# Building Blocks

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## Training into Work

We recently whipped out our clipboards and were pleased to discover that *97% of our trainees since 2009 have continued to work in construction.*

From building a new house for their families to gaining contracts, trainees have been hard at work putting their skills to the test.

Our programme, ensures that all trainees leave with the skills to secure further work. Whilst most have undertaken private work, many are currently working on our 2011 building projects.

Former Kawama trainees Dameles, Daniel, Jenipher, Kelvin and Rensis have been hired at Twapia Secondary School as bricklayers. Aaron and Chola, also from Kawama, are now working at Chibolya Community School. Chola told us: *'Here, I am teaching the new trainees to make a block, to make a tile, and to build'.*

By early 2012, we will have trained 140 men and women to a nationally recognised trade qualification.

Aaron and Chola, former trainees

## Project Progress

Walls going up at Chibolya

In Chibolya, we are making good progress and the roof will soon go on at the new Community School. In October Build IT's Director Andrew Jowett, visited Chibolya and saw the levels of extreme poverty; very few residents have a regular source of income. 13 trainees from the community are developing their skills on site to help them find work in nearby Mazabuka, where there is a shortage of skilled labour.

All five of this year's projects are in full swing. At the new Nchute Health Clinic, over 20,000 blocks and tiles have been produced.

The walls are going up at the new clinic, which will have a dedicated maternity ward. The hard work will be well worth it as the clinic will serve 2,500 people, who currently have no access to health facilities.

We are expecting big celebrations from the dedicated community when the clinic opens next April!

Five new classrooms at Kaoma Community School and Phase 1 of Twapia Secondary school are all making progress and will be completed by early 2012.

Rensis , Kelvin and Daniel at Twapia

## Fundraisers Paradise

Climbing, swimming, cycling and running are just some of the ways our supporters have been helping to raise funds for our work.

Fred and Archie with Callistus, our Zambia Director

Youngsters Fred and Archie scaled the heights of the '3 peaks' of Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis and Snowdon over the summer, and raised over £800 for Build IT. Petra Mason also completed the Shrewsbury Triathlon in aid of our work.

Can you follow in their footsteps and support Build IT?

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# News Bites

### Rueben's Constitution

Congratulations to the Chair of our Zambia Board, Rueben Lufika, who has been tasked with working on Zambia's new constitution.

### Makangwe is Moving

The school now has solar power and the former trainees are building a new teacher's house.

### Audited Accounts

These can be downloaded from our website. Last year we grew by 79% - thanks to all who made this possible.

### Welcome Adam and Kaye

Adam Pahal and Kaye Chambers have joined the Build IT team. Adam will be focusing on communications and Kaye assisting with administration and finance.

# Going for Gold in 2012
## *with your support!*

The Olympic village may be finished but we are gearing up for another challenging year of building and training. 60 trainees will be recruited and after the rains we will be back on site at new projects in Zambia including:

1. Kawama Secondary School, Ndola – another new school to help to meet the huge demand for secondary education.

2. New orphanage facility for toddlers at Kaoma, many of whom suffer from HIV.

3. Classrooms for Fikoko Community School near Kapiri to replace stick and thatch classrooms and trigger more support from the Ministry of Education.

These projects alone will have a positive impact on over 3,000 people. We need your help to fund these important projects.

**Your gift could support:**

**£20** a trainee toolkit
**£60** 100 soil blocks
**£560** training one builder

**To find out how you can donate please contact us or visit our website.**

Children at Fikoko Community School

# Friends Reunited

Build IT's Charity Lubingo headed out to St. Agness Community School to check up on progress since we finished two new classrooms in 2010. Since then the school has gone from strength to strength.

What really makes us smile is seeing the community continuing to work together to further improve their school. The school is running adult literacy classes and the PTA wants to build more classrooms and another teacher's house. Head teacher Agness told us;

*'we have been sent three new trained teachers by the Ministry and an extra 150 pupils have arrived – I am happy because many of these children would have missed out on school.'*

Children in their new 'cool' classroom at St. Agness

This image is a QR code. Your Smartphone can download a free QR reader app and then scan this barcode to go directly to our new website. In future these codes will link to videos and photos from our projects.

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