

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LIVINGSTONE

ST. KIZITO PARISH

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Zambia



- *Rev. Fr. Jeffery Tembo (Parish Priest) with Mr. Anthoneil Emmanuel one of the beneficiaries during the donation at Kalisowe.(Picture by Peter Phiri)*

ST. Kizito Parish Report on the donations and items distributed to the most vulnerable communities in Sesheke (Kalisowe Community in Sesheke)



- *A leprosy patient who benefited from the donations*

This report will mainly focus on the following;

1. **Parish Profile**
2. **Project –Kalisowe**
3. **Finance report**
4. **Appreciation**
5. **Requests and recommendations**

1. **Parish Profile:**

ST. Kizito parish is situated in Sesheke district, 200km from the Catholic Diocese of Livingstone Headquarters in Livingstone, located in the Western part of the country and shares the boundary with Namibia. The Parish has an approximately a population of about 1,200 Catholics and it has 12 small Christian Communities and being serviced by the 2 Priests namely **Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Tembo** who is the Parish Priest and the diocesan Vicar General, an assistant Parish Priest is **Rev. Fr. Albert Shiman Kakoma**. The parish being rural has high levels of poverty with the majority being women and the youth who are unemployed. The parish has a number of lay organizations and among these the following; **Youth, Catholic Women Organization, Nazareth women, ST. Anna, Legion of Mary, Charismatic Renewal Movement, alter boys, flower girls, the choir and ST. Vincent De Paul Society.**

2. **Project Kalisowe:**

The name Kalisowe is a Lozi word meaning rejected, it is an area where for along time the place has been hosting the Leprosy patients, UN fortunately the place has continued being isolated hence the high poverty levels. When the parish received the donation from that side the first place that came up was assisting the people in the area going by the sufferings and the challenges the people face. The Parish Priest engaged the Society of ST. Vincent De Paul in the parish who carried out the distributions to the most need in the area. The following were the items purchased and distributed;



- ***Ms. Makole Sililo 65 years old, woman has been living with Leprosy condition for over a period of 20 years...holding some of the donated items(blanket, cooking oil and salt)(Picture by Peter Phiri)***



- ***Rev. Fr. Tembo (centre), Ms. Mate Situmbayeto, 81years with Ms. Penelope Kapanda (right) who represented the Bart family during the donations.(Picture by Peter Phiri)***

The old woman stays in a village called Simawewe and has no one taking care of her, she depends on the church, and she walks a distance of 4km every Sunday to attend Mass at ST. Kizito Parish which is her nearest parish. It takes her close to half a day to walk; she is however very committed to the church.



- *In the photo, the old lady being ushered in to her premises by one of the Society of ST. Vincent De Paul members before being presented with her gifts.(Picture by Peter Phiri)*

3. Finance Report:

The amount received by the parish was 2550.00 and was spent on the following items and services:

#	Item Description	QTY	Unity Price-(Kwacha)	Amount-(Kwacha)
1.	25kg Mealie meal	16	38.00	608.00
2.	750ml Cooking Oil	16	11.00	176.00
3.	1kg Salt	16	4.00	64.00
4.	3.6m Iron Sheets	05	80.00	400.00
5.	2kg Roofing Nails	2kg	25.00	50.00
6.	1kg Wire nails	1kg	19.00	19.00
7.	3kg wire nails	3kg	58.00	58.00

8. Blankets	10	68.00	680.00
9. Poles	20	8.00	160.00
10. Rafters-bundles	06	10.00	60.00
11. Dunlops rolls	25	1.00	25.00
12. Wall plates	06	10.00	60.00
13. Sending mail, printing and postage of hard copy.			50.00
14. Fuel for the vehicle			140.00
		Total Expenses	2,550.00



- *ST. Vincent De Paul Society team members with Fr. Tembo (left) chats with Ms. Namatama Sakufiwa, (76years) who benefited from the donations.(Picture by Peter Phiri)*



- ***This is one of the houses at Kalisowe village and here lives a couple which have been together for over 40 years but have no children due to their status- Leprosy patients. In the picture, the team led by Rev. Fr.Tembo gives out some donated items to the couple. With more support, plans are under way to assist putting up a shelter for the couple. (Pictures by Peter Phiri)***

The ST. Vincent De Paul members who were involved during the distributions of the donated items were the following; Mr. Kanyanta(Parish President),Mr. Timothy Nyundo(Secretary), Mr. Dominic Okesha Muyunda(vice Secretary), Ms. Lillian Mukinga(Trustee), Mr. Samuel Mukwe(Deanery President), Mr. Peter Phiri(Deanery Secretary). Also in the entourage was Ms. Penelope Kapanda representing the Bart family and one of the parishioners.



- ***A couple at Kalisowe village- the couple benefited from the donations, in the picture is Rev. Fr. Tembo. (Picture by Peter Phiri).***



- *The Priest's vehicle carrying some of the items during the donations. (Picture by Peter Phiri).*

4. Appreciation:

As a parish and on behalf of the people who benefited from the donation, we wish to send our sincere gratitude for the generosity towards the donation which indeed has gone a long way in trying to assist the vulnerable at this Kalisowe (Leprosy) community, as a parish we truly appreciate the support rendered to the beneficiaries and we are very happy to report that the beneficiaries appreciated the support.