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Editorial

Lukamantano and beyond.

Lukamantano Village, the biggest jewel in our crown, is now joined by a second (in size, not importance) project, the "family house" in Luanshya. There is a lot to be done for both. The projects will be finished only when they have achieved financial autonomy, at least in large part. In this respect, we are still far from the finish line. But we are on track, as those who work in the various projects are aware of their strength, and most importantly, are aware that their future depends mostly on their ability to support themselves independently. In addition to the ever essential continuous improvement of projects underway, the solution will depend on the improved use of farming potential, and, most importantly, on the growing ability to create income by the people we help (of which we are glimpsing early signs). It's wonderful to see the creation of small projects recreating what we've done. Though in Lukamantano we have a large piece of land that allows us to develop farming on it, this is not the case for Luanshya, where the property is small, enough only for the house with the eighteen children, two mothers and a playground. To obtain more land, we submitted an application to the government for an area to be granted us in Luanshya for crops and farm animals to feed our children and generate income. The fact that Lukamantano and Luanshya still need organizing efforts and investments

should not make us avoid starting new initiatives, with the proper prudence.

We're not considering a new Lukamantano Village, but rather, we want to help, with advice and loans, others who can start up projects whose purpose coincides with ours. Some projects are already in the works, some have already started, others are in the start-up phase and others in the planning phase. Below we will only list them briefly. In future newsletters, we will describe them in detail.

Youth Project. Started last year, new members will be young people who completed the twelfth level in December, thanks to our scholarships.

School in Mont Zion. Mont Zion is a village east of Lusaka past the airport, where our Sisters manage the House of Novices and Postulants. This area includes buildings, one of which could be restored to be a school for children in the local area. **Healthcare in Cameroon.** Our friend, Dr. Paolo Marelli, after 15 years in Zambia, during which he very successfully managed the hospital in Chirundu, decided to respond to a request to set up and manage a hospital for the poor in Cameroon. We need hardly say how much we admire people like him. Not to mention, Paolo went to Cameroon three months ago with his wife Chiara, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last October 15. Some of Paolo's friends have committed financial support. Thanks to them, PAMO will be able to open a specific project to purchase equipment and other needs.

DOR projects. The congregation of the Sisters who manage our projects needs to start up farming and livestock projects to meet their needs and to help the poor who turn to them. We are studying how to help them in their projects without hurting our existing projects.

Tomato project. We are exploring the possibility, with a potential partner, of using part of our farming land not only for growing tomatoes, but to process them as well. For the time being, we are only in a preliminary study phase. If the possibility becomes more concrete, we will give more details.

**PAMO wishes you
a peaceful Christmas and
a happy New Year**



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Zambia Flash



Distance adoption

There are currently 46 vulnerable children involved in the program (22 boys and 24 girls). Some are HIV positive and undergoing antiretroviral treatment. On Saturday, November 27, we had a gathering

with all these children and the people with whom they live. It was a chance to exchange Christmas greetings, dance and enjoy a big lunch together.

A party for Zambia in Varese

For several years, Elmec employees and their families



have been gathering for a big party. This year, because of an increase in the number of employees, the party was held in Brunello, where the beautiful new headquarter was recently opened. As Elmec's personnel is young, on average, there were many children playing excitedly, adding lots of cheer to the party. It is important to remember that the Elmec company bears all of the costs for the Lukamantano School.



Charity auction for PAMO

Claudio Cermelli, a master goldsmith, was also an expert in the art of bonsai. Due to his

too early death, his wife Daniela and his son Marco chose to celebrate him by donating to PAMO and to an orphanage in Novi Ligure the proceeds of an auction that put up an entire collection of his bonsai works. The 3rd International Conference of the School of the Art of Bonsai in Ghemme, in early September, was the occasion for a silent auction where Claudio's bonsai sculptures were bought by many connoisseurs. We thank Daniela and Marco for their generosity, and we will always remember Claudio, who helped us often in the past as well.

Unitalsi's "chestnut festival" for PAMO

On October 24 at Castello Cabiaglio in Varese, Unitalsi organized a

chestnut festival for World Missionary Day, giving donations and lottery proceeds to PAMO's projects in Zambia. It was a wonderful day with many moving moments, such as when the choir sang African songs during the Mass. Once again, we have the "L'Albero" association to thank for recommending us to Unitalsi's managers.



Christmas baskets

Christmas baskets for the children of Lukamantano School. Again this year, the husband and wife Clemente and Marisa Ballerio - better known, at Lukamantano Village, as "grandfather Mene



and grandmother Marisa" - gave all the children of Lukamantano School a gift basket with food, including a chicken, so they can spend a happy Christmas with their families.



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In the press



Alberto Banal was born in Trentino, completed classical studies in Verona and graduated in philosophy from the University of Milan. He is newly retired after being a sales director and a publisher. He spends long periods living in Brazil in the state of Pereira, where he volunteers to develop projects to help black communities and for children in the "favelas". He visited us at Guantanamo Village, visiting some villages where

they have similar physical features and customs to those of some black communities in Brazil formed by freed slaves. We can read his account of the trip at: www.ilmiobrasile.net, from the home page opening the sections: In Africa pensando al Brasile [In Africa, Thinking about Brazil] and "PAMO onlus chiama Zambia" [PAMO Calls Zambia] We hope to be able to visit him in return.

Coming up in the next issue...

2010 was the most active election year for new African democracies in the last 50 years. Citizens of 48 out of 53 countries were called to the polls, including in countries where there were dramatic political situations until recently. So, is everything going well for democracy, then? Actually, this year more than ever, tainted election, no real alternatives and frequent violent harassment of political opponents raised concerns and criticisms from many quarters about the effectiveness of democracy and its suitability to the situation in Africa. One of the most debated questions is whether or not there is a direct correlation between democracy and development. In other words, whether democracy, at least in the medium term, is the only economic model that can ensure growth and prosperity for a nation, and whether other models, including non-Western ones, are not proving otherwise. We feel that the issue is so delicate that it deserves more in-depth thought. We will focus on it in next issue's editorial.

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