



Waterberry Zambezi Lodge supports a number of educational projects in our neighbouring villages. Our emphasis is on working together with these communities to develop and improve opportunities for the local population.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela

“It takes a village to raise a child.” African Proverb



We aim to empower, facilitate and guide educational developments in our local communities. We assist them with resources, salaries, training and development. To us, it's about supporting the communities, enabling them to grow and thrive. Guest donations help us work towards this and are used in areas as diverse as teachers' salaries, teacher training, building materials, supplies, resources, food, text books and even school outings e.g. to Victoria Falls.

We work together with the teachers at several schools to encourage more use of the creative materials donated by guests. This involves moving away from traditional learning by rote/copying to a more pre/primary school suited style; learning by doing, playing, participating and exploring.

We employ George as our local project administrator. He is from the community and is on the ground liaising between all the projects, the community and the lodge. Currently we are paying the salaries of 40 teachers and school support staff, all of whom live in the villages, and we are committed to helping develop the educational opportunities of the young people in the area.

Our work takes place as a collaboration between Tukongote Community Liaison Staff, the lodge, teachers, parents and community members, ensuring that all projects undertaken are beneficial, supported, understood and with the best interests of the villagers at heart.



Tukongote School

Our core support is for Tukongote School. Waterberry's involvement in educational projects began in 2009 with the sponsorship of a preschool teacher in our closest village. Her role was to teach the young children aged 3 - 6 who could not walk the 10km to the then nearest school. Classes were held in the old mud and pole church building. This was initiated by the community and our involvement was to support their efforts. Waterberry agreed to start supporting the teacher and helping with resources. Tukongote Community Preschool was born. The village chose the name "Tukongote" which describes the open billed storks as they fly off together in formation. Waterberry has now adopted this name as the umbrella for all its community projects.



At the end of 2011 the church collapsed in the rainy season. They moved sites to the present location and the preschool moved too. They used one of the mud store buildings belonging to the church. During 2012/2013 many lessons were held outside. The number of children kept increasing and we employed another teacher. In 2014 Tukongote Preschool got its first building. A joint effort between Waterberry and the community saw a mud and pole preschool built on church land. The classrooms were used even before they were finished. By now we had over 70 pupils and 3 fulltime teachers and an administrator. Rural preschool education is a relatively new concept in Zambia, and we are still seeing the interest and school attendance steadily growing as villagers realise the importance of this first step on the educational ladder.

Over time we realised that the school was too small and ill equipped for so many children. In 2016, we made a commitment to invest in the building of a purpose-built preschool for Tukongote. A generous personal donation from two of Waterberry's owners, Rob and Tessa, allowed this dream to become a reality. We bought land in the village with the consent of the headman with the long-term vision of providing a primary school, study centre and skills training for the entire community. In October 2016 we held a ground-breaking ceremony for the preschool building, which was a lot of fun with songs and dances from the preschool children and also reading demonstrations from some of the local primary school children. Over the course of five months we watched in wonder as our new preschool took shape.



We officially opened on 21st March 2017. The preschool has three bright and cheerful classrooms, an outside classroom and learning area, kitchen and feeding shelter and, of course, ablutions. As the headman said in his speech at the ground-breaking ceremony, just a few years ago the young children of his village could not speak any English, the national language of Zambia, and they had nothing to do and nowhere to learn. Now in our new preschool we are able to offer up to 75 children the chance of three years of creative, holistic, fun and free pre-schooling in what is probably the brightest school in Zambia. As BB King said, "The greatest thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."



We now employ six teachers at the Preschool, two per class, and have helped them with a full and clear curriculum to ensure they are covering all the important areas of learning. We are encouraging them to teach with much of their focus on play, participation and exploration. The change has been stunning. Each classroom is full of colourful educational displays, books and toys, with a learning area, playing area and reading corner/quiet area. Even the canteen and the toilet blocks are brightly decorated! For the vast majority of Zambians their only experience of school is learning by rote in bare, overcrowded and run-down rooms. Here they have been overwhelmed by the colours and decorations. On the day of opening the whole village turned out to sing, dance and have a look. There were huge smiles all round.



We give the children food at mid morning break everyday which improves their concentration and their performance in class. This is possible thanks to guest donations which pay for the food and three cooks. The meal is usually a local "porridge" made from maize enriched with groundnuts and sugar supplemented with bananas and eggs several times a week.



In 2018 we opened a Grade One class and Tukongote officially began its journey as a Primary School. The 25 children from the top class preschool in 2017 moved a little way up river but still on the same site. They actually have a Zambezi river view from their classroom. We employed two new teachers and built the Grade Two classroom ready for 2019, when in January 2019 it was filled with our first Grade Two class. In January 2020 we opened Grade Three. Each year until 2024 we will be adding a new Grade until we have a full primary school up to Grade Seven. This is one of our long term commitments to our community.



Each class has two teachers allowing us to separate the pupils in certain subjects, as well as providing more employment opportunities for young local people. Parity and Naomi focus on improving the literacy levels of the five to seven-year olds. The Primary classrooms are also bright, cheerful and stimulating. We have based our curriculum on the Zambian syllabus with some of our own creative additions. They even have their own playground, which they love, especially the swings!



Over the course of 2018 we realised that we needed to increase the time the primary school children are at school. So, beginning in January 2019 they now stay into the afternoon. We provide them with a cooked lunch each day. In the morning they concentrate on the more academic subjects and after lunch it's time for the creative subjects and clubs. We have a focus on sports, art, environment and culture. On Friday afternoons you can hear the sound of the drums echoing around the school as pupils and teachers are found dancing and singing, ensuring the traditional local songs, dances and stories are passed down to the next generation.



If you take one of our village walks you will pass by Tukongote. If it is a weekday morning or early afternoon in term time, you will have the chance to interact with the children and staff. If you would like to spend a full morning/day at the school, working hands on with the teachers and kids, this can also be arranged. Please speak to one of our office staff. The whole Tukongote team loves having visitors.



As of January 2020, we have 150 pupils and 25 staff at Tukongote.



School Outings

We love to take our primary school pupils on outings, as this is a great way to learn outside the classroom. In June 2019 we took our Grade One class to Victoria Falls. We visited the bridge, walking across to Zimbabwe so they could pick up a stone from another country to take home. They were absolutely fascinated by the 'crazy' people we saw bungee jumping. At Victoria Falls they loved the feeling of spray on their faces and were mesmerised by the rainbows. Afterwards we had a picnic of chicken and chips on the grass at the local railway museum. They were able to climb on some of the old trains and learn about them from the guide. To finish up the day and to tie in to their learning about transport, we went to the viewing area at Livingstone Airport. We timed it just right to see planes landing and taking off. Even the teachers (and bus driver) were there for the first time and were fascinated, having dozens of questions.



They loved the playground at the railway museum, were shocked by the bungee jumpers, were excited at the mirrors and the taps with running water in the toilets and slightly scared by walking down the big flight of stairs at the airport (no stairs in the village!). It was a day of pure joy. On trips like these memories for life are made.

In July 2019 it was the turn of our Grade Two class. We headed into the Mosi Oa Tunya National Park for a game drive. It really was an amazing experience for pupils and teachers alike. Despite living in a country full of stunning wildlife most Zambian children will never have the opportunity to go game viewing. We saw zebra, buffalos, giraffes, warthogs, wildebeest, impala, elephants and many beautiful birds. The highlight was being allowed to take the whole class to see the ten remaining white rhinos in Zambia which live in our park. Our children are among the privileged few to get close to these magnificent and endangered animals. It's a great way to get them thinking about the important of conservation. During the drive our guides told us many interesting facts about the animals and the necessity of protecting them and their habitat.



After a quick refreshment stop by the river we headed to the next part of our adventure, a cruise on the Mighty Zambezi. The kids loved the boat and we spotted hippos, crocodiles and more elephants. We had a picnic, sang songs, took photos and enjoyed messing about on the river. We were able to link our day out with the Grade Two curriculum where they learn about animal classes and how to identify them. On the bus on the way back to school the kids were continuously listing all the animals they had seen. They were anxious to get home so they could go and tell their families about the best day ever!



Study Centre and Community Library

In 2018 we opened our brand-new study centre for the entire community. It consists of three rooms. One is a community library which opened in June 2018. The 27,000 books we received in February from the Books2Africa organisation in the UK had been patiently waiting in their boxes for May to arrive. Sue and Susan, friends of Tukongote from Aberdeen, who also happen to be librarians, came to help. In the two weeks they were here they assisted us in setting up our library as well as training young people in library skills. We went from this to this in fourteen days.



With all these stages in between!!



Tukongote now has an excellent library facility for all our teachers, staff, students and the wider community to use. Sophia, who we sponsored to complete her education, is the new librarian, assisted by Precious, another young girl we helped finish High School. We had an open day for all the teachers before the library officially opened and ran induction sessions for all grades from Siandunda Primary School. We also held workshops to guide our own teachers on how to get the best out of this amazing resource. In Zambia such a library is a very rare thing indeed! Guests from Waterberry who go on a village walk always comment on how amazing and surprising it is to find such a super library in a rural area. We agree!!

Teachers, students and general readers are all making use of the books. It's particularly useful for research projects for older students and for teachers. Our very own Grade One, Two and Three pupils have two library sessions a week



and love exploring the books. They are going to grow up being used to having books in their lives, learning to read for fun as well as for purpose.

During the school holidays, we hold tuition classes with pupils from Grades Seven, Nine and Twelve coming from far and wide to get extra revision before their big exams at the end of the year. In many of the lessons our teachers use small group work and set the children projects where they have to make use of the library. This is very encouraging to see and a big step away from the learning by rote that is all too common in Zambia.



Sophia keeps the library in order and Precious runs extra literacy classes for the younger students from Siandunda Primary who are still finding difficulties with reading. It's fantastic to see both girls working with us and giving back to their community after being helped by Tukongote themselves. Precious is the daughter of Webby who takes most of our guests on village walks. Susan, his other daughter, attends some of the extra classes, so it's a real family affair!



There is a reading room where we offer different kinds of reading classes and clubs. Happy Readers is one of the reading schemes we use. It was developed in Zimbabwe to help children to learn to read at any age and to encourage children to progress in reading. The third room is a multi-purpose classroom used for tuition classes in many subjects, including Maths. We have employed a local young man, Jacob, who completed an educational diploma in town but comes from this community, to oversee the development and implementation of all aspects at the study centre. The interest from the community has been great.



The Study Centre runs classes five days a week for all ages, focussing on literacy and numeracy. Many of the students from Siandunda Primary come for extra lessons before or after they go for school. We have built five reading pods next to the study centre to cater for the high numbers and also to allow people to use the library more effectively.

Particularly popular are the Adult Literacy classes. The number of mothers of our students who have come to learn to read is astonishing. We wish the best of luck to everyone who is taking this opportunity to improve their own lives through education. We also assist adults to rewrite some of their primary and secondary exams. And over time this project will develop into a skills centre to offer more and more opportunities to the local population.

Our Teachers

Almost all of our teachers come from the local villages. They all work with dedication and passion to help educate the next generation. Not many had had the chance to obtain any formal teaching qualifications. In 2016, Tukongote made the commitment to send nine of our teachers to teacher training college in Livingstone for three years. This is possible because they offer part time diploma courses, recognised by the Ministry of Education, for teachers who are working.



Three times a year, during school holidays, the teachers spent a month in town at college, returning in term time to teach and complete their assignments. They all successfully completed their course in December 2018.

We are equally proud of all our teachers and support staff for their hard work and dedication to their jobs and the children in their care. The biggest cost we have in the daily running of our schools is the cost of salaries. Without teachers and staff, we cannot run the schools or other projects.

The cost of supporting a teacher for a year is around £1800 / \$2325. This is £600 / \$775 per term. If you think you could make a contribution towards a teacher's salary please ask to speak to one of our Community Projects staff.

Siandunda Community Primary School



In January 2013 the UK charity, Comic Relief, organised the "Red Nose Hell and High-Water Challenge" which saw celebrities paddling down our portion of the Zambezi to raise money for the charity. They made a stop at Siandunda, our closest village, and subsequently funding was allocated to build a primary school there. Previously the children had to walk 8-12 km to the nearest school. The building project was managed by ZOCS (Zambia Open Community Schools) and the school opened in June 2014. The Comic Relief funding only provided the building. Although the school is registered with the Zambian Ministry of Education, little assistance is offered by them and they only provide two paid teachers. As a result, the school is now managed and run by a committee from the local community, supported by Tukongote. Guest donations allow us to pay seven full time "community" teachers a stipend and help them with necessary repairs, for example fixing their water pump.

The school began in 2014 with Grades 1 to 4 and each year another Grade has been added. They are currently up to Grade 7, with 300 pupils aged 6 – 16, they have both morning and afternoon sessions. In 2016 we assisted them to complete a third classroom to cater for their growing numbers. In

2018, with help from Tukongote, they successfully registered as a Grade Seven exam centre, meaning in October 2019 the first government exams took place in the village.

Big Tree & Liyemo Community Preschools

We also support two other preschools in neighbouring villages. They were started independently by community members who saw a need and were motivated to act. They used their own initiative to give their young children the chance of a preschool education. Only once they were up and running did Tukongote join as a partner. Over the past few years we have been able to provide them both with a permanent classroom and ablutions. We support them with teachers' stipends, books, resources, uniforms and feeding programs as well as some teacher training. Both schools have seen the numbers steadily growing over time and our commitment to them has increased. We are also assisting them with introducing creative learning.



Liyemo Preschool

In 2017, in partnership with a small charity called Building Botswana, we constructed a new preschool at Kamatanda village. Their mud and pole building was becoming too crowded and didn't allow for the creative learning we are trying to encourage. The local community named it "Liyemo", meaning "place where we stay" in Lozi. It's built with all the same ideas in mind as Tukongote. The space is bright, interactive and encourages the children to want to come to school.



Since opening on Independence Day in October 2017 the number of children enrolling has increased and this year we opened with 45. The opening ceremony was a community event with lots of dancing and singing as well as a local traditional dancer, who seemed to scare some of the littlest kids! Thanks to a generous guest donation we are able to provide them with school uniform polo shirts and there is a feeding program at mid-morning break.



Another guest, a mural artist from the USA, donated her time and this beautiful mural that now brightens up the school even more. The community have even started using the space in the afternoons for adult literacy classes, where many of the mothers of the preschool pupils are coming to learn to read and write.



Big Tree Preschool

In 2019 thanks to an amazing grant from Texel Foundation we were able to replace the crumbling and cramped mud classroom at Big Tree with a bright, airy and colourful building, which contains a big indoor class, a large veranda for outside teaching and a store room. We were also able to build ablutions and a school canteen as well as equip the school and buy the uniforms. Amazingly, thanks to our fantastic team, the entire



project was completed in a couple of months. The school closed term two 2019 in the mud building and opened term three in their brand-new home.

We had a small opening ceremony for the community to celebrate. There was lots of singing, dancing, drumming and happiness. Hilda, who started the school in 2013, after seeing the young children in her village couldn't walk the distances to the nearest preschools, was over the moon. She couldn't stop smiling and in her speech at the opening she said she felt like she was still sleeping and in a dream. As Christopher the headman said. "Today my body is full of joy." The children look beautiful in their emerald green T-shirts of which they are immensely proud. The school looks stunning inside and out, the centre piece being a beautiful baobab tree painted by Dennis in honour of the tree the school is named after. Big Tree is now a very special and unique place for the young people of this community to learn, to grow and to play.



High School Student Sponsorships

It is very difficult for children from the villages to continue their education after completing primary school. The first hurdle is the fact that there are no nearby secondary schools, meaning the children need accommodation away from home. That coupled with the need to pay relatively high (by Zambian standards) school fees, the uniform, book requirements and transportation, means that many children are forced to stop their schooling. We are currently supporting 50 students from our nearby villages with their secondary education.

We sponsor them to attend boarding school at Kazungula High. This is 40km from Waterberry. Providing them with board and lodging as well as their education means that they are safe and taken care of. There is no danger of them being forced to work in relatives' homes and they are given plenty of time to study. In 2017 we sponsored two very bright pupils from Mandia Primary School, about 15km from Waterberry, to attend Kazungula High. Thanks to two families who have pledged to sponsor them, both Josephine (L) and Gift (R) have been given the chance to stay at school until Grade Twelve. They both passed Grade Nine exams with flying colours in 2018 and are now in Grade Eleven.



By western standards the school costs are low, approximately £210 / \$270 per term, this includes board and lodging as well as school supplies, uniforms, all exam fees, school outings and transport to and from school. There are three terms in a Zambian school year which begins in January.

After writing about Gift and Josephine in one of our 2017 newsletters the response was overwhelming, and in January 2018, 27 students received fully paid five-year sponsorships. Each January we add more. Kazungula High now has 50 “Tukongote” kids. If you think you could help give a bright child from an underprivileged family the chance to continue with their education, please speak to our Community Project Staff.

There are so many intelligent children who are unable to continue their education into secondary school because of lack of funds as well as lack of access. We are giving them a chance they otherwise wouldn't have. We partner with the teachers at local primary schools to identify children who have potential but are from poor family backgrounds. Ideally, we would like to sponsor children all the way to Grade 12, which is five years of senior level education. Obviously, this is only dependent on them doing well, working hard and passing their exams.

We get all of the young people who have been given a sponsorship together at Tukongote before the start of a new school year to give them, and their parents, information about the sponsorship, going to boarding school and Gift even gives them a talk about what to expect!

Each sponsor writes a short introduction about themselves and sends a photo, so the child, and their family, know who is giving them this opportunity. We encourage communication between the sponsors and students, so one of the many things they do on this day is write a letter to their sponsor and have their photo taken. We hope that the partnership we are building with Kazungula High will be long term and that every year we can offer bright, young people from vulnerable backgrounds in our local communities the chance to complete their education.

We were also lucky enough to be able to donate several thousand books to Kazungula High. In our shipment for the library there were many high school level text books in multiple copies. Their library was quite bare so we were very happy to share the books with them.



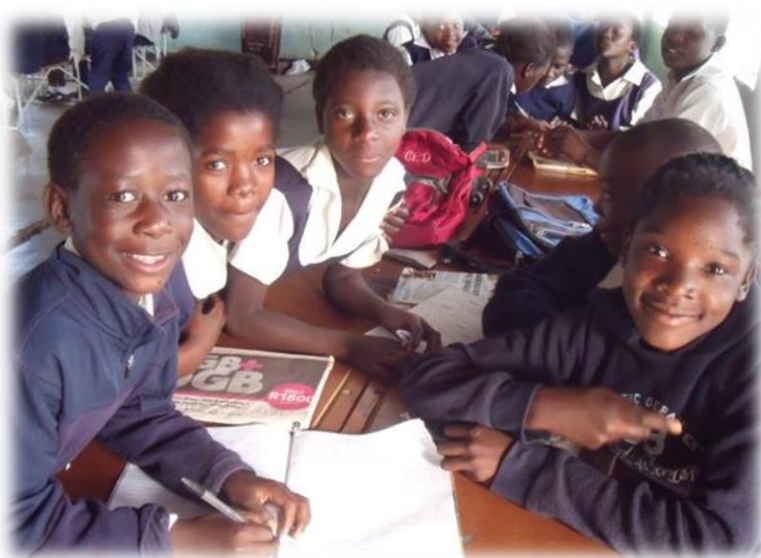
One project we introduced in 2017 focuses on menstrual health for schoolgirls.

**Imagine missing 20% of
your education because you are a girl...
... a girl without sanitary pads.**

**This is the harsh reality for thousands of girls and
young women in Zambia.**

Tukongote Community Projects wants to offer young girls in our local schools the chance to remain in class even during their monthly periods. Traditionally, girls just use rags which often leak, forcing them to remain home to escape shame and embarrassment. We wish to provide girls with a locally made kit of reusable, washable, eco-friendly pads which will enable them to continue with their everyday life even during their monthly cycle.

A donation of just £20/\$25 will buy a pad kit, panties and fund an educational project to help girls understand what is happening to their bodies. This kit will last at least 2 years. So, for less than £1/\$1.25 a month, you can help a girl live life to her full potential and give her the freedom to continue learning.



Freedom Pads Project

Begun in May 2017, the success of this project has been astronomical. We originally planned to raise money to help support the 100 girls at Siandunda Primary to keep going to school even during their monthly cycle. By the end of 2019 we had raised enough to help 1200 girls!! And have distributed the kits to 12 nearby rural schools. We are now making repeat visits to these schools to ensure that this is a sustainable and long-term project.

Giving a girl a "Freedom Pads Kit" is a life changing gift. There is no access to sanitary products in the villages and also often no money for buying even the most basic protection. Sophia and Mirriam, two of the young ladies that work at Tukongote have become ambassadors of this projects. They go to the schools and deliver an educational workshop to the girls before distributing the kits. The success has been amazing. The girls are so happy and grateful and are no longer afraid to come to school at that time of the month. The kits are packaged in a bright but secure bag which enables them to keep the contents private. Teachers at all the schools we have distributed to have commented on the improvement of the girls' attendance and also confidence. The female teachers are also given a kit.

We partner with another Zambian charity called "Project Luangwa" based about 1000km away near South Luangwa in Eastern Province. The Ufulu (Freedom) Pads Project produce the actual pads, which are made by Zambian women. So, in buying from them we are supporting another worthy cause. We then package them into a kit with underwear, some literature, a flannel and the very popular "Girl Power" wristband, all put together in a bright chitenge fabric bag. There is still a lot of taboo about the subject of menstruation in rural communities so the kits come with a "secret washing line" enabling the girls to dry their washed pads in privacy.

In the West it's hard to imagine something so basic being unreachable but here it's a reality. For a relatively (by Western Standards) small sum of money, a girl's life can be changed and she can have the opportunity to feel the freedom, continue her education and reach her full potential.



How can you help us to continue supporting these educational projects?

There are many ways in which you can support Tukongote Community Projects. You can keep in touch by leaving your email on the form found in this file or by sending an email to community@waterberrylodge.com. We send out a quarterly newsletter with all the latest updates. We are currently in the process of building a website. You can also follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/waterberrycommunityprojects.

Making a donation

Buying anything from our community shop which is located next to the office, near reception at the lodge, automatically supports our projects, as all profits go directly to Tukongote. You can leave a cash donation at reception in the envelope found in your room, or alternatively add a donation to your invoice. We hold school bank accounts in Zambia and the UK. Once off donations or recurring direct debits can be paid in here. We have a Paypal account under community@waterberrylodge.com which has become a very popular way of donating.

We are a registered UK charity which allows us to collect Gift Aid on donations from UK tax payers. We are registered as Waterberry Community Projects Limited (UK Charity Commission Reg No 1186151.) Please let us know if your donation is Gift Aid Eligible. For our donors from the United States, we have partnered with Generosity in Action (GIA) enabling you to make donations that are tax exempt in the US. Generosity in Action is a designated fund at Philanthropic Ventures Foundation a qualified 501(c)(3) organization. Several other projects that we know work with GIA/PVF, including Project Luangwa where we source our Freedom Pads. You may send cheques to PVF or you can make donations on-line using their relationship with Network for Good. Details on how to donate are on their page on the GIA website at www.generosityinaction.org/Tukongote. More details of all the ways to donate are available on request.

All donations made to Tukongote Community Projects go directly to support and extend the educational programmes in our local villages. Whatever amount, big or small, every Pound / Dollar / Kwacha etc. really helps to make a difference. Below are some examples of how we may use your donation:

- **£15/\$20** – Pays for an educational tour for a pupil. E.g. to Victoria Falls.
- **£20/\$25** – Buys a washable kit of sanitary pads to allow a girl to not miss school.
- **£75/\$100** – Provides a mid-morning snack for 150 kids for a week.
- **£400/\$520** - Pays for lunch for 75 children and 25 teachers for a month
- **£630/\$800** – Sponsors a child for a year at Kazungula Boarding High School.
- **£1800/\$2325** – A teacher's salary for a year.



Sending resources or gifts

We are always grateful for any resources, supplies or gifts that are donated. School stationery and art supplies are distributed among the pre and primary schools. Art supplies allow the teachers to explore much more creative ways of teaching and most resources are not available to buy here. Teaching aids, posters, games and flashcards suitable for preschool and the first four levels of primary school are also extremely useful. Picture, story and educational books, musical instruments, Duplo and Lego blocks, footballs and soft toys are other suggestions. Please ask for a copy of our gift suggestion list or discuss with the Tukongote Project staff if you would like more information. We recommend that gifts are sent out by courier. For a slower and not very reliable but more affordable option you may use normal postal parcel service but this can be a very frustrating experience. Please label all parcels – educational material and gift or donation, as this helps them clear customs.

If you choose courier DHL have a reliable office in Livingstone and a good parcel tracking system. The Parcel Monkey and Parcel2go websites in the UK also work well and are often very good value. Please address couriered parcels to Michael Voack, Waterberry Zambezi Lodge, Livingstone, Zambia. There is no postal code so you may have to invent one! Please include the following contact details 00260 974 794444 / community@waterberrylodge.com.

Courier parcels take a week to ten days to arrive. Parcels sent by normal post can take anywhere from four weeks to six months to arrive, sometimes longer, regardless of what your post office says! (There are usually delays in Lusaka where the parcels have to clear customs.) Sometimes they just get “lost” for a while and other times take years to arrive and sometimes never arrive! Hence why we prefer courier!!

Our postal address is Michael Voack. Waterberry Zambezi Lodge, P.O.Box 61294, Livingstone, Zambia. There is no postal code, so you may have to invent one! Please include the phone number and email address above.

If you go on a village walk you are welcome to take photos. The children and villagers love to see themselves, so we really encourage you to post copies of photos to the address above. Photos of the school are displayed and village photos handed out. Please do not email hundreds of them as we have insufficient bandwidth to download, but if you have a few favourites that you wouldn't mind us using on Facebook or in our newsletters, please email them to community@waterberrylodge.com.

We are very passionate about the villages, the residents, the projects and, in particular, the children. Many of our staff reside in these villages and their children attend the schools we support. We would love you to visit them and see the projects in action. We hope that by witnessing Tukongote projects on the ground you will be as inspired as we are by the children and their enthusiasm to learn.

**We thank you for your interest in, and support of,
Tukongote Community Projects.**





Gift Suggestion List

We are always trying to make our school lessons more creative and hands on for the children. We want to encourage interactive learning with an emphasis on arts and crafts. However, many of the resources we love to use are not available to buy here. If you are thinking of bringing along/sending something for our children you can use the guidelines below:

- Good quality wax crayons
- Small scissors
- Glue sticks / small bottles of PVA glue
- Individual whiteboards/whiteboard markers
- Brightly coloured card / paper
- Children's paints
- Stickers
- Art & Craft supplies (feathers / pipe cleaners etc)
- Lego / Duplo / Building blocks
- Soft toys
- Footballs / pumps / Sports equipment
- Toy cars - large and small
- Colouring books
- Abacuses
- Workbooks that we can photocopy
- Flashcards
- Items to play with in sand/water pits
- Coloured items for sorting/counting/threading
E.g. Cotton Reels, large beads, buttons



For the Study Centre

- Board games e.g. Connect 4 / Jenga / Chess
- Jigsaws / puzzles
- Card games e.g. Uno / Happy Families
- Books by African Authors
- Southern African Nature Guidebooks

For older children we sponsor:

- Dictionaries
- School rucksacks
- Maths sets
- Scientific Calculators (should have solar power)

And finally, for the village knitting clubs:

- Wool / Knitting and sewing needles

Thank you for your support and interest in Tukongote Community Projects



VISIT THE TUKONGOTE COMMUNITY SHOP.

You can support our projects by visiting our community shop located at the office/reception at the lodge. All profits from items sold are donated to Tukongote and go directly to the educational projects in our nearby villages. Many of the items are made in these villages and most others are made locally. You can visit our projects if you take a village walk or ask to speak to one of our Community Projects Staff, if you would like more information. We also sell a range of Gift Vouchers in support of Tukongote Projects.

