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PHIL'S NEWSLETTER

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Covenant College Farm

The first big rains came in Petauke on Sunday 13th Nov and the next day Bilison and his team were out in the prepared fields sowing the maize. We are thankful to God for this early start as last year the rains didn't come until the 29th Nov. When I



arrived back at Covenant College Farm on 22nd Nov the first maize was already a few cms tall and now most of the crops have been sown.



Last month, during school half term, two of the children from Lusaka came to visit the farm. Memory, my 'adopted' daughter! enjoyed herself with the animals and in turn 'adopted' a baby rabbit! Sam enjoyed learning how to feed the chickens under the watchful eye of Mr B'



Street Boys Lusaka

During the two weeks I had in Lusaka in November we spent most of the time at the MacDonald's new farm which has been aptly named 'Old MacDonald's Farm. Already you hear the familiar tune to some new words! 'With a street boy 'ere and a street boy there, 'ere a street boy there a street boy, everywhere a street boy' etc. The boys are very excited about the move to the new farm and they were all clambering into the back of my vehicle to come up to the farm to help prepare the land ready for sowing the rain season crops.



The land is new so a lot of hard work was required to scrub the weeds and the grass.



Once the hard work was done they were able to put the fertiliser and lime in the holes and later, after some rains we were able to sow the maize. We hope to sow groundnuts, sunflower, beans and other crops. They will begin to gain a sense of 'ownership' for these crops as they realise they are for their own provision. As they learn how to grow these basic crops we also hope and pray that they come to see God's Hand in 'giving the increase' and that this may follow to deeper things in their minds.



Christian Education Fund

We continue to visit the community schools around Petauke; it's a joy to be with the children. You cannot believe, without hearing and seeing, the laughter and fun that comes from receiving a blackboard and carrying it to their classroom. The children are the innocent victims of the hardships that people face here. Adults, especially those in power, have a lot to answer for! Things could be better for these little souls but they are blissfully unaware!



Miriam and Solomon have been busy making up Education and Bible story book packs ready for distribution to the schools supported by CEF.



PRAYER POINTS

As I return to the UK for a few weeks please pray for those we leave behind who continue the work here at Covenant College - Bilison, his family and all the farm workers - Cees, Miriam, Joas and Rhoda Also remember the MacDonald's in the task of moving house on December 9th and their busy time with the boys over Christmas Thank you for your continued support With Christian Love Phil

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