



# Happy CHRISTMAS

And a very peaceful  
and prosperous NEW YEAR

## A VERY BIG "THANK YOU"

What a great year it has been for CiCA. So much has happened and we have seen such miraculous provision and blessing over the last 12 months. There have been nail biting moments when we have wondered what would happen next - but we have seen the generosity and kindness of people expressed towards the work of CiCA, in so many ways.

The "BIG GIVE" campaign which we have taken part in for a number of years was again an exciting and stressful experience. And although our week of fundraising got off to a very slow start we did smash our £10,000 target which is incredible. Because of the faithfulness of pledgers and donors we raised over **£11,000**. This money will be used to support young people in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Kenya back into school and into Higher Education.

The "Big Give" campaign continues to support our fight against period poverty and it is great to be back in schools working to support, educate and inspire girls.

WHEN EDUCATING THE MINDS OF OUR YOUTH WE MUST NOT FORGET TO  
EDUCATE THEIR HEARTS  
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We were so grateful to have been able to travel to Zambia this November with our first team since covid. It was wonderful to be able to showcase the incredible work of CiCA and for them to meet the inspiring, hardworking and amazing Zambian team.

They were able to see first hand the developing sheltered accommodation "Travellers Rest" built to honour our elderly. They met our many children and heard their stories. We are so thankful to them for taking such an active interest in the work of CiCA. They were such a great team. On behalf of CiCA UK - a massive 'Thank you.'



In November we were able to distribute over 280 packs of reusable sanitary wear and pants. The smiles were enough to communicate the life changing effect this small gift will make to girls in Zambia.







## INTRODUCING OUR NEW TRUSTEES

We are grateful for the trustees who have walked the journey of CiCA UK with us so far. Judith Dillon and Lorraine Slater made the decision earlier this year to step down from the board and Sue and Tim Butcher (Tim has acted as our Chair of Trustees) will be stepping down from January. We are so grateful for their faithfulness and support over many years. They will continue to cheer us on from the sidelines as we move forward but feel it is time to hand on the baton.

We are excited to introduce our new board of trustees to you. We are encouraged by the wealth of experience they will bring and their willingness to serve CiCA in this next season.



**Erica Greaves**

Born & raised in Zimbabwe, Africa holds a tender place in my heart. I have seen the importance of CiCA's work and I'm delighted to be part of it. I moved to the UK 15 yrs ago to work as a missionary, serving in churches, and then going on to spend 13 years working for The Oakes Trust, a charity focused on communicating the gospel to children & young people. I met my husband Jonny there. In 2016 we felt God call us into urban ministry, and we moved into a nearby council estate, to begin community outreach. In 2020 we left the Oakes to give ourselves to the work in the community. Jonny, myself & our three children (Kai 8, Zac 6 & Sammy 4), continue to live and serve here full time in Jordanthporpe & Batemoor in Sheffield.



**Dan Richardson**

Zambia is a place close to my heart. I spent some of the best years of my life in Zambia - at school doing my GCSEs and A-Levels - so it's an unbelievable pleasure to be involved in Cica's work there and elsewhere. After coming back to the UK for university my itchy feet took me away again to work abroad for a number of years for various charities. I have finally settled in Sheffield with my wife, Oksana, and two children (Sophie and Zoe aged 5 and 8). Professionally, I work in Project Management for an engineering company.



**Olivia Butters**

Originally from Sheffield, I have been working as a water and sanitation manager offering humanitarian aid for the past 6 years. 5 of these were spent in Africa (predominantly Malawi) working on improved access to water supply for rural communities. As a result of my travels I am acutely aware of the need for continued prayer and support for communities like these and am excited to become a part of the CICA team.



*Thank you*