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Children from Dambwa and Ngwenya teams went head-to-head in football, netball and volleyball tournaments played over two days.

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Dr. Livingstone I presume? A trip to the Livingstone Museum

In 1855, Scotsman Dr David Livingstone was the first European to witness the beauty of what became known as the Victoria Falls and hence, how Livingstone town got its name.

Many of the younger children had never been to the museum in the centre of town before, so it was a great opportunity to take a group of 70 delighted children from Dambwa and Ngwenya centres to spend a couple of fun hours with caregivers visiting the Livingstone Museum.

They walked through a mocked-up Zambian village, saw originals of letters which Dr Livingstone wrote to friends and family while he adventured through Africa and they got excited about seeing stuffed lions, leopard, monkeys, birds and other animals found in Zambia.

At the end of the morning visit, the children sat down to a bottle of fresh water and a banana and then headed back home in the minibus with huge smiles on their faces.





SCREAM

Supporting Children's Rights through Education, the Arts and the Media

We are often mistaken to think of the HIV pandemic as an adult crisis, but millions of children are living with HIV too, and many millions more are affected indirectly. For every parent and guardian that dies, falls ill or loses their livelihood as a result of HIV or AIDS related illnesses, there are dependent children whose lives are plunged into crisis. These children are often forced to sacrifice their childhoods, to fend for themselves on the street or take charge of their household; they are sometimes exploited or taken advantage of; some lose their homes, their security and their possessions on top of losing their loved ones. Every year, millions of children drop out of school in order to be able to care for family members or to find alternative sources of income. The link between HIV and child labour is undeniable and urgent. The number of children whose lives are shattered by HIV, immense and unforgivable.

The SCREAM programme is a learning curve that bids to educate young people and enhance their skills of expression and their knowledge of the world around them. SCREAM aims to inspire young people to step out and be part of a positive movement for change in the wider world. Young people are empowered to

become responsible citizens and try to affect the world around them with their positive messages.

(Excerpt from the Introduction to the special module on HIV/AIDS and child labour in SCREAM)

In LACP's transitional schools, in addition to regular school subjects, the teachers are working with the children withdrawn from child labour on the various SCREAM modules. In the photo above, you can see that Matildah has been holding group discussions in the class about the hazards of child labour – in particular, asking them to discuss the related hazards that may apply to specific photos.

The teachers have also worked with the children on drama and poetry, some of which was presented at the World Day Against Child Labour event on 12 June 2010.

Matildah said, "I have acquired a lot of information from SCREAM and the children enjoy doing the activities. They now know the difference between child labour activities and normal household chores. Every school should try and do SCREAM activities so the children go out and impart knowledge to their friends and increase community awareness to eliminate child labour."



Did you know???

- Chief Mukuni was the first Zambian to bungee jump at Victoria Falls.
- Mulabalaba is a very popular game amongst children in Zambia played with stones or seeds and holes in the ground. Check out the rules of play on the web and give it a go!
- Elephants sometimes stop children from being able to walk safely to our recreation days.
- Many Zambians call cooking oil 'salad'.
- Lake Kariba is one of the world's largest man-made lakes.

The bright and friendly face of LACP! Monica Sakala

"Mwauka bwanji!" Every morning we are cheerfully greeted by Monica Sakala – she has a smile and personality that would make the saddest person happy. Monica is LACP's Office Assistant and she's been with us for the past 18 months.

Monica is also a volunteer caregiver and has been working with the Dambwa children for two years. When the job as Office Assistant came up she jumped at the opportunity to apply. "Before I started work with LACP I had my own small business selling beans, tomatoes and onions at home. Now in my job, I manage the Project Director's diary, attend to visitors and make sure that the office is cleaned. I had never used a computer before but now I can create documents, send emails and I've even started to do data entry on MS Access."

"My favourite part about working in the office is learning new things on the computer. I'd like to go to night school to learn more about them. As a caregiver, it makes me feel good when I see the children playing because it's like they were left lonely but now they have found someone to laugh with at the centre. I like seeing all children participating in the activities being played."

With Monica and Likando in the same small office cracking jokes and making fun of each other, there's never a dull or quiet moment!





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Over two Saturdays, thirty five children from each of our centres in Dambwa and Ngwenya came together to share laughs and cheers, make new friends and have a bunch of fun, while of course playing ball!

Once again, our wonderful friends of LACP have made it possible for these children to build happy childhood experiences and memories, whilst also working with them to develop their team work skills and give them a strong sense of belonging.

The first round was held at Dambwa where the soccer was a draw, Dambwa girls won the netball and Ngwenya won the volleyball. The second round in Ngwenya resulted in the boys winning the soccer, Dambwa girls winning the netball again, while the boys drew in the volleyball and Dambwa girls won their game.

All in all the children had a fantastic experience – lots of good natured play, excited team supporters, bucket loads of smiles and finished off with a delicious, hot and well-deserved meal.

They enjoyed it so much that they are now asking if it's possible to try and start up a football and netball competition with other children in the neighbourhood. Now that's a good indicator of fun had by all!



We've had some visitors



Christiane is a volunteer from Germany and is working in Kalomo in Zambia. The children had a load of fun with her playing ball games and of course the all time favourite 'Do what I do'.



Emily is a volunteer also working in Livingstone with another youth organisation. Not only did she play 'Do what I do' but she tried her skills out with a game of girls against boys football.



Leon is Dutch and is volunteering at completely the other end of Zambia in Chipata! But he took a great opportunity to have fun playing and talking with the children.

You can make a huge difference in their lives

There are many ways you can help us out and contribute to making life brighter for the children of Livingstone.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, making a donation of either gifts or services in-kind, providing financial assistance or holding a fundraising event we would love to hear from you.

Examples of how we have been assisted in the past include volunteers delivering first aid training for our caregivers or project management guidance, fundraising through walk-a-thons, donations of books, games, school uniforms and money to go towards activity days, feeding days or our minimal but necessary administration costs.

Making your contribution is easy! Just contact Father Emmanuel Chikoya or Jacinta and Kristen Welch on lacpzambia@gmail.com and we'll help you arrange it!



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There are two simple ways you can contribute any financial assistance:

1. By cheque in **Zambian Kwacha**
Payable to: **Livingstone Anglican Children's Project**
Send directly to us at **PO Box 60092, Livingstone, ZAMBIA.**
2. By bank transfer from overseas
Account Name: **Livingstone Anglican Children's Project**
Account No: **0440510000007758**
Bank Name: **Zambia National Commercial Bank PLC**
Swift code: **ZNCOZMLU**
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