

## Community Effort to Erect a Pre-school Structure at Mwambezi Village, Mbala, Zambia Intensifies



**The people of Mwambezi Village clearing the place for making bricks for the preschool**

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### Ntungo Noble Board Member, John Mwaba, Visits Mwambezi Village

IN MAY 2019 John Mwaba, one of Ntungo Noble's board members, visited Zambia and was able to visit Mwambezi village. While at Mwambezi village he met with leaders including the area councilor Mr. Aaron Chungu and the "Lifting the people of Mwambezi village out of poverty" project leader Mr. Simuyemba among others. Mr. Mwaba visited the school project site and the current water source. Having visited the area Mr. Mwaba now has firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by the people of Mwambezi village.



**The Road Leading to Mwambezi Village**

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The road leading to Mwambezi village has a ditch in the middle due to erosion from running rain water. Such a poor road just makes it hard for the people of Mwambezi village to be reached by the rest of the country.



**Location of Zambia on the Map of Africa**





**John Mwaba with Project Leaders at Mwambezi Village**  
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### **May 26, 2019 Musical Fundraising Event Report**

The May 26, 2019 musical fundraising event in support of the preschool at Mwambezi village raised just under \$1250. This money is earmarked for buying supplies for the preschool and paying for the rent of the church facility.

Ntungo Noble management and the fundraising team extend their gratitude to everyone who supported this event by buying tickets, making financial donations, attendance and participation. Your support is much appreciated.



**Picture of the Musical Fundraising Event**  
*Ntungo Noble Images*



## **Preschool, the Immediate Focus of the Mwambezi Village Community**

On THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2019 the Ntungo Noble Office received pictures showing the progress being made by the people of Mwambezi village to construct a structure to meet the immediate accommodation needs of the preschool. Since March the preschool is being held in a rented church that has no blackboard and no desks. Preschoolers sit on pews of the church and the teachers have no desks or chairs.



**Rented church for the Preschool at Mwambezi Village**  
*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



**Inside the rented church for the Preschool at Mwambezi Village**  
*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



**Preschoolers in Class inside the rented church at Mwambezi Village**

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### **Election of the School Committee**

Close to two weeks previous the Ntungo Noble Office had advised the community to establish a preschool committee and elect a chairperson, secretary and treasurer. The community heed Ntungo Noble advice and the following is the committee they have put in place to run the preschool.

#### **CHAIR**



**Maybin Chungu** 011 260 975 586 736  
School Committee Chairman

#### **SECRETARY**



**Brave Kalumbi** 011 260 760 488 415  
School Committee Secretary

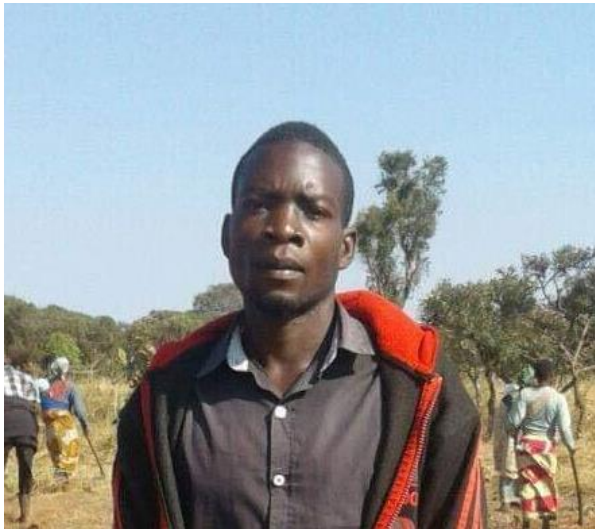


**TREASURER**



**Jane Mpange**  
Treasurer

**TEACHERS**



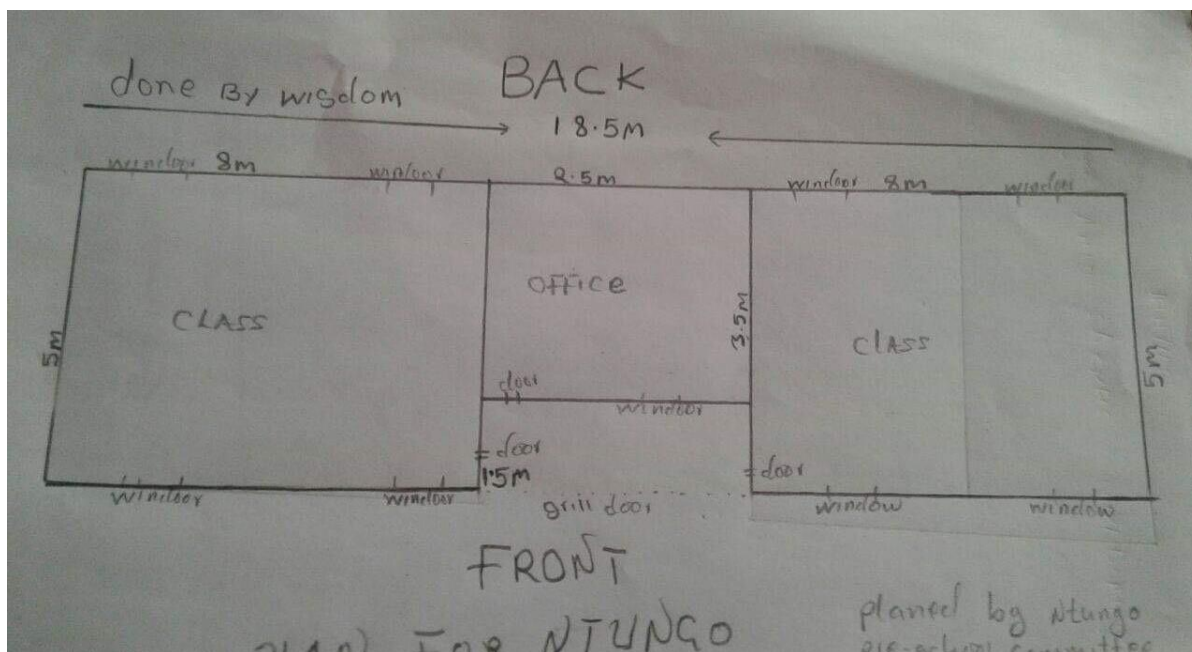
**Wisdom Simbeya**      011 260 760 489 425  
Preschool Teacher & Administrator



**Tyness Chungu**      011 260 974 251 033  
Preschool Teacher

## Community Determined to Erect a Temporary Structure for the Preschool before the Rain Season

Wisdom Simbeya, the preschool teacher, assured the Ntungo Noble office that the people of Mwambezi Village are “so happy and very committed.” The preschool committee have developed a sketch for the preschool consisting of two classrooms and an office. The community has also cleared the place for making bricks and started digging the pit for the mud to make bricks. It is a very exciting time for the community of Mwambezi Village.



**Sketch of the Preschool Plan**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



**People clearing the area for making bricks for the preschool structure 1**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*





**People clearing the area for making bricks for the preschool structure 2**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



**People clearing the area for making bricks for the preschool structure 3**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*





**People digging the mud pit for making bricks for the preschool structure 1**  
*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



**People digging the mud pit for making bricks for the preschool structure 2**  
*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*



## Critical Outcome

The community now owns this preschool project. The role of Ntungo Noble Projects Inc. at this point is just to **inspire** them, **advise** them, and **raise money** to help with buying quality building materials – cement, doors and windows and roofing sheets for the structure. And later once the structure is erected, buy furnishings – blackboards, desks and chairs and supplies.

## Feeling an overwhelming chill of joy

Like I always say “How do you react to this?” I repeat to say that as Executive Director of Ntungo Noble I feel overwhelmed, but remain hopeful that we will be able to mobilize the resources and get them to Mwambezi village. This is a journey of resilience, continuous learning and improvement for us. We trust that we will get there with the help of all Friends of Mwambezi Village, Mbala, Zambia.



**Chrispin Ntungo**  
Executive Director,  
**NTUNGO NOBLE**

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## Getting to Know Mwambezi Village

MWAMBEZI VILLAGE is located 12 km south-west of the Town of Mbala in the Northern Province of the Republic of Zambia. You may not have the opportunity to visit Mwambezi village. Nevertheless, imagine a place where a woman fetches water from a stream six to eight kilometers away, fetches firewood from the forest, lives in a mud house with no power; her children have no access to school. Sure! In this day and age, it is simply appalling and sheer injustice. It is unacceptable.

## Livelihood and Challenges of the People of Mwambezi Village

The people of Mwambezi village are subsistence or peasant farmers. That means each family grows their own crop for home consumption. As a result, each family is only able to grow enough for consumption and does not have extra for sale to generate some cash income. Consequently, the people need money every season for purchasing inputs especially fertilizer for their crop. Fertilizer is the main input. If a family does not have fertilizer, guaranteed, they will not have a crop to harvest, and they will face a year without food.



The second challenge the people of Mwambezi face is taking children to school. In order to attend school children have to walk 12 km to the nearest school. 12 km does not seem much for an adult. But for a child it is not easy. This is a barrier to education for most children at Mwambezi village. Further, before a child can attend school, they must pay a school fee, buy new uniform and have school supplies. This is a nightmare for most families. Most families do not just have the money to afford taking children to school.



**Preschool Class at Mwambezi Village**

*PHOTO Courtesy of Wisdom Simbeya / Ntungo Noble Images*

As a result, there are generations of children, teenagers and adults growing up without formal education. This leads to hopeless and helpless lives. For anyone who knows the value of formal education, it is not easy to see people wasting their lives because without formal education they have no skills needed to succeed – they cannot get any gainful work, in turn they are not able to take their children to school down the road. Hence, a vicious circle of poverty continues from generation to generation.

Thirdly, Mwambezi village people, especially single women, do not have decent housing. Most families live in mud huts with grass thatching. For some huts such as are owned by single mothers, when it rains the roofs leak. And if there were a flood, the mud huts risk falling and being carried away. The village people need help with building strong and enduring houses made of durable building materials - burnt brick or concrete blocks, cement flooring and iron sheet roofing.

### **Opportunity to Help the People of Mwambezi Village**

In order to lift the people of Mwambezi village out of poverty, there is need to build a school at the village and establish an endowment fund for education. In addition to building a school, there is need for a medical clinic, improved access to water, sustainable energy supply and improved low-cost housing for single women in the community.



## Commitment of 25,000 Friends of Mwambezi Village



With the help of **25,000 Friends of Mwambezi Village** each donating only \$10 Ntungo Noble is able to raise \$250,000 for priority projects at Mwambezi village. The priority projects are building a school, a medical clinic and improving water supply.

***Please help lift the people of Mwambezi village out of poverty by making a \$10 donation today.***

To make a donation please visit:

[https://ntungonoble.org/fundraising/friends\\_of\\_mwambezi\\_village](https://ntungonoble.org/fundraising/friends_of_mwambezi_village)

**THANK YOU.**

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