

We shall be camping at the Kapishya Hot Spring, and cooking on open fires, during the project on a campsite about 2 kilometres from the school. We hope to have some of the local Scouts and Girls Brigade camping and working alongside our party.



The school is the heart of the local community and close cooperation between our party and the local community has already been established. As part of their commitment they will be providing all the

sand, crushed stone and organising the manufacture of about 20,000 bricks that will be required.



The project is costing in the region of £35,000 and is fully self funded by the members of the team. If you feel you could support us in any way we would be grateful for your kind gestures.

Please ask for further information about the project or visit our website

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Working in union with
Kapisha Middle Basic School
Kapisha
Shiwa Ng'andu
in the
Chinsali District of Northern Zambia

IX09 is an International Expedition being run by the Northumberland & Durham Girls Brigade in conjunction with Sunderland & Cleveland Scouts to Zambia in July/August 2009. It is mainly aimed at young members between the ages of 16 years and 20 years supervised by a team of leaders from both the Girls Brigade and the Scout Association.

The expedition will be taking the form of a Community Development project working in a rural community for the benefit of young people in the Northern Region of Zambia. It is hoped to have the local community and young people from the Girls Brigade and Scout Association working alongside our party.

The prime aim of the project is to significantly improve some aspects of the community whilst giving the young people from the party and the community the opportunity to explore diversity and build relationships.

Aims and Objectives of the expedition:

- To develop Scouts and Girls Brigade members from the UK,
 1. to have a deep appreciation of rural life in Zambia
 2. to be able to work together as a team, to understand different peoples needs, and to give support to all members of the team.
 3. to become leaders of the future.
 4. to become better leaders, and expedition leaders of the future.
- To complete a community project in a third world country, that substantially benefits the local community, which they can take ownership of the project.
- To develop Scouting and Girls Brigade in Northern Zambia.

The Province:

Chinsali District lies on the watershed between the Chambeshi River in the Congo basin and the Luangwa River in the Zambezi basin. The north eastern half of the district is a relatively flat plateau at about 1200-1300 metres. The south western half has an attractive landscape of granite hills with an elevation of 1500-1600 metres which includes the country estate of Shiwa Ng'andu. Within this estate there are some hot springs which we shall be using for our base campsite.



The Project:

Over the last twelve months Kapisha Middle Basic School has lost their Grade 8 and 9 pupils as they did not have available classrooms, consequently these children will have to walk 35 kilometres to school at the start of each week, returning home at the weekend. The school currently consists of two double classrooms and the work that will be completed whilst we are in the area is to construct two classrooms one of which will be able to be subdivided for use by the local community for a future computer room.

