

## **One Way Community Church's work in Sankandi Area Western Zambia**

One Way Community Church / Kingsway Educational Initiatives has been involved in Mission work in the Sankandi area in Western Zambia since January 2010.



The area where we work is rural and lacks basic essentials such as safe drinking water, sanitation and access to healthcare. This has resulted in the prevalence of Malaria, Diarrhea and HIV Aids.

Other challenges in the area include literacy, family sustainability, family and community income. The people in the region are essentially subsistence farmers whose livelihood depends on favourable weather conditions.

Our aim and vision in Zambia is to build a relationship with the people with regard for their culture, their feelings and their opinions. We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the area.

### **Vision for the Sankandi area**

#### **Irrigation**

The Zambezi river (the 4<sup>th</sup> largest river in Africa) runs through this area, but the people in Sankandi, adjacent to the river, have no means of utilising the water for irrigation, as the only means of collecting it is by bucket. Added to the impossibility of collecting sufficient water for irrigation, is the (not so uncommon) risk of women and children being attacked by Crocodiles.

Our vision is to be able to pump water from the river into the lands for farming and household use as well as to introduce a sustainable system of water purification for drinking water, or the sinking of wells.

Open water wells that are sometimes used by the people are often contaminated



#### **Education**

One Way Church started a Pre-school in Sankandi in 2010 as the children spent their days idly, without educational stimulation around the villages and in the bush. The school is currently growing on a daily basis due to the huge demand for education in the area. We have installed a solar driven water supply and water tank at the school and an organization has installed a borehole for drinking water for the children.



In 2015 a second Pre-school was opened in the Kabula One village. This village has never had a school and the children who are of school going age need to walk 10 kilometers to school and back each day through a densely forested area. This is risky as they fall prey to “Muti” murders and the village has lost many of their children this way. Our vision is to take this school to the higher grades so that the children will not have to leave their village to attend school.



The schools are funded by sponsors and the sponsorship includes summer and winter uniforms, teachers salaries and equipment, all workbooks in accordance with the ACE School Curriculum and a meal each school day.

Crops in the region often fail miserably, leading to severe food shortages and children going hungry. We have therefore introduced a feeding scheme for the school children – feeding them every school day.



The focus of the Pre Schools is as follow:

- Empowering local community leaders and parents to value education and take ownership of the community's future, through the education of the current generation.
- Providing academic stimulation and encouraging a focus on the developmental milestones of early childhood development.
- Providing basic life skills training in areas such as basic, daily hygiene.
- Providing a daily meal to children in the school, as for most children, this is the only meal they will have for the day.
- Encouraging parent support and commitment of the school.
- Offering, at least, a basic education to young learners.



## Health Care

Major causes of death amongst children in the community are diarrhea and malaria. Another cause of concern is blindness amongst children caused by an insect infecting the eye and a lack of ointment to treat the eye. The ointment is very inexpensive but unavailable to the people in the area.

Our teams visit the area two to three times a year. We visit the local villages where we help with basic hygiene and show the love and compassion of Jesus to the villagers. We have built a good relationship with many of the villagers who look forward to our visits. We also do practical work with the ladies and share ideas with them about cleanliness, HIV Aids and other basic needs.

Our aim is to make a positive difference in the area. Therefore our motto is **“People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care”**

