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School Farm Introduces new BTEC Qualification



Pioneer students

Chengelo School successfully launched the BTEC Extended Diploma in Agriculture and the BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Agriculture on Monday, 9 January 2017. Offered at Sixth Form level, the BTEC Diplomas are vocational, practical, skills-based courses designed to provide the student with the broad base of agricultural knowledge, science, husbandry and practical skills required by employers in the agricultural industry today.

Facilitated by Chengelo Training Farm Manager, Dave North, Chengelo Head of Department – Agricultural Science, Edward Chitembo, and Managing Director of Aplan Estates, Alex Holding, the courses will educate students on a wide variety of topics including crop, grassland, livestock, machinery, workshop and business studies. There will be a strong balance between theory and hands-on practical learning opportunities to ensure students have the core skills, understanding and knowledge required to pursue a career in agriculture or allied industries.



Taking a break in a maize field

To broaden the students' knowledge and skills, the eight BTEC Extended Diploma students went to Aplan Estates on Friday, 13 January for their first field trip. Here, they saw and discussed different breeds of cattle, talked about growing soya beans and learnt about the benefits of Sunhemp in reducing nematodes in the soil and as a way of adding nitrogen. They also looked at how boom sprayers work and observed the spraying of soya beans to target broadleaf weeds. The students went on to plant 50 gum trees (eucalyptus trees) and concluded their visit with a look around the workshop, particularly at the tractors, where they studied the synchromesh gear system on Aplan's John Deere.

HERE & THERE

Fellowship Days

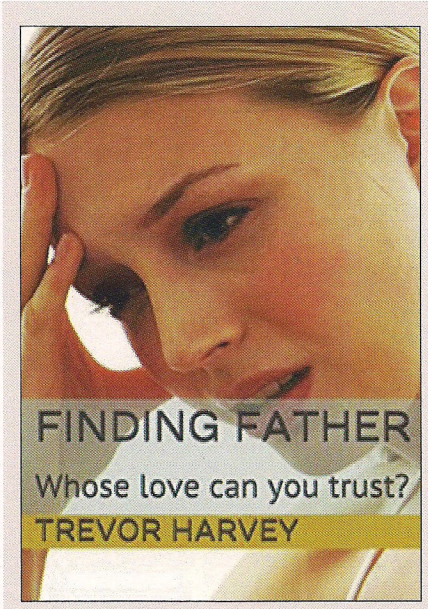
The southern fellowship day will be held on Saturday 21st April 2018 at Open Doors, Range Road, Witney, Oxford, OX29 0YB starting at 10.30. The venue is in the light industrial area. Further details from Trevor Roff, email address below. The northern fellowship day will be held a week later on the 28th April also starting at 10.30 at the Isabella Centre, Ogle Drive, Blythe, near Newcastle NE24 5JF. Further details from Bryan and Kate Germany 01670 365507.

School 30th Anniversary

The Trust are thinking of making a trip to Chengelo to attend the 30th anniversary of the school's foundation next year. If you are interested in receiving more information please send your name to our secretary Bob Baker, email address on the back of this newsletter.

Summer Reading

The former Head of English at Chengelo has written a novel available as an e-book with a strong Christian emphasis entitled "Finding Father, Whose Love Can You Trust". For further details please contact Trevor Roff at trevorhroff@yahoo.co.uk.



Sue is a typical teenager, brought up by her single mother and unsure of herself and her future. She meets Ben in Florida and their holiday romance blossoms.

But a mysterious shadow hangs over both of them, threatening to destroy their happiness and that of everyone they love. Will love conquer all, and what kind of love will it be?

Available now on Kindle e-books Price £2.31

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Wellingborough Fellowship Day - 22 April

It was a great pleasure to welcome Ronan Wade the Chengelo finance manager to the Trust's annual fellowship day.

After showing a brief film on the range of school activities, Ronan then spoke of the spiritual core values that have underpinned the school and which have been the focus of the school assemblies over the past term:

Faith:	**Hebrews 11:1**
Integrity:	**Proverbs 10:9**
Perseverance:	**Philippians 3:12**
Responsibility:	**Philippians 4:8**
Creativity:	**Genesis 1:27**
Servanthood	**Matthew 20:26-27**

What follows are some of the highlights of Ronan's report:

Building

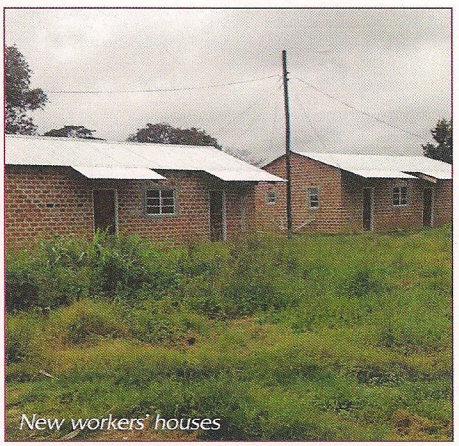
Ronan reported that work on the school hall would be started in the next month and should be completed within six months thanks to a generous donation from the Robin Pedler Trust. Also four workers houses have been completed with 36 more to complete. The costs were slightly higher than foreseen. The school had budgeted to build two more this year and the Trust committed itself to financing a further two.

The sewage system has been upgraded with a new water filtration plant which was completed with a grant of £30,000 from the Beit Trust. This can store 100,000 litres of clean water at a time and should go a long way to ensuring the good health of the school community in the coming days. In addition a new floating pump has been installed on the Mkushi River to stabilise the supply of water from the river to the school so that no matter what the time of year the supply of water will be reliable.

Curriculum and Teaching

The main exciting news is the establishment of a BTEC Agriculture programme on the Chengelo Training Farm (see front page) that is flexible enough to be equivalent to 3 A levels or a pared down one A level. The take up has been very encouraging with eight students enroling including a good number of girls. The C.T.F. also has scope for training local farmers in how to improve their crop yields and malaria protection. This has encouraged the governors to look at starting other vocational courses in the sixth form like tourism and hotel management.

Exam results have been good with 96% of students obtaining five 5 A-C grades, and one student achieving the best in the world result in Agriculture. The Cambridge primary curriculum has been introduced in Maths, Science and Literature so that there is less of a jump between junior and secondary schools.


New workers' houses

The graduate teaching programme has continued successfully. Two teachers were employed in the secondary school, teaching physics and geography and four new recruits have been appointed on one year contracts.

Ndubaluba continues to thrive with trips to Mt Mumpu and kayaking on Lake Tanganyika, among many of the regular trips being offered. There has also been a positive increase in groups visiting from outside Chengelo. Staffing for all these groups remains a challenge and options are being investigated including starting a training scheme within Zambia.

Social awareness

The prefects have been involved in fundraising for the nearby Nkolonga Primary School providing a new water pump. Primary students have also been engaged in a 'Kapandathon' raising money for a primary school close to Kapanda, the home of the former governor Russell Wyatt. In drama the school put on a performance of 'Toliwe, the Plight of the Girl Child' that examined the situation of those caught up in early marriages. The PTA also arranged a performance in Lusaka.

The school continues to have many requirements, but above all it needs to be supported in prayer with an emphasis on the fact that it is one school developing a sense of continuity and sustainability.


Ronan Wade and Family

From the Principal's Desk

"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;" (Psalm 9)

We continue to be blessed here at Chengelo; we celebrate continuing academic excellence this year with Stepahnie Nyambe's Top of the World result for Agriculture; with Gabriel Berhane's full scholarship to university in the US, and with Johanna Bangala and Caleb Sakala's achievement in winning free places on the Oxbridge summer school this July.

We celebrate sporting achievements with Johanna Bangala being selected for a World Youth event in Nairobi; with primary victories in hockey and primary and secondary athletics awards at ISAZ level, with the Boys winning the FQM sevens rugby tournament and the girls winning the ISAZ netball finals again. We delight to see the School Hall beginning; to see the first four workers houses completed and now occupied. We can only testify that God has been good to us.

As I write this, our form fives are sitting their mock exams and our sixth form are preparing for theirs. The accolades of previous years are spurring them on to new goals; to their 'personal best'. There is a gentle thumping sound in the background of my office as the builders of our hall are digging out the foundations. May Christ be the cornerstone of this new building. As I write there are students on the sports fields training for the Rockridge race around neighbouring farms in a few days time.

It is selection day today, and with God's grace we are filling up for next year's intake. We look forward to the 30th Anniversary next year. Have there been trials over the years? Have there been difficulties? Has the testing, produced perseverance? As our Ndubaluba friends encourage us, may we never give up! *AC*

Adventure Challenge for Schools 2016

In December 2016 two teams from Chengelo School travelled to South Africa to take part in the 19th annual Adventure Challenge for Schools. Chengelo has competed in this event for over a decade and this year our boys and girls continued the tradition of strong performance and an outstanding team spirit.



Kayaking lake

Our teams, Yakumbatana (Cap. L. Vaughan, S. Chanda, K. Zaloumis, N. Falcone) and Mulilo (Cap. S. Nyambe, N. Edmonstone, P. Imbwae, J. Matewere) showed perseverance and maturity over the four day event which this year welcomed teams from Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. The race included night navigation, high water jumps, mountain biking (through thorn bushes!), kayaking, problem solving and climbing – to name a few.

Team Yakumbatana were awarded the 'Baboon Trophy' as the best team in climbing and rope related disciplines. Their captain, Lance Vaughan, was voted 'Most Adventurous Boy', not least for racing with acacia thorns in his knee.

Chengelo's team Mulilo were awarded the 'Simunye Trophy' for best team spirit. The decision was unanimous, and a fitting recognition of the team's irreppressible positivity. At one point in the race, a blunder by a race official led to our team pushing rather than paddling their raft 2km in zero visibility. Support staff watched the fog with concern only to hear their war cry sounding across the water. Although it took another 40 minutes for them to reach the shore, their war cry never waned. In fact, it became so well known that the whole auditorium joined in the shout during the closing ceremony.



Congratulations to both teams for an impressive performance. We look forward to seeing you in action next year, so get training!

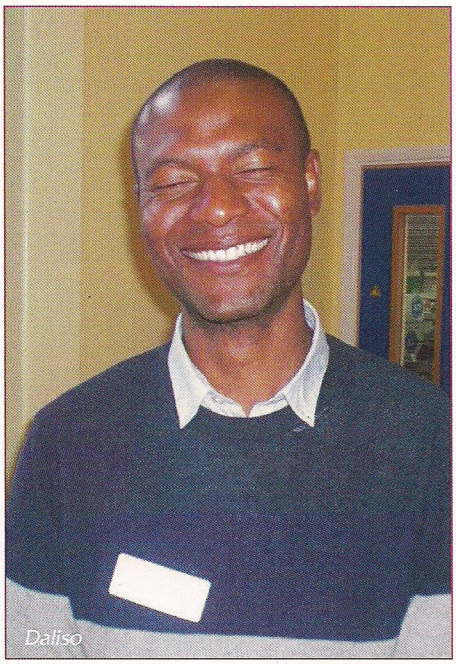
Finally, a huge thank you goes to all those parents and friends who so generously supported this trip with their time and money. Our students were blessed with an experience full of adventure that will benefit them for a lifetime. Thank you and praise God!



The two Chengelo teams

Daliso Banda - Chengelo Alumni

It was lovely to welcome Daliso Banda to the fellowship day. He studied at Chengelo from 1998 to 2004 and his fees were partly paid for by C.E.T.


Daliso

He became a Christian at the school when he was in Year 8. He says that the best thing about Chengelo was that it afforded him the opportunity to develop spiritually, academically and physically.

After completing a degree in Engineering at the University of Zambia he completed a M.Eng. at Tohoku university in Japan as a MEXT scholar, having taken Japanese language classes for four months.

He is now enrolled at the University of Oxford to complete a PhD in Astrophysics. He is being funded by a Newton Fund project, a Development in Africa with Radio Astronomy (DARA) bursary. His wife Natota Mambwe is currently completing her studies at UNZA and hopes to join Daliso at the end of the year.

He is looking forward to returning to Zambia to take up a lecturing position at UNZA.

Editor's Comment

Types of Leadership

The general election is over. Post mortems are beginning. Criticisms are being levelled that the prime minister campaigned on her own personal qualities without delegating. 'Trust me for strong stable leadership' she said time and time again.

In the account of the Great Commission in Matthew's gospel, Jesus' attitude to leadership was very different. He was passing on the authority that he had received from his Father to his followers to go and make disciples of all men. He was empowering them through the Holy Spirit.

It strikes me that this should be the ethos of any Christian educational institution if it is to make a continuing impact. I am reminded of a remark that a Christian businessman in Kenya used to make when giving advice to other colleagues: "always appoint staff more intelligent than yourself!".

TREASURER'S REPORT

The total income of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2016 was £130,220. This is significantly higher than the previous year. This is mainly because we received a donation towards the new school hall of £100,000 from the Robin Pedler Trust. In addition Andrew Cowling's presentation at the 2016 Fellowship days touched many hearts: over £8,000 was raised towards the costs of the workers' housing and a further £1,000 was donated for library books.

The Trustees appreciate that a specific need can touch the hearts of supporters in a special way. However the continued support of many people to the 'General Fund' is very important as it enables the trustees to respond quickly as and when urgent needs arise. Please let me know if you need the relevant bank details.

During the year CET provided nearly £25,000 for a variety of projects and beneficiaries (including the funds referred to above).

Finance continues to be a challenge for the school. There continues to be some very specific projects that the school wishes to undertake. Ronan Wade identified details of some of these in his presentation to the fellowship days:

1) Renewing the workers housing and the water project.
2) 6 new kayaks for Ndubaluba: £500 each.
3) 3D printer: £1,000.
4) Ancilliary chilling and packaging equipment for a pasteuriser in the dairy £3,500-£4,000. (funds have already been received for the pasteuriser itself).

Please pray that solutions and funding will be found.

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