

Raising Roofs for Zambia

Problem

Most Zambians do not have access to capital loans. They build as they have money available. The rainy season starts in November. The hard rains tend to flood areas, wash away the soil around the foundations and break down mud walls. Traditionally the locals would thatch buildings. However, the lack of proper thatching techniques, skills and materials create leaky roofs which allow the rain to reach the walls and mud floors and need to be re-thatched every year or two. Having a corrugated iron roof eliminates the need to spend energy and time to rethatch annually.

Opportunity to assist

Following is a description of three projects that are in need of proper roofs. International Teams Canada is launching a special project through Impact Zambia during this giving season to raise funds and assist New Life Tabernacle to put roofs on the buildings before the rainy season.

In summary the funding required to finish is:

- Kalundu church: \$600
- Namwala church: \$6,350
- Escosa Christian Academy: \$5,500

The target is to purchase and install 250 roof sheets at an average cost of \$50 per sheet.

Donations

Donations can be done online at <http://give.iteams.ca/impactzambia> or cheques can be made to "International Teams Canada" and in the subject line: "Impact Zambia Roofs".

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Kalundu church

Kalundu church is approx 30min drive away from Namwala and is a new church plant. They need 10 roof sheets, nails and cement to the cost of \$600 to complete their roof and walls. Their church made of mud walls are very vulnerable to the coming rains.



Namwala Church

Namwala congregation used to meet in rented facilities. They have constructed their church with the funding from Trinity CRC. However, since the plans were submitted, the congregation experienced a lot of growth with approx 200 members and decided to rather build a bigger church from the start. The funds were however for a much smaller building. They initiated a commitment program and a garden in an effort to raise funds for their roof.

They have also committed to continue helping their fellow congregations raise funds should they receive donations to finish their building before the rains come. For now, they continue to meet underneath a tarp.

Namwala church needs 160 roof sheets, timber and nails to complete their church at a cost of \$6,350. The picture depicts the building with the fenced garden in the front.



Escosa School

The office block that was partly funded by Trinity CRC became the first home of Escosa Christian Academy in Itezhi-tezhi, Zambia. Wonderpark congregation in Pretoria, South Africa provided much needed school furniture, play equipment and training to the teachers. This English immersion school currently have ± 50 children from ages 6 months to Grade 1. The vision is to add a grade each year and to become a school with international standards.

There is good progress with the school building. It will take approx \$5,500 to complete the building so that students can move over. The space that will be vacated by the children will be converted to an Internet Cafe for the community.

