

NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION 'LET THERE BE LIGHT'

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This is a special Newsletter, ahead of our main one, which itself will have a lot of interesting news, to brighten up your day as it has for the Foundation and will do for the villages of Ibuluma. It is the first Newsletter not written by William himself, but by me, Nkhazi (Aunt), his daughter Mary.

There had been rumours that electrification was imminent in the Ibuluma area but there had been rumours before. This time, however, they were true, and when it came, it came quickly.

In mid-July, the Electricity Supply Corporation of Malawi (ESCOM) arrived to drop off poles and equipment and inform Levison that they would come back to begin electrification towards the end of the month. BUT... buildings would have to be wired first.

There was no time for the anticipated fundraising effort 'Light Up Ibuluma' and so after costings were done, our UK Co-Founder William funded the wiring, and we thank him for his generosity, without which the wiring of the kitchen/stores, Skills Shed and the hen housing could not have happened.

The work was prioritised in the area because not only is there the Chambo School and the Health Centre but now also the Resource Centre. The existence of our Foundation, and the work we do, weighed heavily in the decision to electrify, and we are extremely proud that what's been achieved, through the generosity of so many of our Foundation friends, has been a large factor in bringing electricity to the area.

It may be two or three weeks before The Big Switch On, because low energy bulbs, meters and wire must be obtained and those supplies, not in stock, need to be ordered. Then the work needs to be inspected and passed by ESCOM.

Levison says that there is great excitement. There has been great excitement here too, as we've watched the dream unfold. Electrification will open so much to the Foundation, and to the villages and its people. We take so much for granted in our Western world. For those for whom night falls at 6 pm every night of the year, flicking a switch will be wondrous, offering a whole new world of light and possibilities.

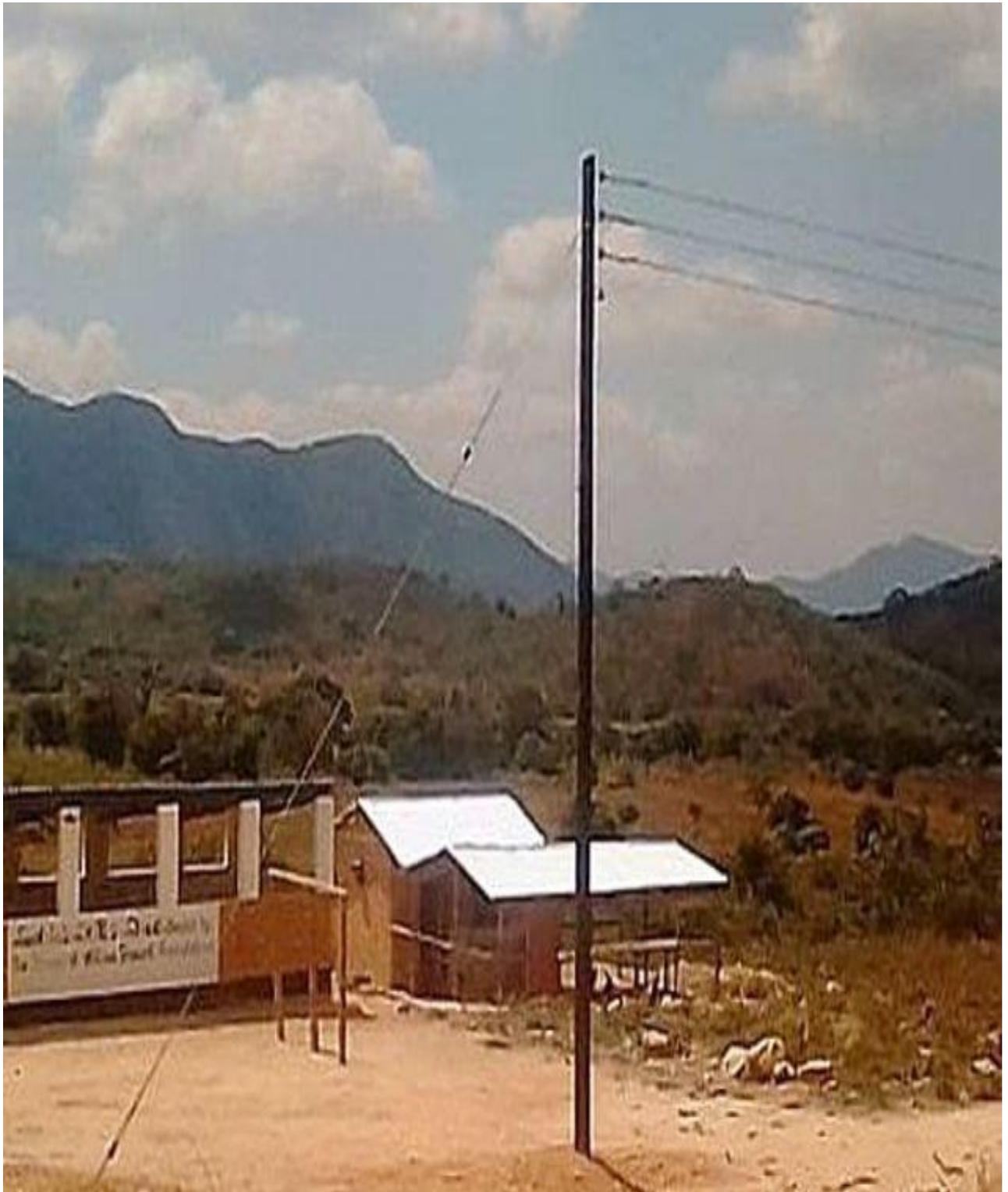
This is what I have said on my facebook timeline:

If I've been quieter than usual, this is why. I'm so proud; of the Foundation, of my father, of everyone who has contributed to the work of the Foundation, which has led to the Resource Centre being honoured in this way.

I'm particularly proud of Levison who has worked so hard during this last three weeks or so and has had so much to contend with.

We have many photos on the facebook page and there will be some on the website, but for now, this is the one which has fulfilled a major part of Levison's dream.

Mary
12/8/19



ONCE A DREAM; NOW A REALITY