valuable supplies and equipment I would like to welcome Miranda De Freston to the board of trustees and thank her for providing and hosting the website, attracting a huge number of global followers. All the support we have received has given us the resources to equip these remote communities with the essentials in life that so many of us take for granted – water, food, health and education.

Jane Kaye-Bailey

Chairman



WHERE WE WORK



ZAMBIA

Population	11,700,000
Area	290,586 sq.miles
Capitol	Lusaka
Living on less than \$1 per day	64% of the population

HIV/AIDS IN ZAMBIA

HIV/AIDS Prevalence	17%
Adults with HIV	1,000,000
Children with HIV	130,000
AIDS Orphans	710,000

MALARIA IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA

- 90% of all malaria deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa
- 1 in 5 childhood deaths are caused by malaria

OTHER HARDSHIPS

Access to safe drinking water, poor sanitation, malnutrition, TB, lack of medical supplies, poverty, shortage of schools and clinics

PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN

EDUCATION

- ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM – over 200 receiving support
- MUKUNI HIGH SCHOOL – addition of mobile science lab
- MUKUNI BASIC SCHOOL – feeding program for 350 needy children who walk up to ten miles a day to reach the basic and high school; both attendance and performance are up; addition of bore hole
- PRE-SCHOOL – continual funding providing equipment, supporting two teachers and a classroom helper. Donated a sewing machine for teachers to make uniforms, profits used to purchase stationary. 205 children attend 3 classes throughout the day
- TEACHERS' ACCOMODATION – completed two teachers' houses
- NG'ANDU BASIC SCHOOL – restoration of a further 1x2 classroom block, upgrade to grades 8 and 9; addition of bore hole
- KATAPAZI BASIC SCHOOL – commencement of 1x2 classroom block & 4 pit latrine toilets to upgrade school; addition of bore hole
- KAMWI BASIC SCHOOL – received educational material and orphan support
- SIAMASIMBI SCHOOL – addition of a feeding program and bore hole
- SPORTS – provided funds for district sports day and sports equipment
- All schools received donated shorts and t-shirts



HEALTH

- TREATMENT – provided funds for a number of sick children to undergo operations, treatment and physiotherapy
- UNDER FIVE'S FEEDING PROGRAM – this program targets those babies whose mothers are HIV positive and are advised to wean their infants prematurely, as a way of reducing mother to child transmission of HIV
- HIV/AIDS – supporting a malaria and four HIV/AIDS programs, fund a support group to undertake voluntary testing, counselling and sensitization programs, funding HIV/AIDS patients, provide educational material
- MALARIA – provide mosquito nets and testing kits for both malaria and syphilis, which helps the early diagnosing of these problems, provide educational material
- MEDICAL SUPPLIES – provide vast amounts of bandages, dressing, syringes and medical equipment
- CLINICS – supporting Mukuni and Katapazi health centres covering 12,000 people; The Butterfly Tree maternity clinic is in operation



COMMUNITY

- WATER – provided six new bore holes, four at the schools of Mukuni, Ng’andu, Katapazi and Siamasimbi and the villages of Chise and Siachilobe. Each school is now able to grow vegetables for feeding programs
- COMMUNITY HOUSES – to date 32 substantial houses have been provided for the elderly and widows with orphans
- WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – provided funds to support activities for Mukuni Village to host this day for the Kazungula District
- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY – hosted and funded a day to bring together women from the Mukuni Chieftdom, the theme - ‘Equal sharing of responsibilities for men and women living with HIV/AIDS’
- SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS – projects are being initiated for groups, particularly women to have self-sustainable income generating activities such as goat and chicken rearing, fish farming and sewing
- MUKUNI FOOTBALL TEAM – provided the funds for the team to register with the club affiliation & bought new football shirts



WAY FORWARD

The Butterfly Tree in both the UK and Zambia is run by teams of volunteers; all dedicating their time freely to help run and administer the charity and each person is totally committed to making a difference.

Many of our members in Zambia have full-time employment; they donate their free time to administering the organisation, initiating and overseeing the projects. Only a minimal amount of money is deducted for monitoring costs and expenses.

This year we have concentrated on providing bore holes to schools and villages, six in total have been added, two of them being 'play pumps' for the children to pump as the play on the merry-go-round. Education on how to sustain these wells has been provided. Our aim is to offer additional safe drinking water to further schools and communities.

Education is still one of our key priorities, with so many orphans it is crucial that we help these communities to avoid losing the next generation. Additional classrooms, feeding programs and orphan sponsors can improve on what we have already achieved. The forthcoming months will be spent encouraging the people to become self-sustaining, introducing income generating activities; the profits can then be used towards running costs of the schools and individuals. The Butterfly Tree pre-school has successfully doing this for the past year.

The Health Centres desperately need our continued support; the emphasis will be on HIV/AIDS and malaria programs, as well as funding treatment for children who have waited several years for operations. Mukuni clinic is much improved with the The Butterfly Tree maternity wing in operation. We are currently extending Katapazi clinic and school. In some villages such as Ng'andu, classrooms have been restored; whereas the more remote villages namely Siamasimbi and Kamwi require additional classrooms to enable them to upgrade. There are still a number of young children not attending school due to the vast distances they have to walk.

CHALLENGES

- We have overcome many of the early teething problems, our team on the ground in Zambia have worked incredibly hard to initiate and monitor all our projects and have gained a wealth of experience at grass roots
- Accessibility to remote villages due to poor tracks and weather conditions in the rainy season
- Transport to schools and clinics
- The ever increasing cost of materials and food
- Fluctuating exchange rates

FUTURE OBJECTIVES

The Butterfly Tree will continue to run projects in the Mukuni Chiefdom for this coming year. The NGO team are working in over twenty villages and six schools therefore we intend to complete our projects and make them sustainable before moving to another area. This way we are making a long-term difference.

A number of volunteers, mostly nurses and teachers arranged through The Butterfly Tree, have assisted at the school and the clinic in Mukuni Village. We intend to use this outside knowledge to the best advantage. Bringing in new skills and expertise is a great benefit to these rural communities and a unique experience for the volunteer.

We intend to further collaborate with other charities and NGOs for the benefit of sharing information and to gain knowledge from similar organisations working at grass roots.

Too many people, especially children are unable to seek treatment due to lack of transportation costs to Livingstone Hospital, we will offer further support, making this one of our major priorities. Funds will also be provided to buy bicycles for children in remote villages. We will source areas where children are unable to attend school through distance and disability; donkeys can be bought to assist disabled children.

The Butterfly Tree is entirely committed to helping these vulnerable people and aim to expand the projects to many more outreach communities. Our teams both in the UK and Zambia are totally dedicated, they have done a remarkable job so far.

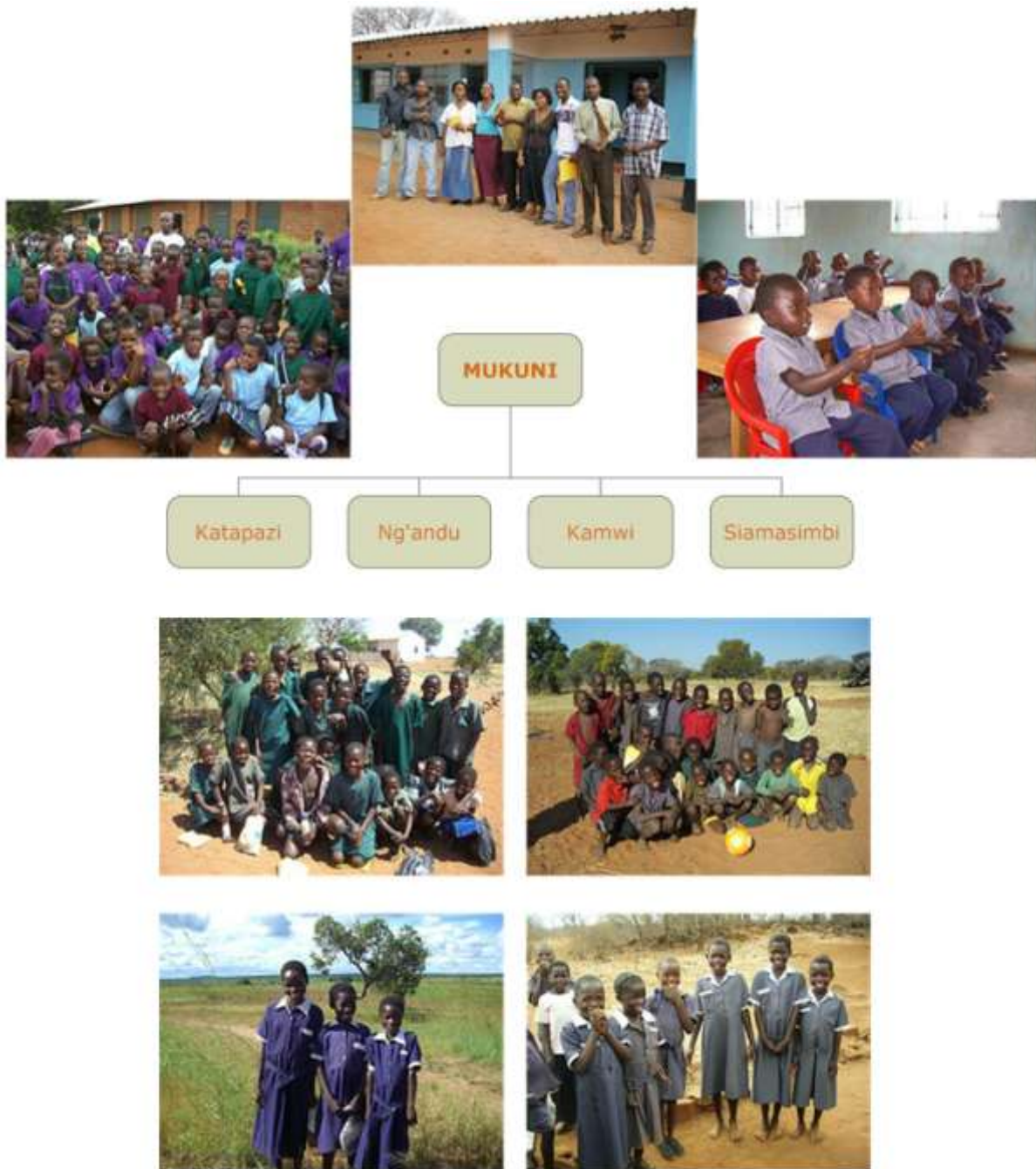




A huge thank you to all our volunteers, donors and supporters who have helped us to achieve so much. To all the warm and friendly Zambians who have made our work in their villages so heart-warming and rewarding. Most especially to the beautiful children who have made it all so worthwhile. Trustees: Jane Kaye-Bailey (Chairman) David Kaye (Treasurer) Jill Bateson and Miranda De Freston.



SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY THE BUTTERFLY TREE



Mukuni Village - Pre-school, Basic & High School
Ng'andu Basic - up to grade 9
Kamwi Basic - up to grade 5
Katapazi Basic - up to grade 9
Siamasimbi Basic – up to grade 7

The Butterfly Tree

Charity Accounts from 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009

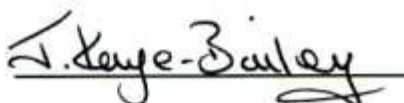
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INCOME	
Donations	90,386
Interest	-
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EXPENDITURE	
Orphan Sponsorship	13,040
Teacher & Boarding Fees	5,458
Building Projects	43,030
School Utilities	16,755
Medical Equipment	500
School Equipment	965
Supplies	280
Food & Healthcare Costs	7,500
Promotional Activities	584
Shipping Costs	1,430
Bank Charges	60
	<u>89,603</u>
Surplus for the year	783
Reserves brought forward	1,186
RESERVES REMAINING	<u><u>1,970</u></u>

These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipt and expenditure' basis, with the information provided.

Signed: 

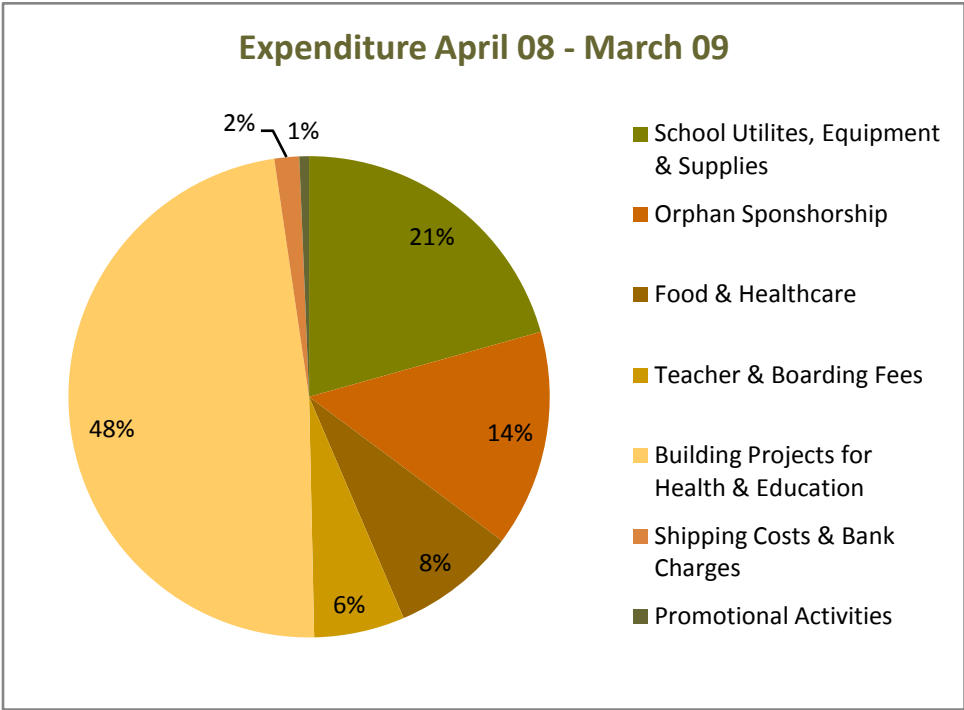
Date: 23.06.09

As trustee of The Butterfly Tree charity I hereby approve the above accounts and confirm that all necessary information was provided in order that they be completed accurately.

Signed: 

Date: 23.06.09

Our grateful thanks to Accountax of Stratford-upon-Avon for examining the charity accounts.



No personal fees or expenses



Sterling/Dollar exchange rate at date of publication: £1 sterling = \$1.63 dollars

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ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



'As young butterflies emerge from their pupae, they are placed in a tree, where their wings can continue to develop. Then they are released into the wild.'



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