

## Vocational Training ... The Story So Far

After waiting for three years the vocational training centre at Ngolowindo Primary School is in full swing. Back in 2015 the Government were encouraging primary schools to teach skills to the students so that if they were not able to pass their exams and therefore not be able to go to secondary school, they would have a skill to enable them to start a trade to earn a living.

The UK team which visited in 2015 found the school to be in a mess, with no secure workshop and no tools or vocational training teaching.



Materials were stored poorly

Following that visit the school turned one of the classrooms into a secure workshop with two lockable inner rooms; one to store materials for teaching carpentry and construction and the other to store the tools.

However, although the Government said that tools would be sent to the school to allow the teaching to be done, none arrived after two years. When a team from Starfish visited the school in 2017 they were inspired by the idea of vocational training but were really concerned about the lack of tools.

When back in the UK they contacted Tools With a Mission (TWAM) to see if they would be able to help. We were delighted that TWAM were very willing to support this project and donated a huge number of tools, along with some other tools coming from other sources. These tools were sent out in 2018.



Tools ready for shipment from UK



Tools arrived at the school, being sorted

In 2018 the UK team were able to formally hand over the tools ready for the teaching to begin in the Autumn term. Skills officer, McJohnson Chituzu was overjoyed at receiving these and has now transformed one of the badly kept rooms into a tools store.



2015



Tools store

2018

The first term saw 30 students, boys and girls, being taught in the skills of carpentry, building construction and electrical installation. They have all done practical work and have made various items.



A new work bench for use in school



A Lectern made and given to a local church

We trust that this centre will be a real source of growth in confidence for the students who are on the course and that we can expand the work in the years ahead.

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