



Chibobo High School Update

Why is a High School needed?

The Chibobo Basic school only allows local children to receive an education to Grade 9. After that, if they can afford it, families need to send their children to Serenje, 30km away. They need to stay in the Zambia compound, a 'slum' area where they fall prey to a range of vices. Most do not complete their schooling, and most return to Chibobo HIV+ and, for the girls, pregnant. There must be a better way to provide hope for a future. The High School will give an option to the Chibobo community.

At present, through the generous support of Australian sponsors, we have over 20 children attending boarding school to complete their education. The 1st group will finish Grade 12 this year. However, this is an expensive option and allows only a few children to receive this education. We are aiming to open education up to many more in the Chibobo community so that they can have HOPE for a better future.

Stage 1 of the High School

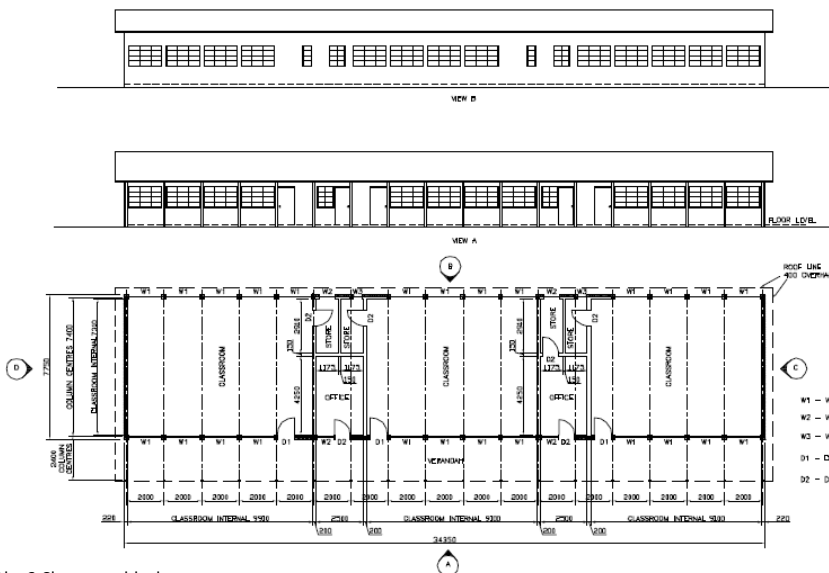
Stage 1 will cater for Grade 10 students. It will consist of:

- A 3 classroom block with offices
- 2 Specialist room block that will initially house the library/administration and science room.
- 5 teacher houses, including 2 senior teacher houses & 3 teacher houses.
- Ablutions block.

It is being built adjacent to the current Chibobo Basic School, allowing all of the schooling from Grades 1-12 to occur in the same location.



The Australian work team at Ndola, Zambia. The team included workers from Mobile Mission Maintenance (MMM), St. Mary's Anglican Church, Sunbury, Eaglehawk Uniting Church and New Peninsula Baptist Church. 2 local men from MMM Ndola also travelled to Chibobo to assist with the build.



Plans for the 3 Classroom block.

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Help Ministries Project (HMP), Chibobo, Zambia.

Special points of interest:

- Chibobo website: www.chibobohmp.org
- A group from Melbourne & Bendigo visited Chibobo for 3 weeks in March to help build the Chibobo High School.
- Our 1st group of sponsored students are currently completing Grade 12.
- The Chibobo Community were excited to see the progress on the High School.

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BUILDING THE HIGH SCHOOL—BUILDING A COMMUNITY’S FUTURE.



The Chibobo community are making the bricks for the school as part of their commitment. All are involved, and the bricks are dried in the sun before being stacked & covered with mud, and a fire put underneath to burn the bricks to a suitable hardness.



LAYING A SOUND FOUNDATION. L-R: House slabs have a brick base; Once the concrete is poured it is covered with water to slow curing; spraying for termites; laying the slab for the specialist block was done in sections; the ring slab for the classroom block.



< Local tradesmen employed
3 teacher houses ready for roofing >



TEACHER HOUSING.

Stage 1 of the High School will see 5 teacher houses built. 3 have already been completed to the gable level, and the work team from Australia were able to commence the installation of the roofing frames. The windows are being made in the local town of Serenje.

A truly collaborative effort—bricks made at Chibobo by the community, roofing frames from MMM in Australia and windows being made in Serenje. Employment of local workers and sourcing from local businesses where possible helps to grow the local economy.



< Locally made windows
Adding the roofing frames >



SPECIALIST BLOCK

The specialist block consists of 2 main classrooms, offices and store areas. It will initially house a science room and library/administration area. A 2nd block will later allow this to house the 2 science laboratories.



The framework and insulation were sent from Australia. The building came together quickly, with the 1st portals being erected after only 4 days of the team arriving in Chibobo.



The corner of the classroom block foundations. The fall in the land meant that more concrete was needed, adding to the cost.



The framework for the 3 classroom block is assembled over the ring frame foundation



Detail of the framing, with the verandah extending the full length

CLASSROOM BLOCK, TOILET BLOCK & FRAMEWORK.



The framework for the classroom block was assembled after the specialist block. By this time the local workers knew what to do.



The toilet blocks have started to be constructed. These are being funded by the Chibobo community.



Over 5km of framing was sent in the container. Within a few days all of the frames had been put together, ready for assembly.



The main buildings for Stage 1 have taken shape. Well done to the Australian work team for all that they have achieved.

THE COMMUNITY SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION.



A highlight of any trip to Chibobo are the community gatherings. The Chibobo people turned out in large numbers to say 'Thank You' to our wonderful team of volunteers, and to commit themselves to the continuing work on the school.



Every donation helps the people of Chibobo. 100% of funds are sent to help our friends, with no administration fees.

WHAT NEXT?

Over the coming months the Chibobo community will continue their work on the High School, adding the brickwork and window and door frames.

However, we still need your help.

Due to increasing costs, we still need around \$50,000 to complete Stage 1. Our manager, Staivous, is confident that the school can be open for 2015. Your help will enable this vision to be achieved.

Once Stage 1 is operational, the Zambian government should connect power to the Chibobo community. This will be a major milestone in the community's development.

Stage 2 & 3 (Years 11 & 12) require 2 extra 3 classroom blocks, a 2nd specialist block and more teacher housing. This currently seems a long way off, but God continues to surprise and enable. We are looking for other agencies to partner with us for the next stage.

HOW CAN YOU HELP.

1. Make a donation. Our work at Chibobo relies on the generosity of our supporters.

Donations can be made to Overnewton College. Contact Mike Lampard (mike.lampard@overnewton.vic.edu.au) or Joanne Henderson (joanne.henderson@overnewton.vic.edu.au)

2. Hold a fundraising event to assist our work at Chibobo. Many people use their skills and talents to raise funds. Every little bit helps.