

HIGH FIVE CLUB

changing lives, £5 at a time

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Dear High Fiver,

We hope this update finds you well and looking forward to your summer. We have lots of exciting news to share with you!

- Firstly, this month we have together provided textbooks in all subject areas to Grade 4 pupils at a rural, community school in Zambia – a new school that High Five has just started a relationship with. On behalf of the school we would like to thank you for your support of these children's education provision. **See attached project brief for details.**

- Manny and Cheryl were recently in Zambia with 33 of Manny's students from Hadlow College leading a wildlife studies field trip. Naturally, we took the time to take them into the community so they could see for themselves the direct links between poaching and poverty. As a result of this cultural interaction, the students donated the £1,454 they had raised prior to the trip to High Five Club initiatives in the Luangwa Valley.....£500 to expand the poultry project (egg layers), £500 to purchase textbooks in both Mnkhanya and Malimba Community Schools, and £454 to fund chilli fence erection to deter elephants from eating villagers' crops, along with providing food rations for community scouts to conduct anti-poaching patrols for 2 months. It really was a life changing experience for many of the students, and in return they changed a few lives on the way in true High Five spirit!



- We have 2 new companies that have just become corporate members of the High Five Club – **Artillery** a really responsible architecture and interior design consultancy (www.artillery.co.uk) (their MD is a High Five Club member) and **Enterprise Plants** (www.enterpriseplants.co.uk) a leading horticultural services company that supplies and cares for office plants, shrubs and gardens. We are really thrilled, and proud, that they have chosen to make the High Five Club one of their nominated charities and to have them on board. If you know of any other companies who may be interested in supporting our work, do please put them in contact with us or why not recruit them yourself!
- And finally, and very excitingly, Manny gave a talk last month in London on Africa and its people and wildlife, and in the audience was none other than the birdwatcher, TV presenter and actor **Bill Oddie**. Well to cut a long story short he was so impressed with what we are achieving together that he has become a Patron of our charity!! Bill said that the High Five Club is (quote) "obviously a wondrously effective

organisation. Small, but exquisite in every detail! I have come up with 5 "qualities" which contribute to its strength, namely Imagination, Organisation, Co -operation, Determination and Compassion. It slightly pains me to say it, but there are some "charities" who "mean well", but haven't quite "got it together". More sentiment than sense perhaps. More raving than reality! Passion is of course essential, but it must fuel practicality. The High 5 Club is a splendid example of how it should be done."

We really look forward to working with Bill over the coming months to raise the profile of the High Five Club so we can secure new members and more corporate supporters, the long and short being we can then together provide more people in Africa with a 'hand up' out of poverty.

Well that's all from us. If you get the chance, do please pass on this email to others so that they can hopefully join in the growing band of compassionate, practical individuals that are **changing lives, £5 at a time**.

All best wishes

Cheryl, Manny and Fen

