

# LITERACY in a BOX



## Chairman's Chatter

Dear Supporter,

We are in the coldest and bleakest season of the year, I am reflecting on how, by and large, that is the worst of it from the viewpoint of our Western Society. We have very few of the immense challenges that the children we deal with in Zambia and other parts of the world really experience.

There, most are at subsistence level, facing the great obstacles that poverty, hunger and living through the extremes of weather throw at them. Currently it is the rainy season in Zambia, with stair-rod rains returning the dusty land to full productivity, but also making it very difficult to move around, as rivers become swollen and impassable.

When we saw children in Zambia last autumn, in the hot, dry and dusty season, hunger through harvest failures in their community and living under these conditions, did not prevent them from cheerfully engaging with us and talking about their wishes for their future.

Doing well at school and an education were top of their list.

**The least we can do is to help these children  
fulfil their wishes**

by continuing to send them Literacy Boxes.

In this newsletter, we thank those who, through their donations, have helped us do this and showcase photos which give a flavour of the childrens' lives in Zambia, in the hope that as we move into 2019, we can continue to give the children 'a better life through education'.

In gratitude as always

Ian Parker

Chairman



## Walk4Hope and a better life through education,

was the purpose of a sponsored walk by Holy Cross School in New Malden. Venturing out in bleak weather raised £495 and the local Rotary Club matched the donation enabling 3 Literacy Boxes to be sent to Zambia. A special thanks to our Ambassador Sally-Anne Shelton who, working with local schools, has raised enough to supply 20 boxes in just a few years. Many thanks to all concerned.



Boys playing soccer with the balls supplied in a Literacy Box.

We wish to say thanks to a lot of people who help to make this happen.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Southway Brownies, Plymouth – a Box.
- Personal Donations of Boxes from individuals-thank you.
- Rotary Clubs including Havant, Hayle and Faversham.



### A young girl in Kutemwa, Zambia enjoying materials supplied by Literacy in a Box

Young children receive pencils, ruler, exercise books, a pencil case and backpack to help carry and protect their materials received in a Literacy Box which was sent because of donations from many sources but particularly:

- Rotary Clubs across the United Kingdom and Ireland,
- University of the Third Age (U3A),
- The Woman's Institute (WI),
- Townswomens Guild (TG),
- PROBUS nationally,
- Talks to groups by our Ambassadors and especially Malcolm Wells.

# Slimmers World

“Touching hearts, changing lives.”

## Sarah's Sparkle Group in Stevenage

Sarah's Sparkle slimming group took action to change lives by raising enough money for a Literacy Box to be sent to Zambia. Thanks to all concerned, you've touched many hearts through your generosity.

“Thank you for making "A Better Life Through Education”

If you know of a group interested in helping children to a better life through education and would like a visit and talk from one of our Ambassadors then please get in touch: [literacyboxtrust.org.uk](http://literacyboxtrust.org.uk).

Thank you for your support. The need for Literacy Boxes is as great as ever and we and the children would ask for your continued support. If you wish to donate please visit: [literacyboxtrust.org.uk](http://literacyboxtrust.org.uk)

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