

# Strathaven Friends of Health Help International

## HHI'S 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Year

### Newsletter No 43

**New Dormitory for Choongo School** – HHI's target of raising £25,000 to build a new dormitory at Choongo School in Zambia as a way of celebrating the Charity's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary has had great success and the amount raised by its Buy a Brick campaign has now reached £21,950.

Monies received have been sent out to Zambia to enable the building works to proceed and the building is nearing completion. The final cost of the dormitory came to about £23,000

An official opening ceremony is planned to take place towards the end of October while Jute Williams and Kath Russell are in Zambia.

Our next aim is to raise the funds necessary to provide the bunk beds and mattresses for the 48 students who will occupy the dormitory - also lockers if possible.

Each two level bunk bed will cost £100 and a mattress and pillow £30.

Please consider making a donation to HHI for the purchase of one or other of these.

**Round Strathaven 50** - This year's RS50, which took place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, was another resounding success with over 700 cyclists of all ages and levels of experience taking part and contributing to the marvellous sum of just under £17,000 which was raised on the day. As always, the home baking and savouries which were provided at Sandford, Glassford and on the return to Strathaven Academy were very much appreciated. Our thanks are due to any of our supporters who provided baking or who helped in any other way.

HHI has once again benefitted from a very generous donation from the RS50 committee of £6,000

This will be used towards the purchase of the beds and mattresses for the Choongo dormitory

**Mail Chimp Newsletters** - In addition to the Tidings newsletters which HHI produce about three or four times each year, the Charity is now issuing more regular shorter newsletter using the on-line Mail Chimp facility. These are at present being issued to the Charity's own supporters in England and Wales. We feel that those of you in Scotland on our own supporters list would find these of interest. **They are sent out by e-mail but in a secure way which ensures that your e-mail address is not seen by the others on the distribution list.**

Please let us know if you do **not** wish to receive future Mail Chimp letters. Send an e-mail confirming this to Iain at [iain@rhonadale.co.uk](mailto:iain@rhonadale.co.uk).

**Visit to Zambia**- we are delighted that committee member Kath is able to go to Zambia this year to accompany Jute Williams on her annual visit. They will be at the HHZ HQ in Monze from 12<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October. We wish them safe journeys and great success in all they do during their visit.

**Severe drought in Zambia** – HHI is continuing to provide funds (up to £720 each month) to help alleviate the hardships being afflicted on so many people in and around Monze as a result of the continuing severe drought.

**The Special Needs Schools in India** –. Ian's great enthusiasm in obtaining the continuing support of the members of the Avondale and Drumclog Churches in providing funds for these has resulted in a total of £3,279 having already been raised this year

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