

2015

# Kasuba Community



# Jan-May Activity Report

Care and Hope for All  
Serving in Zambia

# Kasuba

**Overview:** The Kasuba project is doing very well. As a site it does have a number of advantages that have contributed to its success. Firstly there are some very good leaders in Kasuba. David, the Chairperson for the Church Committee is a humble committed leader. We believe that David's 2-year attendance at Samfya Bible School has really helped shape him into the Christian Leader that he is today. Another leader in the community who has contributed greatly is Ba Kasuba the village Headman. He attends our trainings and has been very supportive of the church work in the community and is himself a well educated, well respected Christian Leader. Perhaps a second reason for the success in Kasuba is the improved program methodology that CHA has employed. Recognizing the state of the rural Church, CHA has invested heavily into Church Leadership training during the first 2 years of the program. We believe that this investment is now showing in the quality of work that we see happening in Kasuba.

There is a lot of excitement in Kasuba right now. The big preschool construction project is now complete and everyone is very proud of the building they constructed. The preschool utilized approximately 30,000 bricks, which the church volunteers made. This year the Churches and Community of Kasuba have set a goal to mould over 100,000 bricks. They already have agreed on the next 2 joint projects they want to do, the rehabilitation of a classroom block at the school and the addition of a two-ward building at the clinic compound. For CHA it has been fun to see the church leaders of Kasuba developing their vision for how they would like to transform their community. We suspect that in the relationship, it will be us (CHA) that has to run to keep up with all that is going on in Kasuba.

Other projects in the community are also moving ahead. The oil press has been installed, the development store should be opening during the month of May, the fish pond project is moving ahead at an alarming rate and there is a definite increase in vegetable production in the community. Our hope and prayer is that the momentum will continue to grow and that God will be glorified in all that goes on in Kasuba.



Figure 1: Noah, one of the fish farmers from Kasuba harvesting his pond.

Planned Activity	Activity Outcome	Expected Impact	Measured Impact	Funds Allocated	Funds Spent
<b>1. Core Church Program</b>					
1.1 6 Church Leader Trainings	No trainings conducted yet. (however a number of coordination meetings have been held)	Leaders better able to lead their churches and impact their communities	Church Growth indicators Membership: Tithing: Increase in Ministry outreach:	2,100	0
1.2 Send 3 church leaders to Samfya Bible School	2 church leaders enrolled at SBS	Improve the quality of church leadership in Kasuba		4,500	2,400
1.3 Individual Ministry Grants	Not given out this year, (However churches still working with last year's grants)	Churches are able to increase engagement in compassionate ministries		7,000	0
1.4 Complete 2014 Joint Church Project (preschool)	Preschool building completed in May of 2015	Churches begin to physically transform their communities	Num. of community beneficiaries: 150 preschool children	24,000	24,000
1.5 2015 joint church project	No activity yet (but churches have selected to rebuild classroom block at primary school)			12,000	0
<b>2. Health and Nutrition</b>					
2.1 Health training for Church volunteers	One training held on Hospice care and hygiene	Increase in church outreach to the sick	Num. of sick visited: Increase in visitations:	1,000	100
2.2 Purchase of first aid supplies	Activity not implemented yet.			4,200	0
2.3 Care Group Support/ establishment	Activity not implemented yet.	Care group established	Num. of members: Income generated:	3,000	0
<b>3. Agriculture Projects</b>					
3.1 Develop a fish hatchery for Kasuba	Activity not implemented yet.	Improved HH nutrition and increased livelihood	Increase in HH income: Improvements in HH diet:  <i>Increase in production:</i> Num. of ponds in Kasuba has grown from 11 last year to over 30 ponds this year	4,000	150
3.2 Training for Kasuba fish farmers	Activity not implemented yet.			1,000	0
3.3 Livestock training for pigs and cattle	Activity not implemented yet.			1,000	0
3.4 Agriculture store inventory	Not spent yet (however first batch of inventory funded by another donor)			Farmers have access to agriculture inputs	5,000

# Activity Narrative

## 1. Core Church Programs

**1.1 Church Leader Training:** Although CHA has not had any set trainings with the group of leaders in Kasuba this year, we have had a number of coordination meetings. With the preschool project coming to an end, CHA would like to hold a review session going over the Christian Leadership training course. There are some topics like sharing vision, inspiring others and delegation that we would like to review before the Churches take on their next joint church project.

**1.2 Send 3 Church Leaders to Samfya Bible School:** Two leaders have been enrolled at Samfya Bible School (SBS) this year, one man and one woman. Last year, Pastor Daniel from the Living Gospel Church in Kasuba attended SBS and since coming back he has really stepped up his work. His Church which had been experiencing negative growth has turned around adding 50 new members in the last 2 years.



Figure 2: Kasuba's 2014 Bible School Graduates, (Daniel is on the left)

**1.3 Individual Church Grants:** In 2014, CHA gave out the first round of Church Grants to Kasuba. Most of the churches ran maize trading businesses. They purchased maize locally from farmers, then sold the maize to the Government Food Reserve Agency. The churches made a decent profit, but there was a long delay from the government, with churches not getting paid until November last year. CHA will let the churches reinvest last year's grant before they give out this year's.

**1.4 Complete the 2014 Joint Church Project:** After a year-and-a-half, the Kasuba preschool is finally completed and opened. It has 3 classrooms, a library room and an office. Once it is fully furnished, the school should be able to cater to 100 students at a time. The school has 5 very committed volunteer teachers from the churches and another 3-4 volunteers that can be called upon as needed. These teachers have been teaching for between 8 months and 2 years and have had one training in July of last year from a Willow Creek serving team. The same team from Willow will be holding a 2 week training course for the teachers in June this year.

**1.5 Joint Church Project for 2015:** CHA has given the Kasuba Churches a much smaller sum of money for their second joint church project. We felt that they needed experience planning and implementing both large and small projects. The churches have chosen to give one of Kasuba Primary School's classroom blocks a makeover. In August, during the school holidays, the Churches will plaster and paint the building, install doors and windows and fix the roof on the 3 classroom block.

# Kasuba's First Joint Church Project

## Kasuba Preschool



Figure 3-11:

(Top Left to Right) Church volunteer mixing cement for the floor of the third classroom block, plastering the library room, putting the finishing touches on the window sills.

(Bottom Left to Right) Preschool entrance, one of the classrooms, a young boy getting some help from his teacher

## 2. Health and Nutrition

**2.1 Training for Care Providers:** The Church Care Provider team was established last year. So far, they have had a short training in First Aid Care from the Willow medical team. This year, the group has had one training hosted by Leah Sharrock a visiting nurse on a vision team from Bright Hope. Leah's background is in Hospice Care and she was able to train the Care Providers on how to care for a patient at the end of life. It was a very relevant training as many people in the village do die to home and knowledge on how to keep them comfortable and well cared for during those last days is so important. Our hope is that Care Providers will be able to come alongside families and share some meaningful knowledge and love with patients and families members who find themselves caring for a family member in their last days. Leah also conducted a section on hygiene, utilizing a ultraviolet light to show germs on people's hands, both before and after washing.

**2.2 First Aid Supplies for Care Providers:** Not yet implemented

**2.3 Contribution for Kasuba HIV/AIDS Support Group:** Not yet implemented

## 3. Agriculture Activities

**3.1 Establishment of a Kasuba Fish Hatchery:** Not yet implemented

Kasuba has a new Peace Corps Volunteer, a young man named Justin Brown, who arrived in April. Justin has been sent to Kasuba to work specifically with fish farming and will be taking the lead on the work with the fish farmers in Kasuba. This budget line will be utilized to set up a fish farmer's cooperative, establish a number of breeding ponds and will also cover the cost of sourcing the original breeding stock.

**3.2 Fish Farmer Training:** Not implemented yet

**3.3 Livestock Training (Pigs and Cattle):** Not implemented yet

**3.4 Agriculture Shop Inventory:** Not implemented yet. However the shop is open and stocked from a separate donor source; the Well Again Project.

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## Additional Projects in Kasuba

**Kasuba Oil Press:** *(Funding allocated- K29,874 Funds spent K24,934)*

The oil press for Kasuba has been purchased and delivered to Kasuba. A shop building was purchased for the unit and as soon as the sunflower seeds are harvested in late May beginning of June it should be able to start producing oil. The oil extractor will be able to produce sunflower, peanut and soya bean oil, which will greatly increase the number of cash crops that farmers in Kasuba can produce. This year our focus will be on learning; looking at which crops produce the most oil, which oil is most palatable for users, which crops are preferred by farmers and, of course, profitability.