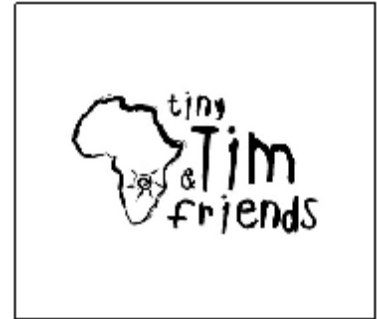


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It has been a busy, and both sad and happy time for Tiny Tim and Friends in Zambia. With some of our pregnant women on ARV's giving birth (Sophia and Esther) and both babies now confirmed HIV-negative



because of the ARV's that we provided during pregnancy and breast feeding, and the sad happenings in the Mwetwa family, with the death of both of her babies within 10 days of each other, both from TB-related meningitis that did not respond to our treatments. Now that both of her children have died, they are thinking about returning to their village for some time, if Fernando can help them to find a reliable ARV source close to the village.



Rev. Zimba's Transit Home is very near to completion and it is an active place, with children running around and particularly Aaron Z and little Justine, small miracles of survival after prolonged illnesses. It is just wonderful to see them doing so well and growing, particularly Aaron, who is looking like a normal (albeit thin) little boy. Justine still has a ways to go, but he is growing and seems stronger each time I see him. The reports from home are that he is a trouble maker in the best sense of the word, and that is encouraging too.



Because we live on a 20 acre farm which is not in use, we are slowly moving toward farm production which would bring in local revenue for TT&F as well as provide jobs and revenue for the caretakers of our children. Locally grown produce can be sold to the caretakers who can resell it in town at a higher price and make a small profit. Empowering caretakers to find sustainable ways to make a living gives them the tools to provide for our children without our help with nutritional support and once they have a little business selling vegetables they can expand to include other things like used clothing.

Fernando, our wonderful volunteer Social Worker, buys big bags of charcoal for Justine's grandmother who then divides into smaller plastic bags which she scavenges from the rubbish tip just outside her door, and sells these smaller bags of coal to make small profit. The scheme has been working nicely, although we recently had to supplement her income as they were locked out of their room for being \$20 behind on their rent. The landlords in these slums can be quite ruthless when it comes to these small sums of rent.

Anyone with farming experience or a desire to make a donation to Tiny Tim and Friends Organic Farm for Orphans and Vulnerable Children is welcome to participate! Our planned crops include tomatoes, organic garlic, cabbage, maize and carrots. We are also studying organic free-range quails and pig farming on the land.

It is definitely an exciting time for TT&F in Zambia and our donors are making a huge impact on the lives of many in this country. Thank you so much from all of us here in Zambia for your help!

Dr. Tim