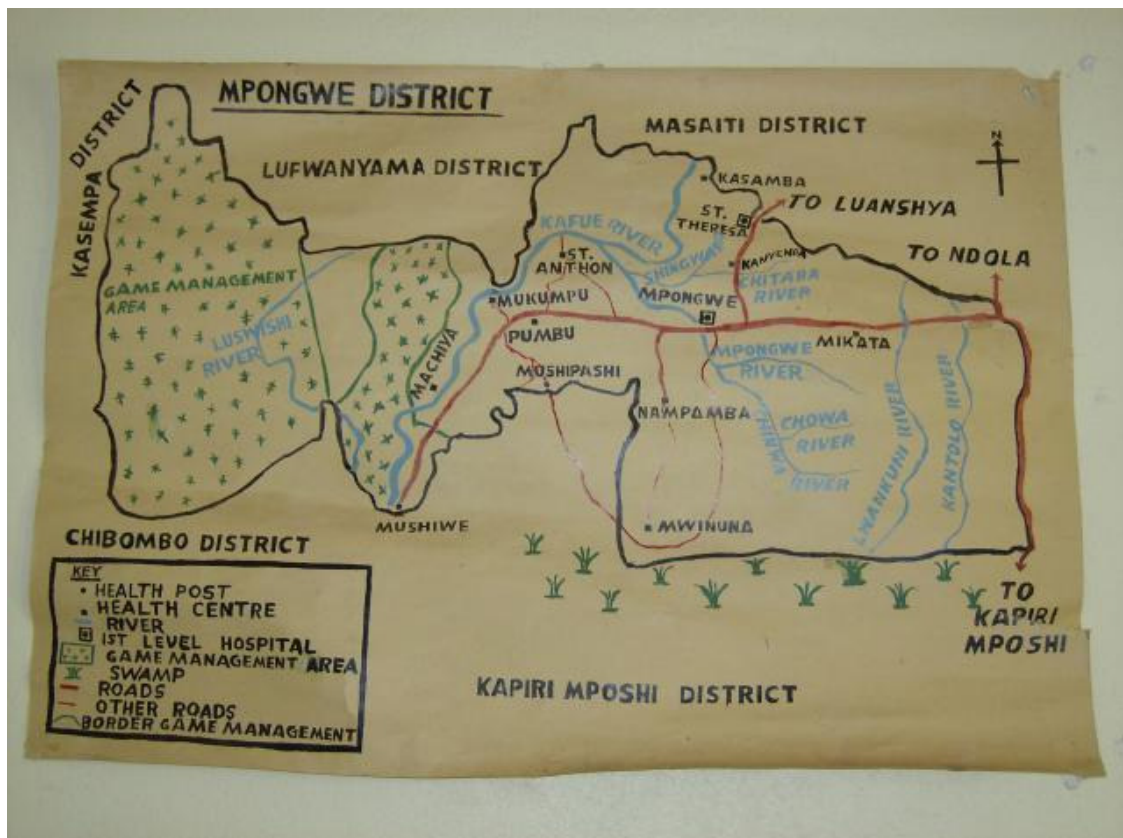


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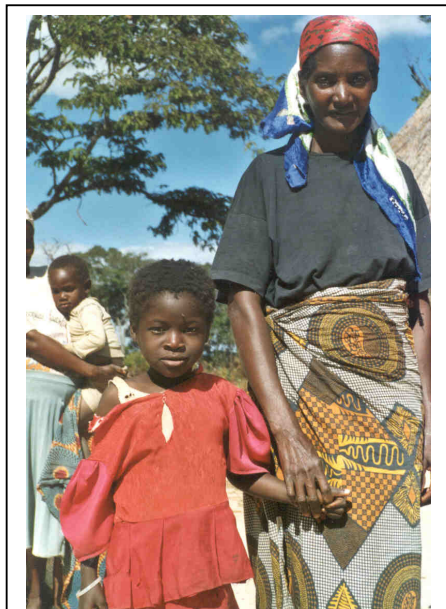
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ANNUAL REVIEW – 2007

The year 2007 started off with a visit to Mpongwe District of our Board Chairperson, Mrs Ton Korsten and her husband George. Our visitors were with us for two weeks and enjoyed visiting most of the ongoing projects with members of the Executive Committee. A committee update meeting and social event also took place during their visit. Mrs Korsten, who was accompanied by our Chairman, Mr Anthony Kalima, also had meetings with the Council Chairman, District Commissioner, Chieftainess Lesa and part of a meeting of the District Development Co-ordinating Committee (Sub Planning Committee). As usual the Korstens enjoyed warm hospitality from the Executive Committee and their many friends in the larger community of Mpongwe District.

Our student placement programme continued apace in 2007. The three students who were with us at the end of 2006 (Renee, Joyce & Robin) continued their work



Mother and child Nitenda

before leaving in February. They were quickly replaced by two occupational therapy students, Katharina and Laura, who were placed with St Theresa's Mission Hospital and Ibenga Area Gender Association. The students worked very hard for their three months especially as they were accommodated in Mpongwe and working in Ibenga! We also hosted a Project Management student, Jenneke, who assisted with the renovation of the nutrition ward of Mpongwe Mission Hospital. Unfortunately, due to health reasons, Jenneke's visit was cut short. In June two information technology students (Paul & Lutz) joined us just in time to install the donation of 23 computers that we received from the Netherlands and to start lessons for teachers and pupils at Mpongwe Basic School - for more information on this please see below.

In August two students - Sharon & Rieneke - from the education school joined us and taught for three months at Chipese Community School and continued with the

computer lessons at Mpongwe Basic. Since November we have had two nursing students with us, Anja & Dionne, who are based at St Anthony Rural Health Clinic until mid February.



Paul Nolles, and Lutz Engels, students from Zuyd University, installing a computer network in Mpongwe Basic school

In June we received 23 computers that had been kindly donated to the foundation. The information technology students, Paul & Lutz, were vital for the set-up and installation of the computers as follows - eight at Mpongwe Basic School, one to Chieftaness Lesa, one to Mpongwe Police Post and one to the Community Based Rehabilitation Project at St Theresa's Mission Hospital. The remaining computers are waiting for the promised return of Paul & Lutz in 2008 when, hopefully, the

guesthouse will be complete and the internet café can be established. The two main purposes of the donated computers is for the internet café and the establishment of a computer lab at Mpongwe Basic School and for this purpose Paul & Lutz and then Sharon & Rieneke, conducted basic computer lessons for some of the staff and pupils. It is hoped that these will continue. While in Mpongwe District, Paul & Lutz also assisted Mpongwe High School with their computer lab, and several other very grateful computer users in hospitals and offices around the place.

One of our biggest challenges, and most rewarding experiences, during 2007 was the hosting of a 23 strong group of youths and leaders from Heeten in the Netherlands. The group, named Mission Possible - Mpongwe, consisted of 20 youths and 3 leaders and were in Mpongwe District for an action packed 2 weeks. Our Board Chairperson, Mrs Ton Korsten, accompanied the group on their visit. The Executive Committee planned a varied programme including visits to several of our projects and other local sites, and we included a group of 20 Mpongwe youths to act as hosts or twins for the visitors. This visit was a big organisational challenge for us and something that we all learned a lot from.



The construction group of Mission Possible Mpongwe July 2007

As part of their visit Mission Possible - Mpongwe donated the following items :

- 2 water pumps (one for guesthouse & one for Kasamba RHC)
- 20 desks to Musangashi Community School
- Sewing machines and carpentry tools to Ibenga Area Gender Assoc.
- Drilling of a bore hole at the guesthouse
- Desks and office furniture to Ibenga Area Gender Association
- White goods for kitchen at Nutrition Ward, Mpongwe Mission Hospital
- Sports equipment and guitar to Mpongwe Youth
- A 3 bed-roomed teachers house to Musangashi Comm. School

There was also a large quantity of sports clothes, equipment, crayons, pencils, paints etc donated during visits to various communities.

In addition to the donations listed above the visiting youths left all in Mpongwe District with happy memories, and their twin youths with life long friendships and great experiences. The Executive Committee would like to thank the Mpongwe Youth for their efforts and contributions to a very successful, and hopefully first of many, exchange visit.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED IN 2006

The main projects that we were involved with during the year were as follows -

*Support of 94 OVC's at 10 schools in Mpongwe District and 5 other schools with school fees, uniforms, shoes, books, pens etc
This was a continuing project in 2007*

This project continues to grow and supported 94 pupils at 15 schools during 2007.



Mirjam Shamfuti 2001(16 years and her family)

The main increase in the number of schools during the year is that we now have 20 pupils at 6 secondary schools throughout the Copperbelt, an extension that has been inevitable due to the high cut off points at Grade 10 for secondary schools within Mpongwe District. All the 20 pupils in Grade 10 or above were previously being sponsored at Middle Basic schools within Mpongwe District.

During the year 19 pupils wrote Grade 7 exams,

13 pupils wrote at Grade 9 and 7 pupils wrote Grade 12 exams. We are awaiting the results with interest.

Of the pupils who wrote in 2006 (Grade 7 - 10 pupils, Grade 9 - 16 & Grade 12 - 2), seven passed at Grade 7 and qualified to Grade 8 with one repeating Grade 7, and nine pupils qualified to Grade 10. All these pupils continue to be sponsored. Of the two Grade 12's, one is re-writing while the other is about to start further education (also being sponsored by the foundation).

Exam results are improving which is great but one of the major problems that still exist is the number of available Grade 10 places within Mpongwe District, we would like to encourage the Ministry of Education with their plans to construct a further secondary school in the District.

*Renovation of the Nutrition Ward at
Mpongwe Mission Hospital
This was a continuing project for 2007*

This project continues on from the renovation of the TB ward and laundry as reported in 2006. The renovation commenced in March 2007 and has progressed, albeit slowly, throughout the year. At 31 December 2007 the only remaining item was to purchase the white goods and utensils for the kitchen.

Prior to the renovation starting it was agreed that the project would include an extension to the existing kitchen which will provide an area for nutritional demonstrations in addition to the preparation of food for patients. This is very important as it will assist to provide mothers and other carers with the skills required to prepare nutritious meals after the stay in hospital is completed.

*Bilima Community School - construction of a 1x3 classroom block
This was a continuing project for 2007*

After several months of discussions and negotiations regarding the labour costs and community contribution, this project finally re-started in September 2007 and is has now been roofed. The Executive Committee has steadfastly worked with the Project Committee and PTA of Bilima Community School throughout the year to resolve the many issues, assistance was also received from the Area Councillor and the District Education Office. A settlement was finally reached with the original contractor with the assistance of the Council Chairman and a terminating payment was made. There is now a new contractor on site and he is working well with assistance from the community. For the success of the project the foundation agreed to assist the community with their contribution but still urge them to work

hard so the children of the community can benefit from this vital project.

*Ibenga Area Gender Association - construction of a skills training centre
This was a continuing project for 2007*

The construction of the skills training centre was completed in May 2007 and commissioning of the building took place in June 2007. This was followed by the official opening of the project in August 2007, which was attended by the Board Chairperson Mrs Ton Korsten.

The project had been extended to include the electrical fixtures following a request from the Management Committee and the District Commissioner pledged that Government would provide a

connection to the National Grid via Zesco to the project. The project also received a donation of desks, sewing machines and carpentry tools from the visiting youth group.

At the end of 2007 there are a few items that remain outstanding for this project but classes in tailoring, carpentry and English language are already well under way. The Project Committee has agreed, in principal, to pay for the digging of a protected well at the project site.



*Vergadering met het Ibenga Gender Association over
het vaardigheidscentrum jan.2007*

*Switi Village Hammer mill project - provision of hammer mill,
shelter, toilet and electricity to the women of Switi Village
as an income generating activity (IGA)
This was a continuing project for 2007*

During 2007 the building was painted and the electrical fixtures were installed. A quotation from Zesco was eventually received after several months delay, however the price quoted (over K17 million) was felt to be excessively high. Zesco were adamant that this was the price and no assistance was found from local stake holders in further negotiations with Zesco. In October 2007 we received an offer of assistance from the Netherlands to fund this connection at the original price. The payment is to be made to Zesco early in 2008.

*Musangashi Community School - completion of 1x2 classroom block,
provision of desks and construction of teacher house
This was a continuing project for 2007*

The building was opened for use by the pupils in January 2007, but was lacking desks and chairs for the pupils. After discussions a total of 20 desks were donated by the visiting youth group in July 2007.

The visiting youth group also decided to answer a further call for assistance from Musangashi Community School and donated approx K39 million (€7,500) for construction of a three bed roomed teachers house at the school. This will be the first permanent teachers dwelling on site. The construction commenced in October 2007 and by 31 December the only remaining works to be completed were the plastering and finishing. This project was conducted under the management of the Executive Committee.

Lwanyanshi Community School - construction of a 1x3 classroom block
This was a continuing project for 2007

The digging of the foundation and the construction of the slab were started in 2007. The slab is now approximately 75% complete at the moment following several delays on site, due to rains and the unavailability of the community contribution and, unfortunately, work has stopped.



Lwanyanshi community school in december 2006

The aim of the Executive Committee is to progress this project in 2008 through the same negotiations and discussions that have been successful so far with the project at Bilima.

Chisanga Basic School - completion of 2 teachers houses
This was a continuing project for 2007

After a slow start the first teacher's house was substantially completed in 2007 with only the doors remaining to be delivered and installed. Hopefully the second house can be completed in 2008 although this has been delayed for the meantime due to other commitments of the Executive Committee.

Further education sponsorship
This was a continuing project for 2007

During 2007 it was agreed that the foundation would provide allowances to the two trained teacher students as they worked as community teachers at Mpongwe Basic and Kabumba Community Schools. This arrangement has worked very well with the teachers obtaining vital experience while boosting the number of teachers at both schools to the benefit of the pupils. We are delighted to report that both teachers were employed by the Ministry of Education in Mpongwe District in November 2007. We wish them every success in the future and thank them for their patience and commitment.

Otherwise the foundation is now sponsoring five students in further education. We have one student teacher at Mufulira Professional College, one agriculturalist at Zambia Agricultural College and one accountant at Zamtel Training College. This is in addition to the bonded student who continues her studies at ZIBSIP and

one member of the Executive Committee who is being sponsored to undertake a diploma in Project Management at the newly established Mulungushi University.

*Construction of latrines at Kabumba Community School
This is a new project for 2007*

This small scale project was approved in October 2007 and work started in December 2007. The aim of the project is to provide safe and clean latrines at Kabumba Community School which is approximately 9km from Mpongwe Central on the main tar road to Luanshya. The previous latrines collapsed due to heavy rains early in 2007 and since then the school has had no such facilities.

The school has over 300 pupils from Grade 1 to Grade 6 and currently operates from two temporary structures consisting of four classrooms.



latrine for 300 children

*Construction of a guesthouse for income
generating purposes in Mpongwe Central
This is a continuing project for 2007*

This project has progressed despite the many challenges faced during the year. At the beginning of the year we suffered as the whole country experienced a severe shortage of cement and the hugely increased prices that resulted from the scarcity. This problem continued for nearly six months and the price of cement is only now normalising. We have also experienced a lack of water on site for large parts of the year, due to the breakdown of the District Council water pump. This was further compounded by the fact that the site was not connected to mains water, nearly two years after the service charges were paid. The Executive



guesthouse januari. 2008

Committee took the initiative and purchased the required equipment and hired labour to connect our site to the Council source, the cost of this will be deducted from future water bills. And we received a donation of a water pump and the funds to drill a borehole, courtesy of Mission Possible - Mpongwe, in August which will provide a much needed reserve source of water. However the drilling

company have, as yet, failed to drill on the existing site and a further plot has had to be obtained from Mpongwe District Council suitable to site the borehole.

At the end of December the super structure of the building was materially complete and roofing should start in early January 2008. Unfortunately, part of the uncompleted slab has developed a crack and is currently being supported by timber to avoid collapse. In addition to the contractors workers we have employed a full time gardener and a night security guard. One of the Executive Committee members acts as site manager and should be especially commended for his tireless efforts.

Phase 1 of the guesthouse will comprise five double/twin rooms and one self contained (with kitchen & living area) room. There will also be a conference facility available. It is hoped that we can also capitalise on the available market in Mpongwe by offering outside catering, an internet café and a venue for social events. All profits from the running of the guesthouse will be ploughed back to the foundation for the continued development of the projects listed above.

THE FUTURE

With the ongoing construction of the guesthouse, the Executive Committee are starting to think of other possible income generating projects for the future, such as the internet cafe. The guesthouse, internet cafe and any other such projects, will be used to finance the projects of Give the Children of Mpongwe a Future in Mpongwe District. As the guesthouse business grows and other project ideas come to fruition this will gradually reduce the reliance on donations from the Netherlands. The ultimate aim of the foundation is to become self sustaining and self supporting - one of the future projects is likely to be small scale farming.

Many times during 2007 this seemed like an unrealistic dream. The Executive Committee do now have an office (part of the store room of the guesthouse) but this has no electricity or communication facilities. Logistics such as communication, accommodation and transport continued to be a struggle throughout the year and into the new year. However the Executive Committee remain committed to fulfilling this dream for the benefit of as many children in Mpongwe District as possible. We hope that the Mpongwe Youth have also been inspired to continue to assist us as we work towards this goal.

We are happy to report that the working relationship with the Government ministries and other NGO's in Mpongwe District has been much improved in 2007. As we said last year, we believe that these cordial relations are vital for the continued development of Mpongwe District. As an Executive Committee we are all learning all the time and strengthening our skills through the continued dialogue with communities, government ministries and fellow NGO's and this too can only be

for the benefit of the vulnerable.

As we have mentioned we now have an office, of sorts! However the lack of proper office space, electricity, local communication methods, transport and accommodation have continued to stretch us. As in 2006 our resources, both time & financial, are very stretched and we have had to again limit the number of projects that we are able to support. Once some of the logistical issues are resolved we hope to be able to assist many more communities and projects. We certainly have a very healthy waiting list!

CONCLUSION

The construction of the guesthouse is, by far, the largest and most challenging project that we have ever taken on. The Executive Committee are responsible for site management, materials purchasing, project management, forecasting not to mention financial and narrative reporting to the foundation in the Netherlands. However we all feel that the effort is worthwhile as this is our first step towards us becoming self sustaining. Development is a process, not a forever commitment, and part of the process is for the NGO's being supported with funds and communities that they are in turn assisting, to be able to stand alone. The success in development is truly shown when assistance is reduced and eventually no longer required by an individual or community. This must be the ultimate goal for Give the Children of Mpongwe a Future, the communities of Mpongwe District and the country of Zambia.

This reduction of external assistance starts with education, involvement and personal responsibility. Development comes from within and the Executive Committee have been very committed to this principal. All members have contributed fully to the continued work of the foundation and, as volunteers, should be heartily congratulated and encouraged to continue by all stakeholders in the development process in Mpongwe District. We are all very proud of the contribution that we are making.

Finally we would like to thank everyone that has assisted us throughout the year, especially the foundation 'Geef de kinderen van Mpongwe een toekomst' in the Netherlands who works tirelessly raising funds for the projects mentioned above.

**Prepared by the Executive Committee
Give the Children of Mpongwe a Future
Mpongwe, January 2008**

Please find attached

Income & Expenditure Report for 2007
Listing of Executive Committee members

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Income & Expenditure from 1 January 2007 - 31 December 2007

| | |
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| Balance of funds brought forward at 1 January 2007 | K 2,497,326 |
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Income -

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| From foundation board in Netherlands | K421,075,291 |
| From Wilde Ganzen | K160,398,480 |
| From Mission Possible - Mpongwe | K139,248,602 |
| Other funds | K 1,550,000 |
| Total income | K722,272,373 |

Expenditure -

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|---|--------------|
| School Fees - OVC's | K 24,242,000 |
| School requirements - OVC's | K 6,472,850 |
| Mpongwe Mission Hospital - Nutrition Ward | K 41,657,700 |
| Further Education sponsorship | K 15,013,750 |
| Switi Village Hammer mill IGA | K 3,283,250 |
| Bilima Community School - construction | K 33,380,100 |
| Ibenga Area Gender Association - construction | K 30,608,130 |
| Ibenga Area Gender Association - furniture | K 12,570,000 |
| Lwanyanshi Community School - construction | K 2,324,600 |
| Chisanga Basic School - construction | K 4,054,900 |
| Kabumba Community School - construction | K 233,000 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Musangashi Community School - desks | K 7,900,000 |
| Musangashi Community School - house | K 31,997,000 |
| Vehicle hire | K 26,321,000 |
| Guesthouse - construction | K330,671,804 |
| University costs | K 12,703,500 |
| Allowances - site visits etc | K 6,225,000 |
| Stationery, communication & meeting costs | K 3,180,000 |
| Other general costs | K 2,634,831 |
| Mission Possible - Mpongwe - own costs | K 83,155,952 |
| Total expenditure | K680,729,367 |

Balance of funds as at 31 December 2007 **K 46,140,332**

Reserved funds (Mission Possible - Mpongwe balance for projects)

| | |
|--|------------|
| Musangashi Community School - teachers house construction | K4,965,650 |
| Seeds of Hope - balance payment for borehole at Guesthouse | K4,950,000 |
| Mpongwe Mission Hospital - Nutrition ward white goods | K5,200,000 |

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| Mr Maxwell Bweupe | Secretary - District Aids Task Force UN Volunteer |
| Ms Susan Hutton | Treasurer till December 2007 |

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| Mr Patrice Mutakela | Mpongwe Baptist Association |
| Ms Justina Ngoma | Community Development & Social Welfare Officer |
| Mrs Robness Mali | Chieftaness Lesa's Palace |
| Mr White Mabumba | Chieftaness Lesa's Palace |
| Mrs Elizabeth Lusambo | Appointed March 2007 |
| Mr Vackson Mwenda | Mpongwe Middle Basic School Head Teacher |

Executive Committee
Mpongwe, January 2008