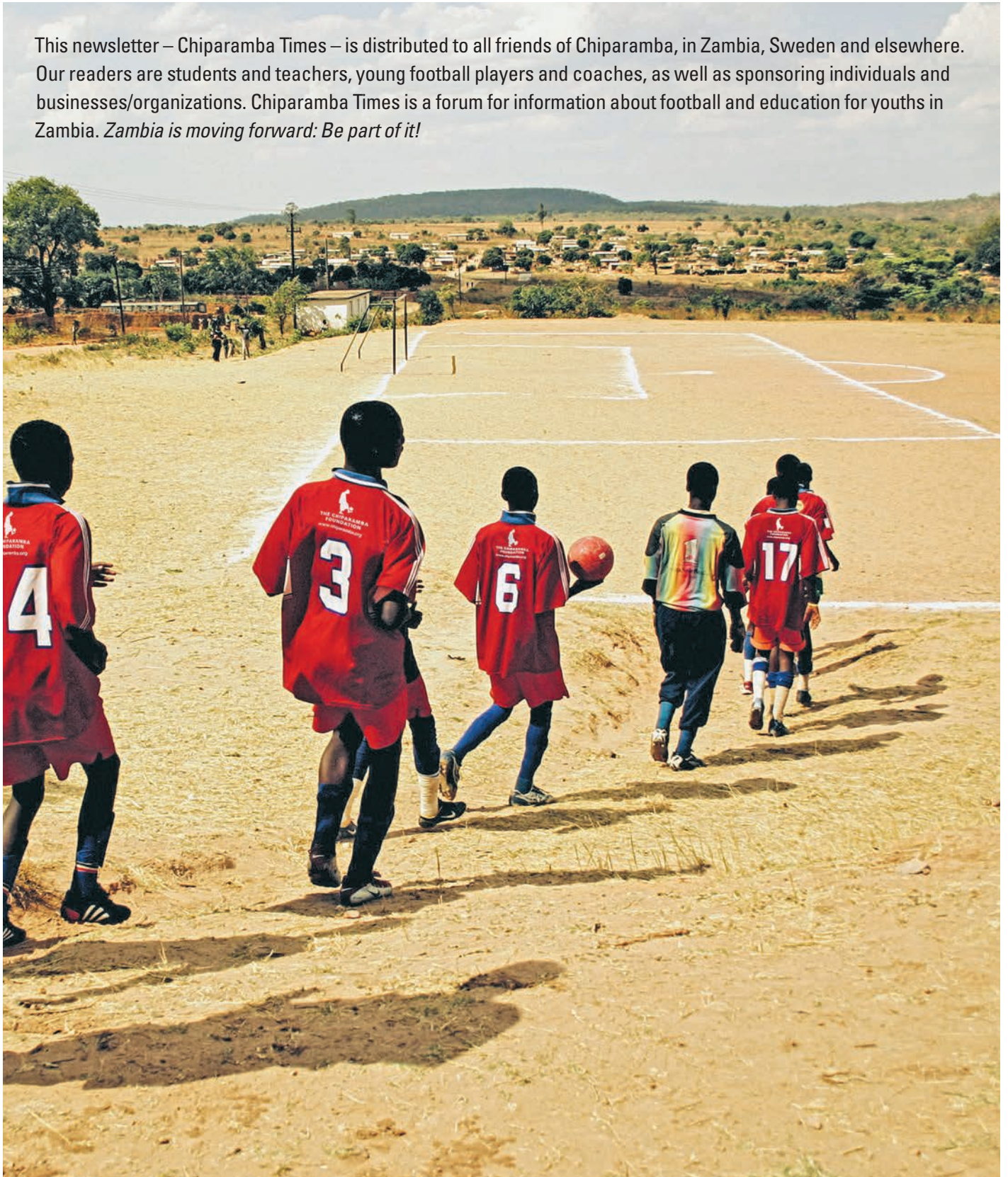


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The first day of our visit the board visited Kampala ground in Garden, Lusaka, for watching a football tournament with 200 youths (both boys and girls) participating. The event was successfully arranged by the staff and coaches from Chiparamba Breakthrough Sports Academy.



The board of Chiparamba FC wishes all the players good luck in today's football tournament.

A travelogue in words and photos from the board's visit in Zambia in November 2014.

By Thomas Bodström

Our visit at a football tournament in one of the poorest areas of Lusaka was a stunning experience.

As a leader for many years in Boo FF, I have seen many boys and girls playing soccer matches in recent years. So it was, in a way not a new experience, when we on the Board of Chiparamba Foundation were invited to watch a football tournament in Lusaka. To watch youths playing football was nothing new to me. However, I have never seen a football field where the ground was sandy with large rocks here and there. At one spot there was even pieces of glass. None of this was really strange considering that the tournament was played in one of the poorest parts of the capital Lusaka, at Kampala ground in Garden. Around the field there were sheds where most of the players lived with their families.

The rough football field did not prevent the boys and girls from the great enthusiasm to indulge in the game. Most had shoes but some played barefoot. Two brothers shared one pair of shoes so they each had one shoe. The game itself looked as usual: dribbling, passing, shooting

and goals filled the games with exciting contents. The joy and disappointment were the same as I usually see at the Boovallen football field in Nacka, Sweden. Similarly, the players sometimes complained to the referee when the verdicts were against the own team.

Yet it is important to maintain the perspectives. Even if football is universal around the world, the conditions are different. The vast majority of children in Zambia will soon have to quit football and instead contribute to the livelihood of their younger siblings and eventually their parents, if they are still alive. These conditions seem cruel and unfair. At the same time it gives us inspiration to continue our work with Chiparamba so that the children can afford to go to school, but also to have a good time.

And what could be a better time than playing football – whether in Sweden or in Zambia.

"Opening tournament speech" by Mr. Thomas Bodström, the chairman of Chiparamba FC. 200 attentive and excited players are listening.





Two proud board members – Klas and Thomas – are posing in front of Chiparamba FC's (U17) golden team, who's dream is to participate in the 2015 Gothia Cup in Gothenburg.



Thomas Bodström, former player in the first league for AIK in Sweden, is practising penalties to the children's excitement. Looks great!



Thomas Bodström handing out membership cards to some of the more than 700 players in Chiparamba FC.

Carolina and Lars got empowered of the strength and the spirit of young Zambian girls fighting for change. "The Girls For Change" programme at Chiparamba Breakthrough Academy impressed enormously.



Swedish doctor Mats Möller was volunteering for six weeks in the village Chikankata. During the weekend he took a break and left for Lusaka, where he freelanced as a doctor during the Chiparamba FC football tournament.



AN EMOTIONAL VISIT AT JARMY SCHOOL.

By Anders Kylhammar

During the board's visit we also visited Jarmy School, i.e. one of the schools that we support in Lusaka. We received a warm welcome from the principal, teachers, students and parents.

The Principal – Bishop Flemings Mtonga – informed us about how the school has evolved over the years. First, the school was run on a smaller scale by volunteer teachers without pay. Subsequently, the school has grown to now be a privately funded school with over 800 students. The Chiparamba Foundation's financial support over the past years has been important since many children have had their schooling funded. Flemings Mtonga also told us about the importance for the young generation in Zambia to have the opportunity to have a high quality education to be able to find a job after finishing school.

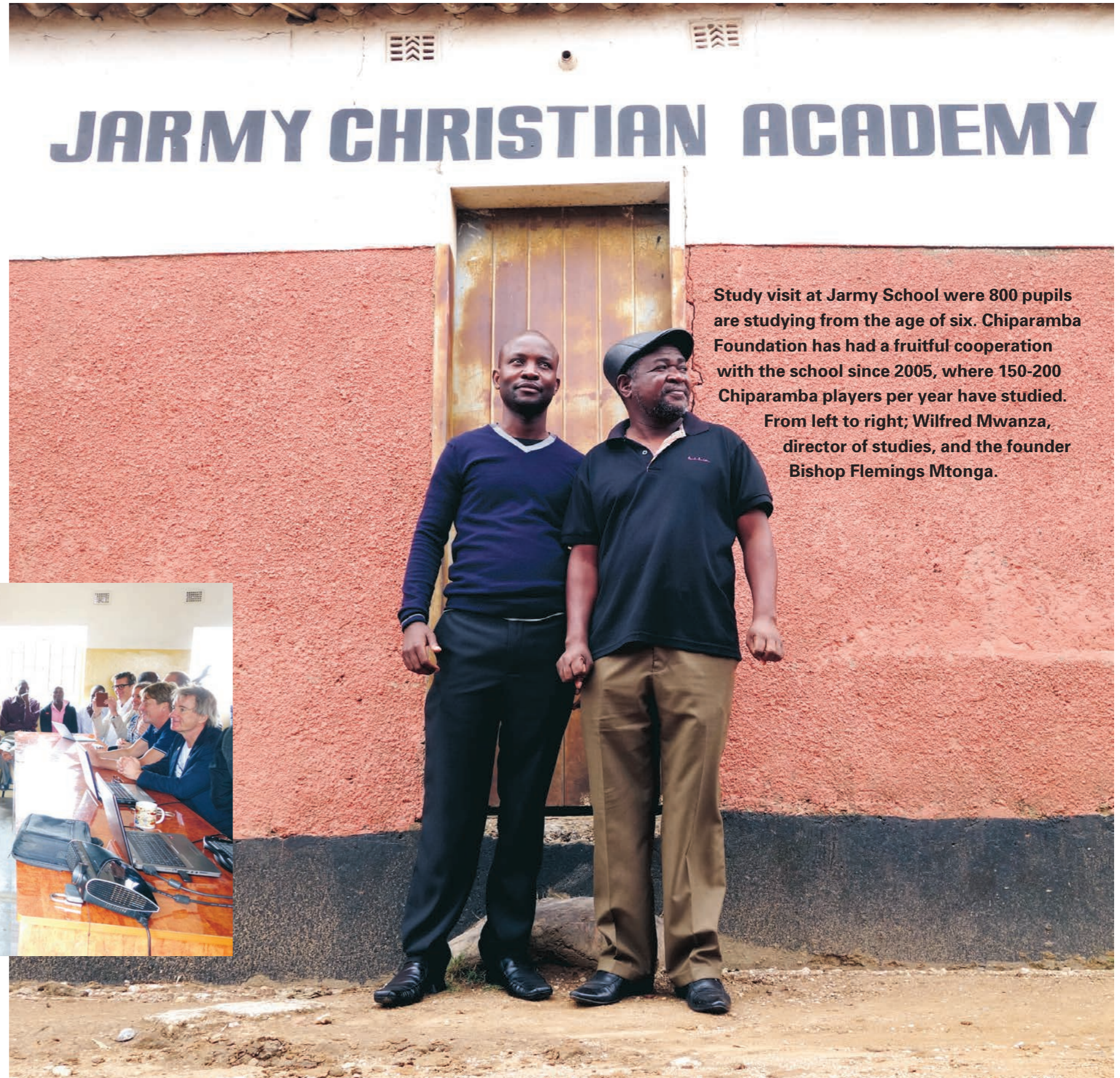
The school choir sang, under the direction of music teacher Simon Afrigoz. One of the songs was newly written: "Welcome to Zambia". We felt really welcome! During our visit also students, parents and teachers told us about the school. One of the students told us how much it had meant for him that Chiparamba has sponsored his schooling, and he thanked for the support of his friends in school and he himself have received. One father told us how his daughter had been given the opportunity to go to Jarmy School thanks to Chiparamba. She had recently been accepted for studies at the University of Zambia in Lusaka, with a scholarship that allows her higher education. It was very rewarding to learn that his daughter had chosen to train as a teacher, since Zambia's future so much depends on the education of the young generation. This man also told us that he takes care of eight children who live with him. All eight children have lost their parents. We were very impressed by this man, who had taken such a responsibility for the orphans. He also thanked for the support that Chiparamba gives to the school children. His closing message to us was: "Please do not stop." We bring this message to all those who want to help and support these school children via Chiparamba!

Jarmy School educates children in grades 1-12, i.e. both primary school and secondary school. Teaching opportunities at Jarmy School were further improved a few years ago, when the chemistry class room was built. This has also given the opportunity to do laboratory exercises as part of the tests required to pass the graduation examination.

It was an important visit for us all. Although there are some 10 000 kilometers between Sweden and Zambia, the distance narrowed this day!



Students at Jarmy School performed an irresistible version of "Welcome to Zambia", which was composed for the occasion by music teacher Simon Afrigoz. It's a mystery the roof never lifted!



Study visit at Jarmy School were 800 pupils are studying from the age of six. Chiparamba Foundation has had a fruitful cooperation with the school since 2005, where 150-200 Chiparamba players per year have studied. From left to right; Wilfred Mwanza, director of studies, and the founder Bishop Flemings Mtonga.



During the visit at Jarmy School a presentation of Chiparamba FC was held for the teacher's and students. Klas told the story of Chiparamba Foundation which was founded in 2004, Thomas declared the importance of education and Carolina talked about children's rights.



Chiparamba FC player Alfred Mwanza, student at Jarmy School, gives a touching speech and thanking the Chiparamba Foundation in Sweden for supporting his education.



This is Mr Samson Mulebe, a father of eight children in Lusaka, giving a speech at Jarmy School. One of his children got the opportunity to study at Jarmy School through Chiparamba Foundation's programme "Chipa Sisters & Brothers". Today his daughter studies at the University of Zambia. Teacher Ms. Brenda Banda helps interpret his heartrending words.



The operative Manager for Chiparamba FC – Job Mwanza – giving a learning presentation for the board about how Chiparamba FC is organized in Lusaka.



Visit at the memorial place "Heroes Acre", outside the Independence Stadium. The 1993 Zambia national football team air disaster occurred in the late evening of 27 April 1993 when a Zambian Air Force plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean about 500 metres offshore from Libreville, Gabon. The flight was carrying most of the Zambian national football team to a FIFA World Cup Qualifier against Senegal in Dakar.



Visit at Chiparamba Sports Academy's office in Lusaka. Thank you Job Mwanza and all the others in the organization for an excellent presentation of the activities, economical situation, your dreams etc. You are doing a wonderful and engaged work. Respect!



Chiparamba FC board members visiting Northmead Primary School in Lusaka, where a few of the Chiparamba FC players are studying.



A first grade student taking a nap in the class room.



Our delightful host – Winnie Luwe Schanchebo – teacher at Northmead Primary School.



Lars Arrhenius and Anders Kylhammar – board members of Chiparamba FC – lecture on human rights, with special focus on children's rights, at University of Zambia, Law School.



Meeting at the monthly magazine Bulletin & Record in Lusaka with Senior Writer Charles Mafa, in accompany with Swede Johan Rahm, who works for the magazine as a freelance journalist. Charles proposed an article about Chiparamba FC's history, which we of course couldn't resist. The interview was held the day after with Klas Björkhagen and Wallace Sakala – a player in Chiparamba FC with an extraordinary and touching life-story. The article was published in the Bulletin & Record in March 2015.

With permission of Charles Mafa and the Bulletin & Record the article is published on the following two pages.



CHIPARAMBA

using football *to* defy
poverty *and* hopelessness

CHARLES MAFA

People often fall into two camps on the issue of football. Some say it is an expression of skill that can develop without formal education, while others argue that a combination of formal schooling and talent is needed to excel. The combination of both is what an organisation called the Chiparamba Foundation uses to transform the lives of struggling and impoverished Zambian children.

Wallace Sakala, 18, is one who has benefited from this initiative. Nine years old and having lost his father, he was unsure what the future held for him. As a child, he spent his time between a makeshift school and an open ground, playing football with his peers in Lusaka's Kalindinga township.

When a Swedish journalist, Mr Klas Björkhagen, visited the country in search of a gift to give the world for his 50th birthday, he noticed Wallace juggling *icimpombwa*, a ball made from plastic tied up with string. That is how the work of Chiparamba Foundation started and continues - spotting talented children and putting them into school.

"I read in the paper that Orgryte, a football club of ancient lineage in Sweden, was collaborating with Chiparamba in Zambia. I wanted to support such a project as a gift for my 50th birthday," said Mr Björkhagen.

In 2004, when visiting Chiparamba Sports Academy, which was receiving support from Orgryte, Mr Björkhagen was shocked to see the poverty that greeted him upon arrival in Zambia. "In a state of shock, I met officials at Chiparamba where I watched some of the kids play football. I realised that these guys can play football - that is not a problem, but what they need is education.

"When I went back home, I decided to form the foundation, so Chiparamba Foundation was founded on my birthday, in October 2004."

Fortunately for Mr Björkhagen, friends who attended the birthday party offered to support the foundation. On his second visit to the country, he met Mr Rupiiah Banda, patron of Chiparamba Sports Academy founded by his son, Nenani. This was before Mr Banda became republican president. During the same visit, Mr Björkhagen was on a mission to locate Wallace, the boy he had first met playing football.

"You narrate the story now," said Mr Björkhagen as he turned to Wallace.

Said Wallace: "The coaches from Chiparamba came home with a photo. They found my sister who was asked to fetch for me. When I met them, they asked if I was the one in the photo and I gave them an affirmative answer."

After meeting with Mr Banda and members of the foundation, Wallace was moved from a community school to a private one. He was now



Chiparamba FC is participating in the Gothia Cup this summer.

For the 15th consecutive year, Chiparamba FC has qualified for the Gothia Cup in Gothenburg, Sweden. The group play begins the 13th of July at Kviberg 18 against dutch team Csv de Leeuwarder Zwaluwen. We keep our fingers crossed for a successful tournament.



Previous page: Wallace Sakala as a young boy in Kalingalinga compound. The page (clockwise) Wallace Sakala as a young boy juggling the ball in an open field; Wallace Sakala, captain of Chiparamba FC; Wallace with his mother, two sisters and his nephew, at their home in Kalingalinga; Wallace with Klas Bjorkhagen, the founder of the Chiparamba foundation. Photos taken by Klas Bjorkhagen and Charles Mufa

under the auspices of Mr Bjorkhagen's foundation. "They bought me uniforms, books and paid my school fees at a private school," narrates Wallace. Later, when I was in grade 5, I also started playing football for Chiparamba."

It is now slightly over 10 years since Wallace was spotted at Kalingalinga. He has completed his secondary education and is an example of the potential that is usually buried in poverty and hopelessness. Throughout his schooling, Wallace continued playing football, which has since opened a few other opportunities. As captain of Chiparamba under-17 team, he attended trials for the junior national teams and was also a member of Lusaka rising stars team for 2014, an initiative of Airtel.

Looking back, Wallace says he would not have completed his secondary education without outside help. He is the first born in the family of four, lost his father at nine and remained under the care of his single mother, a housewife. The mother says of Wallace: "He is our only hope in the family. I am hoping that he will get an opportunity

to play football at the highest level, get a good salary and support us," she said. "If he can go to college and study, that will equally be good."

Wallace's story illustrates what the Chiparamba Foundation has achieved over the years. It assists children from the townships of Kalingalinga, Mtendere, Garden, Kaunda Square and surrounding areas. Close to 200 children in a year get education sponsorship and some have completed their university education.

"Some of us, we really didn't know whether we were going to complete our secondary education," says Job Mwanza, the academy director, who is also a qualified accountant. "I remember when I was writing my grade 7, I was saying to myself, even if I pass who is going to assist me? But you're talking to me now; it is all because of the impact of Chiparamba Foundation."

The Chiparamba Sports Academy initially started as a company identifying talented football players and selling them to established teams. The company has not only changed the name to Chiparamba Breakthrough Sports Academy,

but it is also currently using sport to serve the lives of thousands of young people to deal with health related issues, such as HIV/AIDS, water and sanitation.

The foundation founded by Mr Bjorkhagen supports the education component. A number of top female and male footballers such as Given Singuluma, Hichani Himonde and Davies Nkausu all came through the academy. Prominent female footballer, captain of the senior national team and runner, Kabange Mupopo is also one of the players to have gone through the academy. Others were part of the team that qualified and took part in the 2014 junior Under 17 World Cup in Costa Rica.

Some board members of the foundation perform the role of models for the children. One of them is Mr Thomas Bodstrom, who played professional football, at the same time studied law and went on to become Sweden's Justice Minister. He was part of the board members who accompanied Klas to Zambia on his recent visit last November. Mr Bodstrom did not want to say much, directing all questions

to the foundation's founder.

"Thomas is a social democrat. When some of the board members were losing energy, he came up with the idea of each member belonging to the club to pay an annual fee equivalent to sending one child to school," said Klas. "That gave me the energy to continue."

The iconic photograph of young Wallace, taken some 10 years ago, now forms part of Chiparamba Foundation's emblem. "Football is bigger than just football. It can change lives. You got a chance," Klas said while pointing at Wallace. "It is because I saw that you're talented." He concludes by reliving memories of his visit to the school attended by children his foundation supports.

"Today was quite emotional. One of the parents who has a child we have supported gave a moving speech. He thanked the foundation for supporting one of his daughters who got an opportunity to be sponsored from the sixth grade and now she is at the university."

He concluded with the words "Don't stop". ♦



THREE WAYS OF SUPPORTING CHIPARAMBA.

The Zambian government funding opportunities are limited, due low tax revenues and a very rapid population growth. About 6.5 million – of Zambia’s population of ca 14 million – are children under 18 years old. Government schools are free for children in grades 1-7, although the children have to provide their own books and school uniforms. Unfortunately, many families have difficulties to pay for these expenses. Furthermore, all schools charge tuition fees for grades 8-12. Consequently – due to lack of money – only 35 % of the children complete their education and graduates with a high school diploma.



To ensure the children’s education, Chiparamba supports the children for their attendance through grades 1-12. This means that when leaving Chiparamba the 18-year-old will have a better opportunity for a decent life in one of the world’s poorest countries.

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The Chiparamba Foundation has since 2004 supported children and youths in Zambia, with a special focus on participants in the football activities of Chiparamba Breakthrough Sports Academy in Zambia.

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The Chiparamba Foundation collaborates with and receives financial support from the Swedish non-profit association Chiparamba Football Club. The joint website is found at <http://chiparambafc.com/>

The Chiparamba Foundation’s financial support is done by mainly by paying for children’s and young people’s schooling. The Chiparamba Foundation pays school fees, school books and school uniforms.

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Further, the Chiparamba Foundation is under the control of the Swedish Fundraising Control and holders of so-called 90 account (Swedish Plusgiro no. 90 00 58-9).

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The Chiparamba Foundation has an extensive network of contacts among companies, organizations and private individuals in Sweden. Thus, the Chiparamba Foundation offers very good marketing opportunities for companies wishing to enter into sponsorship agreements with Chiparamba Foundation.

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There are three ways of supporting Chiparamba, please see below.



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Chiparamba is supported by individual members of the Chiparamba FC. The membership fee is SEK 125/month (i.e. SEK 1500/year). For a family the membership fee is SEK 400/month (i.e. SEK 4800/year). To become a member: please visit <http://chiparambafc.com/>



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Urban Deli, Nobis Group and Grodan jointly founded the concept RÄTT. They have made a common cause and support Chiparamba FC when this project is dear to them, not least because of the love of football. The driving force is the desire to promote the education of Zambian children, and at the same time enabling them to play football.

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