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Dear Parents,

As you may have read in last term's newsletter, St Michael's is forming a partnership with a parish in Luanda, a small town in the west of Kenya, near to Kisumu and Lake Victoria. The contact has been made through our School Chaplain Father John, and the Mill Hill Missionaries. The project involves working with five organisations in the area; a school for deaf children, a project working with street children in the town, two primary schools and a secondary school.

In July 2011 we are taking twelve Y13 students out to Luanda to volunteer with these projects, a visit which we hope will be the first of many. Each student needs to raise a minimum of £1000 to cover flights, accommodation, resources and we hope that from this money we will be able to make a small donation to each of the schools and the street children.

In November, Mrs Heron and I went to Luanda as a preliminary visit and we were shocked by the lack of resources in the schools and for the street children, items our pupils would take for granted, such as exercise books, pens and pencils and even books to stock their empty library.

I am writing to ask for your help and support in our endeavours to try and widen our school community to include our brothers and sisters in Luanda. Any help, whether financial, through items such as books, toys or sports equipment you may be able to donate, ideas for fundraising events, and your prayers, would all be greatly appreciated and would all be beneficial in making this a true and fruitful partnership. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Michael's School Journeys' and sent to the school office marked for my attention. Please make sure it is clear who the cheque is from so I can acknowledge receipt.

If you have any questions or need any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on above address or telephone number, or email me at kpiddington@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Yours faithfully,

Miss K Piddington
Luanda Project Co-ordinator