

NEW LIFE INTERNATIONAL CORP. ZAMBIA

COMMUNITY REPORT

KALAMBA COMMUNITY

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To: THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR

From: THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

1. COMMUNITY BACKGROUND

Kalamba Community is situated 6km south-west of Zimba Township. This is a village set up headed by a village headman. New Life International received the application for the water purifier from this community in February, 2007, and moved in the same month. The survey that was carried out before the water purifier was given to this community showed that there were a lot of water bone diseases especially among the children.

2. GENERAL OVERVIEW

The community was very happy when they saw what the water purifier could do. The whole community welcomed the organization and pledged to work together to combat the problem of water bone diseases.

Because of this, the community formed a water committee to run the water purification program in the community. The community has introduced the user fees to enable the program go well. People pay small amount of money every month towards the running of the program.

This has helped the community to buy their own battery as they were using a borrowed battery before. These funds are able to help the community to meet other demands like buying salt for water purification and also charging the battery.

3. DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1. Water Purification

The community has come up with good developmental activities and among these are:

(a) The community is doing the water purification two times in a day and twice a week as the demand for the purified water keeps on increasing.

(b) HIV/AIDS sensitization is being done in the community. As a result infections have been reduced.

(c) The people are able to share the word of God during the time water purification.

(d) The spirit of love is being felt among the people as they always come together for any developmental program in their community.

(e) The community is working together in helping the need like the widows and the orphans.

2. User Fees collection and purpose.

The community has welcomed the idea of paying user fees to ease the running of the program. This has not been going on well as some families fail to pay mostly due to poverty. The money that is collected is used to meet other needs like battery charging and buying salt and other things.

IMPACT OF WATER PURIFIER IN THE COMMUNITY

The water purifier has brought a lot of good things in the community. Some of the notable things are:

(a) Water borne diseases have been reduced especially among the children.

(b) The spirit of love, unity and peace has prevailed in the community.

(c) Women have come together and formed a club to help the most need people in the community.

(d) The word of God is being shared during the purification time.

(e) The community meets to discuss developmental issues.

CONCLUSION

From the things outlined above, I can say the community is able to do more and better things as there is love, unity and peace among the people. The community has to be supported and be helped with some income generating activities to make it self sustainable. The community is able to come up with projects that can do well in the area. Any little help can go a long way in alleviating the sufferings of the people in the community. The appeal is that the organization should continue working with the community.