



### Fellowship Days 2016

The next southern fellowship day will be on 16th April at Duke Street Independent Church, Sutton Coldfield hosted by David and Ruth Hill. The northern fellowship day will be in Gateshead on 23rd April coordinated by Tim Sims.

## Chengelo Sixth Form Success

Chengelo Sixth Form has become one of the most successful, rewarding and fulfilling parts of the secondary school. We have had an average of 50 students over the last few years, a balance of Lower and Upper Sixth – male and female. In recent years we have attracted a good number of students from outside Chengelo, although our main intake is always from our own Form 5 year group.



Students are able to choose from 13 subjects at AS and A level. Class sizes average around 15 students. All Lower Sixth students are encouraged to take 4 AS subjects and most drop to 3 subjects at A2. Due to the varied destinations, some students only stay for one year to complete AS levels. They then gain access to Higher Education institutions in South Africa, Australasia, North America as well as Zambia. Others stay for 2 years and complete A levels, and then progress on to higher education in Zambia & UK.

Our academic results at AS and A level have proved to be the best in Zambia over a sustained period of time and we have often been able to boast parity with the top schools in South Africa and other parts of the world. Whilst academic excellence is a top priority, we also aim to develop well rounded individuals. The extra curricular opportunities encompass

a wide range of sporting activities, drama, music, outdoor adventure education and hands on leadership opportunities. Other students, like a group from A level Business Studies, are putting their skills and insight to practical use by helping to redesign the school website.

The Duke of Edinburgh gold award is offered by our Ndubaluba Outdoor Centre. Students embark on their

final expedition to Lake Tanganyika and it has a significant impact on them. "I learnt so much about the people I went with on this trip and I experienced God's beauty in a way I had never experienced before. This expedition was physically

demanding but we all stepped up to the challenge and managed to complete it", Yurika Heald, Upper 6th. The prefect team have significant responsibilities, and leadership skills are learned, tested and honed. This year the team are also fundraising by holding a gala dinner for staff to raise funds for equipment in Mkushi's local hospital.

Opportunities are also offered in the weekly Discipleship Groups where students explore and get to know God and his word better. Sixth Form students have been given the chance to lead assemblies and the Sunday evening Fusion. Spiritual growth and development is seen as the most important responsibility we have in building a solid foundation for these young men and women, so that they can go out into the world and be 'witnesses to the light' of Jesus Christ.

**Tim Foster**

### Best In The World

Sixth Form AS Results – January 2015: Four students got straight A's and Julu Lund received the 'Top in the World' award from Cambridge International



Examinations for his AS Mathematics. He scored the highest mark in the world – a perfect 100%.

### Thank you CET

Both Wankhunda Mpuka and Matthew Stemmett have reason to thank C.E.T. for helping to fund their education at Chengelo. Matthew's parents are missionaries for Youth for Christ in Northern Zambia and it hasn't been easy to raise support for his education and for their other two children. Matthew is currently doing his AS levels in his final year at school. Wankhunda's father died when she was in form two and it was a big struggle for her mother to pay the school fees. Wankhunda is currently in her first year at medical school.

Wankhunda writes:

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your financial help in raising funds towards my education. It has not been easy for my mother to raise fees towards the education of my two sisters and myself. May God richly bless you for your kindness".



Matthew writes

"I would like to thank you for empowering me with a good education to be able to make something of myself. The opportunity to come to this school has truly changed my life for the better and has strengthened my faith in Christ".





### The 2014 Adventure Challenge for Schools (ACS)

Ten days, nine bicycles, eight Chengelo athletes, seven teams, six days in a bus, five hours sleep a night, four thousand kilometres, three represented countries, two injuries and one prize! It can only be ACS 2014!



ACS, hosted by Stanford Lake College, South Africa, and now in its 17th year, is a five day (and night) sports event which pits four-member, mixed gender teams against one another in a series of adventurous challenges. Typically, there are three days of Rotations - timed tasks which teams perform alone - followed by the Grand Challenge - 120km of gruelling, competitive racing over two days. Ultimately the team which performs all the events in the least time wins: night navigation, capsizing and rescuing kayaks, balancing on floating barrels, foot, bike and canoe orienteering, cliff jumping, diving, archery and cooking a meal for the officials all feature in this intense endurance event.

Both Chengelo teams were strong over the three sun-drenched days of Rotations. Calling themselves Tiyende (go) and Pamodzi (together), they celebrated Zambia's jubilee year in the 'Spirit of Togetherness'. Tiyende, despite captain Tozia Mutambo's lingering knee injury, were the first team to reach camp on Day Two, and set the record in the 'Flintstones car', a challenge to build a 'car' out of barrels, poles and rope, carry a team member on it for 400 metres and back and then dismantle the car. At eleven minutes, they were a full minute and



a half faster than the second-placed team. Pamodzi, though slower, were judged to have built the best car. While the steep terrain had a few athletes flying over the handlebars, no one was badly injured and team members had plenty to laugh at. Navigation became extremely challenging when the pea soup descended on Day Three, but we weren't surprised; map locations included Silvermist, Mist Valley, Grey Mist, and Misty Hill! Regardless, the teams coped well.



On Day Four, the teams were woken at 2:30am and transported to a dirt road in the midst of dense pine plantations. A 7km night-hike, which ascended 400m, was the initial trial of the 70km first day of the Grand Challenge. The support teams who drove ahead to the first transition point had barely finished bike preparations when Tiyende emerged, seconds behind the leaders, their war cry thundering through the mist. A minute later they had mounted their bikes and disappeared into the fog. Pamodzi, in seventh place, soon did the same. Little did we envisage what would happen soon.

By the next transition the teams had been on the go for four hours. When Tiyende arrived, a paramedic checked Tozia's knee and advised her to withdraw or risk permanent

damage. In tears, she pulled out, rendering Tiyende unofficial - race rules do not allow a team to compete officially without a female member. To their credit, the boys continued with even greater resolve. Near the end of the day, after ten hours of racing, Stella Chanda had to pull out following a debilitating fall from her bike. At 14, she was the youngest competitor. The boys continued undaunted under Luyando Mukuni's leadership, though both teams were now unofficial.

After four full days and more than 150km of adventure, with little sleep and knowing they were not eligible for prizes, getting up in rain at 4am for the last 50km of the Grand Challenge was difficult, but the Chengelo boys redeemed themselves superbly. Tiyende crossed the line in second place, and Pamodzi in fourth, setting the climbing challenge record in the process. Under tough conditions, the teams did themselves and Chengelo proud. It was a five day event, but a once in a lifetime experience which taught us all so much. In this regard, ACS is peerless. Well done Tiyende Pamodzi!



Tiyende - Tozia Mutambo (c), Berry Chamulonde, Andrew Sukhachev, Lance Vaughan  
Pamodzi - Luyando Mukuni (c), Stella Chanda, Mitchell Ross, Mugenyi Banage  
Staff - Paul Milligan, Abe Ankers, Luwi Mutambo and Albert Sopo (the outstanding driver)

**Richard Thompson**

## AFRICAN X 2015

When a friend asked me back in December, to be her team mate for a 90km run over 3 days just outside Capetown, I said “yes” immediately and then regretted it for the rest of the time – until I got there on Thursday 12th March.

The run started in Howe Hoek, in the mountains just outside Capetown. It was divided into 3 stages – 34km, 34km, then 22km on the last day, with over 2000m of climbing over the three days. Throw in single track, narrow technical trails and a

temperature of 28-33 deg C, and you have an incredibly tough few days! I had never done trail running before, but I can highly recommend it – the scenery was absolutely stunning. That, combined with the amazing support I had for Chengelo from friends and family kept me going!

Caroline & I finished in 15hours 27minutes, lived to tell the tale, can still walk, and, most importantly, raised over £2500 for CET. Thank you so much to all those who

have donated so generously, and if you didn't and still want to, please go to my Just Giving page ([www.justgiving.com/tamsin-booth2](http://www.justgiving.com/tamsin-booth2)), or send a cheque to CET! **Tamsin Booth**



## New Chengelo School Principal: Andrew Cowling

It is a great joy for Naomi and I to find ourselves back at Chengelo. We have been much blessed in our return. Johanna, our daughter has settled in well, and it has been good to re-establish old friendships and begin new ones. We have been excited to meet former students who are making their mark within Zambia in one way or another. There is a clear sense that the Chengelo vision is reaching a new stage of maturity.

There is an experienced senior leadership team leading Chengelo these days. Chriss Banda, Richard Thompson, Warren Mukuni and myself have between us served Chengelo for over 55 years. Such experience marks Chengelo out amongst its competitors. We work well together, each depending on the Lord for our next step, confident that God has brought us so far already and will lead us forward. There is no doubt that there are some very real challenges ahead, and we will need God's leadership every step of the way if we are to avoid wandering in our own wilderness.

The pupils continue to be the focus of all that takes place and it is thrilling to see how they are increasingly looking outwards. This term the primary G7 pupils have been

working really hard raising money for improvements at Kapanda. The Sixth form prefects have been raising money for Mkushi hospital. On a practical level students are advising me on how to refresh the school website. They were all encouraged by the amazing success of Julu this term who was awarded a 'Top in the World' certificate for his performance in his AS mathematics. It helped them all think, once again, that even from this remote area of Zambia, they can make their mark in the world. I have no doubt that they will all make their impact, guided by God to give glory to His name.

A little over a year ago I was listening to a talk on Peter, focusing on when he stepped out of the boat. There is a clear reminder to us in this story, that as we step out in faith for God, we need to keep our eyes firmly fixed

on Jesus. Naomi and I know well the need to depend entirely upon God, but also know we will meet fresh challenges here as we seek to serve Him. We could not help but smile the other day as we met someone new, and they commented on our return to Zambia; our daughter Johanna explained quite simply that God had brought us back to Zambia – quite sure there was no further explanation needed! We will remind ourselves of that when times are tough, and trust that God will strengthen us for the path ahead. Chengelo's future is exciting, in spite of us and because of Him. **Andrew Cowling**



New School Principal: Andrew Cowling, his wife Naomi and daughter Joanna

## UK Athletics Trip - August 2015

Three of the members of the Chengelo Elite Athletics Squad will travel to the UK in August for a Sports and Cultural Trip. They will be participating in some competitive races to get a feel of the level of athletics in the UK. Friends of Chengelo are very welcome to come and cheer on the athletes at any of the competitions which are listed below. Please contact one of us first by e-mail or phone to confirm fixture details. We look forward to seeing you!

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5th August - Oxford AC Open Meeting (OX4 2RR) Evening Competition Horspath Sports Ground

10th August - Blackheath and Bromley Open Meeting (BR2 9EJ) Evening Competition at Norman Park. Details to be confirmed.

12th August - Woking AC Open Meeting (GU21 5NZ) Evening Competition at Sheerwater Track. Details to be confirmed.

13th August - Brighton and Hove AC Open Meeting (BN1 5JD) Evening Competition. Details to be confirmed.

15th - 16th August - SEAA u15 and u17 Championships (TN24 9QX) Daytime Competition - Bournemouth

18th August - Corby AC Open (NN17 2FB) Evening Competition Rockingham Triangle

23rd August - Hampshire Grand Prix, Southampton (SO16 7AY) Afternoon Competition Saucony Grand Prix

26th August - Watford Open Meeting (WD25 7HH) Evening Competition at Woodside Stadium

29th August - London Inter-Club Challenge (NW4 1RL) Afternoon Competition Allianz Park

## Chengelo Fellowship Day 2015

The southern fellowship day was held in the beautiful premises of Open Doors UK on the outskirts of Witney. It was a great pleasure to welcome the newly appointed head of secondary Chriss Banda together with his wife Martha. Chris spoke at both Witney and the northern fellowship day at Motherwell. These two engagements were the main focus of a three week tour of the UK where Chriss and Martha visited a number of Christian schools to gain possible ideas that he could put into practice back at Chengelo.

A full report on the fellowship day and Chriss' account of his UK travels will appear in the next edition of Imbila.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

The total net income of the trust for the year ended 31st December 2014 was £34,310. This includes a small increase in the value of the investments held for the benefit of the Tertiary Fund, £22,533 of 'restricted' income (ie income donated or raised for a specific purpose), and £11,038 of unrestricted income into the General Fund. Whilst the Trustees appreciate that a specific need can touch the hearts of supporters in a special way, 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.

Once again the General Fund benefitted from the fundraising efforts of Flora Pedler with her Tennis tournament raising nearly £2,000 and Tamsin Booth's long distance runs and triathlon raising over £2,500. If you have any ideas for an event please contact Flora or one of the other Trustees and we will be pleased to help in whatever way we can. Flora has also produced a list of lots of simple yet wonderful ways which most people can raise funds for the trust. If you don't have details of these contact either me

or Flora and we will gladly send them to you.

During the year £10,955 was sent to the school in respect of a variety of projects and beneficiaries, and, since the year end, a further £21,857.50 has been sent, including some money for the urgently needed water project. Funding for this will be a huge challenge for the school and CET over the next year or so. Please pray that solutions and funding will be found.

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