

God's **kids**...

Children attending LiFE Preschools live in rural areas. They learn life skills, hygiene, Bible, creative play, music, creative art and loads of other things. (R) These puzzles were made by Teacher Grace from cardboard! (Below) Children from Mischek's school do a music ring. Instruments have been made from recycled goods.



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Four schools were selected to be the pilot schools for this curriculum. After an intense one day training of the teachers, off they went to teach the lessons. This little gold mine would once again serve to equip children and teachers to hear and understand English... a first step towards reading and literacy in English. The team decided to add this curriculum to the teacher training sessions so that the teachers would also have an opportunity to raise their English literacy skills. All of us agree that it is working and are pleased with the improvement. It has been my privilege to observe teachers doing these lessons I must say, having selected and advised the use of this program, I am greatly relieved and impressed with the progress made in just one month. Two of the preschool teachers are doing such a fabulous job teaching this curriculum that

are now instructing their peers during teacher training. To see that these precious ones are catching on and teaching to others is such a marvelous miracle and a magnificent move forward in the uphill climb towards literacy.

As time moves on so do the lessons. The weaker teachers are being mentored by the stronger ones and the progress is noted. It is such a joy to go to the village and see and hear the children in the learning process. It is such a joy to see fruits of the students progress toward the goal of literacy for the sake of reading the holy Word of God. It is a great privilege to be a part of this love story our Father has for His children in the rural areas of Zambia. Thank you for partnering with us to make this vision a reality!

Hope fills the afflicted soul with such inward joy and consolation, that it can laugh while tears are in the eye, sigh and sing all in a breath; it is called "the rejoicing of hope" (Hebrews 3:6).

—William Gurnall



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Georgia*

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LiFE Preschools

What is a Bridge Year?

I have been working as an Educational Consultant for Overland Missions' LiFE Preschools for the last 3.5 years. It is a joy to be on a team with such godly passionate people who share my vision for biblically based education and children. I am privileged to write the Bible and hygiene portions of the curriculum and to assist with teacher training.

Over the last three years, Overland Missions' LiFE Education Department has been strategically implementing a vision for literacy in order to read the Bible. It seems like yesterday that I was asked to join the grass roots level of this dream. Prayer, writing curriculum, systematically training teachers, planning, evaluating, editing, prayer, more re-writes, prayer, and consistency, continue to be a part of the LiFE Education Team's dailies.

Seeing the preschools began to take shape and move forward, we began to hear that sweet calm voice of the Lord leading us to re-think the next step in supporting and equipping villagers to have an abundant life in Christ. You see, many of these young ones we touch would not be able to go to a basic/elementary school and would remain in the preschool up to the age of 8 due to the distance from home to the

school (e.g., some children walk over 4 kilometers one way for a 3 hour education in grades 1-3). While visiting one of the village's Headmaster and Grade 1 teacher for Naandu, (Grace's school), we learned that the major goal of grade 1 is for the children to learn to speak English. After learning to speak English the children were then prepared to learn to read in English. This was a direct answer to our prayers ... the next step for the LiFE Preschools would be a year to bridge children into the government schools so that time lost from distance would have less or no impact on the path to literacy.

Just a little over a month ago, the LiFE Preschools began a pilot program using "Let's Speak English". This program had been used by other schools serving orphans and rural villagers with good success. It is basic in its lesson plans and is very user friendly. (cont'd left)



Prayer is not intended to change God's purpose, nor

We praise God for safety traveling to and from village sites

We praise God for His faithfulness for acquiring land for the camp

We praise God for the clear pathology report on Janet's mole removal

We praise God for the faithful folks God has given as our partners in ministry – Enok, Jehoshaphat, Allan, Charles and others

We praise God for the increase in enrollment in the Bible school

We praise God for finances to do ministry in Zambia

We praise God for the fruits and success we are having in ministry

PLEASE PRAY for:

- Health in the hot season
- Our upcoming furlough to go well
- New outlets to share the vision and ministry of Light of Africa
- A broader support base

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Light-of-Africa/143068329061240?ref=ts>



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Bio Sand Filters

Here are some bullets to let you know what is happening on the field with the bio-sand filters:

- 5 filters were delivered to Mauunga Community School (school where Katubia children attend)
- Filter delivered to Chief Sekute's Palace
- Filter delivered to Sekute Clinic
- Filter delivered to work team volunteers who helped make the filters
- Filters to Sekute Basic School
- Filters to be made will be sold for replacement costs
- New filters will be sold to those who can purchase for \$50 (this will make bio0sand filters a sustainable work project)
- Families are hearing the Gospel
- Professions of faith are being made
- Church growth has come
- New disciples are being made

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Signing on the dotted line...

Options continue to change and be presented as the land seeking for the Agape Retreat Center and Ropes Course moves forward.

The latest news:

Butch has been given favor by the Ministry of Lands Department in the Livingstone office. He was told to submit necessary forms (which the liaison provided) for the land that Chief Mukuni originally offered to Light of Africa. Butch's contact will then hand carry the paperwork to the Livingstone Council and submit it on behalf of LoA.

This is nothing short of a miracle. Please keep praying for favor, grace and timing. Wouldn't it be great if we were issued the land before we go on furlough?

ask the experts >>>

Q: *Are they working?*
A: *Absolutely!*

The filters have not only proven effective for use in water purification but also have served well for evangelism. As Pastor Enok and Bro. Jehoshaphat deliver the filters, they pray for the filter, the new owners and for God to bless their place. Presently 4 new families have made professions of faith from this outreach.