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The ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND

Chishawasha

Newsletter



Selling jewelry for ZCF at Khalsa Montessori School

Children Helping Children

At some point in the last 6 months, I sat next to Howard Cohen of New York on a plane and told him about my work in Zambia. Mr. Cohen explained his son was about to celebrate his bar mitzvah and asked if I had any written information, so I gave him a copy of our brochure.

On December 8, I received the following letter: "Hi, my name is Harrison Cohen. I am being bar mitzvah in December on the 18th. For my mitzvah project I went into every classroom to collect tzedakah/money to send to the Zambian Children's Fund. Thank you for making my mitzvah project a big success. Now we can help with food, clothing and books for school. I will also send some of my own money from my bar mitzvah. From Harrison Cohen." A check for \$400.00 was enclosed.

On the afternoon of December 17, the students at Khalsa Montessori Charter School, at Dodge and River Road, in Tucson, held a benefit for ZCF. All of the children had done projects learning about the different countries in Africa and had made posters,



masks or models of villages depicting life in Africa. Some students performed plays based on traditional African stories. All of the students made items such as jewelry, African cookbooks, tie dyed t-shirts and other crafts to sell to help raise money.

Abraham Samake Cuzner (photo on left), who recently celebrated his 12th birthday, asked everyone to give him money for ZCF instead of birthday gifts. Abraham lived in Africa for three years (when he was younger) and remembers how different and difficult life can be there.

By the end of the day, the children had raised \$2,007.80 and filled up a large van with clothing, shoes, books, linens and other items for the children in Zambia.

Thank you all for your work and for your help!

Construction Crew Informational Meeting

Come join us Thursday, **January 6 at 7:00 p.m.** to find out more specific information about volunteering in Zambia with our Construction Crew in May or September. We will discuss the specifics about preparations you must make in order to come to Zambia and about what you can expect when you get there. The meeting will be held at **New Spirit Lutheran Church, 8701 East Old Spanish Trail, at Camino Seco, in Tucson.**

If you live outside of Tucson and have a group of at least five or six people who are committed to coming to Zambia to help build houses and schools, call the office any weekday between 10:00 and 2:00 at: **(520) 323-2504** or e-mail us at: **zambiancf@yahoo.com** to set up a meeting in your community. For individuals living outside of Southern Arizona or groups of fewer than five people, we will be happy to be in touch with you by phone and/or e-mail. We don't want to leave any one behind because we need all the help we can get!



Every Wednesday is Volunteer Day for ZCF

Every Wednesday a group of dedicated volunteers pulls things out of boxes and bags, sorts them, figures out what size they are, counts them and packs them into boxes to send to Zambia. Please consider joining us anytime between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., at 1350 North Arcadia (just north of Speedway and east of Swan), if you ever have free time on a Wednesday.

We also need additional volunteers at other times to help send out newsletters or other mailings and to help pick up, sort and pack books. If you have time, let us know and we will try to schedule things at your convenience (323-2504).

We Still Need Children's Clothing

Volunteers are packing boxes every Wednesday to be sent to Zambia on a 40 foot shipping container, but at this point our container would not even be half full. We need a lot more children's clothing, household goods and school supplies.

We are building houses and schools just as fast as we can in Zambia. We need to furnish the houses and stock the kitchens with plates & spoons, and pots & pans. We need good mattresses for single beds and sofas for the living room. We need desks and large blackboards for the school and treadle sewing machines and carpentry tools for the skill program. In fact, we need everything one needs to raise, educate and provide skills to hundreds of children!



*All of Daniel & Charles' clothes
come from Tucson*

We also need at least a dozen (12) galvanized garbage cans. Finding storage bins in Zambia in which to keep items like corn meal, rice and beans is almost impossible because rats can chew through any width of plastic and roaches can fit into anything that is not sealed tight. However, galvanized garbage cans can



*Sorting clothes from Tucson at
the house in Zambia*

be sealed shut by putting duct tape around the top of the can and then fitting the cover over it. We need to send enough garbage cans in the next container so that each house has at least two for meal and beans and the storage warehouse can keep a supply of dry goods on hand at all times. (A few roles of duct tape would also be appreciated.)

If you have items to donate, please bring them by our office any weekday between 10:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m., or call us to set a time (323-2504). We will accept items for the children, houses and school all year round, but we especially need items donated now because we are not willing to send our next container until we know every inch of it is full.

Welcome to Amy Patze

Now that ZCF has an office, we have found it difficult to keep open on a regular basis during the week, as we had hoped. So, we are delighted to introduce Amy Patze, who will be working as an assistant to Kathe and will be in the office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m. Amy comes to us with a background in organizing for other non-profits in Tucson. We are all looking forward working with Amy and having the office be more organized.

One Dollar from One Million Campaign

Recently we put together a letter for an e-mail campaign to try to get one million people to donate one dollar (or more) to help build houses and schools for orphaned children in Zambia. If you are willing to forward our letter to your family, friends or associates, please send your e-mail address to zambiancf@yahoo.com. We will forward the letter to you immediately.

Zambian Children's Fund
P.O. Box 42996
Tucson, AZ 85733

Return Service Requested

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better, it's not.
~ The Lorax, by Dr. Suess*