

Report from Chess Project in Zambia

The purpose of my trip to Zambia was to increase the study skills in schools, through the introduction of chess in primary and secondary schools

The first part of my lectures began on 23.6.17, two days after my arrival. Altogether we had 8 students. I gave training to the students for 8 days, two hours each day. On the first day, even simple chess principles like opposition were almost unknown. Through continuous training, they were able to find even more complicated tactical solutions within seven days. I will never forget the joy of the children during the chess lessons. The Zambian TV made a report on our activities.



Teachers

On one of these 8 days the Regional Directorate from the "Ministry of Education" came. After a brief explanation, I invited him to listen to my lecture. He was surprised about the intensity and joy of the



children attending classes. This made it possible for one day seminar with seven teachers.

In the first part of my lecture, I have given evidence through scientific studies, how one hour chess per week of chess training in school is

effective in improving learn skills, At the end of the training the teachers received their chess teachers' certificates, with great joy.

Conclusion

I have received a lot of support, not the least, from my chess club in Heimersheim, Germany and from the members of IRFF and UPF in Zambia. Additional help came from lecturers for the trainers' license .



**Thanks
to all**

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