



Shine builds a new school in Zambia



New school classrooms being built in Zambia



Shine founder Vineet with children from township

In April this year, Shine's project to construct a school in a shanty town in Zambia finally began after more than a year of planning and fundraising. Shine founder Vineet Bhatnagar was in Zambia personally overseeing the project.

Using funds raised by Shine in 2008, a four-classroom block and a toilet facility were constructed on a 4-acre plot of land in Kalikiliki township. This was Phase One of a project which will continue next year, with Phase Two being an administration building and library – Shine is starting to raise funds for this now.

Shine employed 35 men and women as temporary labour from the local community. The project lasted 4 months, and this month (August) is being spent on preparing the school for its opening on 7th September, when 90 orphans and vulnerable children will start our basic literacy and numeracy programme.

More details and photos of the project on the Shine website (via 'Work we're doing > Details and photos of the construction project')

Pupils beam with pride at Shine Graduation in January

On 24th January 2009, twelve pupils of Shine's Reading Academy in Kalikiliki township, Zambia, beamed with pride as they collected their graduation certificates and gifts in front of an audience of 100 community members and the local media.

Having completed our two-year literacy programme, they are now gaining a formal education in nearby schools with fees paid for by Shine.



Graduates of Shine's Reading Academy

Former pupils shine in their new schools



Esther Mumba, former Shine pupil, writing an answer on the board in her new school

Shine places graduating pupils in nearby schools and pays their school fees until Grade 7 (Zambian equivalent of GCSE level). In doing so, we closely monitor our former pupils' attendance and performance in their new schools.

Results from the end of term exams in April show that our pupils—who were illiterate 2 years ago—are actually doing better than their new classmates, who have had 6 years' education!

Read more on the Shine website (via 'Work we're doing > Success stories - lives we've helped to change')

Spotlight

- Shine school in Zambia constructed and ready for opening in September
- Children from current school graduate in January 2009
- London 10K run raises over £2,000 for new school in Zambia

Do you have unwanted books?

Do you have children's books at home that you no longer need? Shine is collecting books for its school in Zambia. Last year, we collected around 2,000 books (many of which have already been sent to Zambia) but we're still collecting!

Ideally we'd like books for children aged 4 to 10, especially reading schemes, children's stories, or anything designed to help children learn how to read.

Please contact us if you have some books you think may be suitable.

E-mail us at info@shinecharity.org

Join our Facebook Group

Did you know we had a Facebook Group? On there you'll find some recent photos from the project in Zambia.

Just logon to Facebook, search for the group 'Shine' and click on 'Join Group'.



London 10K run raises over £2,000 for school



Mark Rands, Sheh-Wan Tan and Rachna Kalia with Shine founder Vineet before the race



Over 27,000 people gathered in Central London

The annual **ASICS British 10K London Run** took place on Sunday 12th July 2009 and three runners did it for Shine! Thanks to Mark Rands, Sheh-Wan Tan and Rachna Kalia for a brilliant effort and for **raising over £2,000!** This will help support our new school in Zambia.

Let us know if you'd like to take part in next year's 10K Run.

visit us at www.shinecharity.org



Support our new school with regular giving

Now that our school has been built, we are in need of people to donate regularly. We appreciate that the financial climate is not great, but a little goes a long way in Zambia. Just **£10 per month** would cover the costs for our feeding programme, allowing every child to receive a daily meal—something many families in the township can't afford. Or £5 per month would buy an exercise book for every child at our school. Thank you.

Monthly donations can be set up on Justgiving at www.justgiving.com/shinecharity/donate

Alternatively, you can download a Standing Order form from the Shine website via 'You can help'



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