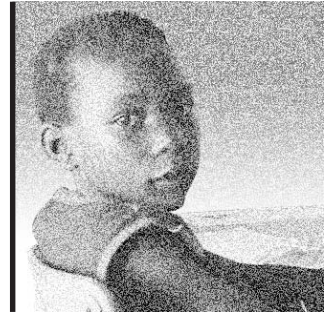


ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND CHISHAWASHA NEWSLETTER



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Commemoration of World AIDS Orphan Day is May 7

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In Tucson, the ZCF Fundraising Committee recently met to plan annual events in the spring and fall in order to keep funds coming in on a regular basis. We particularly need an annual spring event because summers in Tucson (when most of Tucson goes on vacation somewhere else) are very slow months for fundraising.

The Committee decided to encourage supporters from all over the U.S. to have an event for World AIDS Orphan Day on May 7 and invite their friends. The event would not have to be held on May 7, if the weekend before or after was more convenient, but it could commemorate World AIDS Orphans Day, which is what the Zambian Children's Fund is all about. (Alternative dates could be Grandparents' day in September, or World AIDS Day on December 1.)

The Committee suggested individuals would sponsor the events themselves as a fund-raiser and to raise awareness about the problem of AIDS in Africa and particularly about ZCF's work in Zambia. The kind of event would be up to the individual who wanted to create it, but some of the ideas were:

- a tea/coffee
- a cocktail party
- a family picnic
- a block party
- a tailgate party
- a barbeque
- an art auction
- a silent auction or raffle
- a dinner party—*with a requested donation*
- a church gathering or potluck dinner—*asking people to bring both a dish and a donation for each person*

ZCF would help you put on the event by supplying photos of the children, brochures, a CD or DVD about the programs in Zambia,

and a customized invitation to the event using a photo of some of our children. Having a ZCF speaker attend the event might also be a possibility.

If you want to sponsor an event, please e-mail your ideas to:

volunteer.zcf@gmail.com

or send a note to us at:

P.O. Box 42996, Tucson 85733

If you sponsor an event, please send us a photo and some details about what you did, and we will try to include some of the different events in our June newsletter.



Gardening in Zambia

This year saw unusually heavy rainfall during the rainy season, so all of our gardens at Chishawasha have been lush and green. The entire back yard of the clinic is filled with mounded rows of sweet potatoes. The corn was seven or eight feet tall when I left in February. We were also growing peanuts, pumpkins, tomatoes and eggplant.

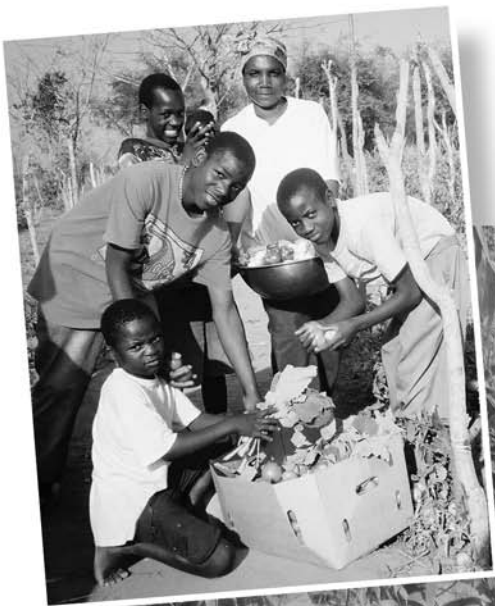
We have started planting trees for orchards including bananas, guavas, mangos, avocado and papayas which we can grow from sprouts or seeds at no cost to us. This year, we purchased a number of other trees which were imported from South Africa to see if we could grow them successfully, including orange trees (\$20), apricot trees (\$35) and pomegranates (\$7), all of which are excellent sources of specific vitamins which are sometimes lacking in the Zambian diet. We have three peach trees which were planted

just last year and have already produced a bountiful crop.

During the past two dry seasons, the Ithaca Working Group has donated drip irrigation lines, so we can keep the gardens growing. We are now successfully raising vegetables for the dinner table all year round. Thank you Ithaca for your help in producing healthy food and teaching our children new and better ways to grow it.

Mother Christine with abundance.

Florence in the garden.



Mother Christine with Charles, Benson, Siva and Bobsi behind harvesting rape leaves, tomatoes & eggplant.

Scholarship Fund

As a result of the article in the November issue of Smithsonian Magazine showcasing our 12 student photographers, we were contacted by a generous donor from Connecticut who asked to start a scholarship fund for our children in her Mother's name. We are happy to announce we now have the **Anne Hetherington Maravel Scholarship Fund** to provide funds to help our brightest students continue their education at a college or university, somewhere in Africa, Europe or North America. This fund will be used exclusively for higher education opportunities for the Chishawasha children. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please make your check payable to The Zambian Children's Fund, Scholarship Fund.

We have a number of very intelligent 10th grade students who hope to continue their education once they finish secondary school. With the opening of the Anne Hetherington Maravel Scholarship Fund, we have also created an Education Task Force to ensure that our best students can get into a college or university in this, or any other (English speaking) country with good educational opportunities. If you would be willing to work with such a Task Force (primarily through e-mail), or if you know of a good school that grants opportunities to foreign students, please let us know at:

volunteer.zcf@gmail.com

ZCF Calendar

Kathe will be traveling to Tennessee in April. She will be speaking in Memphis on April 13 & 14 and in Nashville April 15 through 20.

If you would like to schedule a speaking engagement in Nashville, contact us at: volunteer.zcf@gmail.com

Special Thanks to:

Khalsa Montessori School for putting on a school-wide event for ZCF in December which raised more than \$2,000.00.

Joan Kaye Cauthorne, who visited Chishawasha in November and was so inspired by the children she came home and wrote a letter to her friends and raised \$20,000.

New Spirit Lutheran Church and **Tom and Donna Potterfield**, who donated funds to purchase and install a generator at Chishawasha. Electricity is getting less reliable every year in Zambia as they have never modernized the hydroelectric plants that were built in 1958. Chishawasha has to close the school whenever electricity is down for more than a few hours a day because the water pump for the school lavatories runs on electricity. Now that we have more than 100 children attending our school, we cannot keep the school open unless we have running water. We were able to purchase and install the generator in January, so our little school managed to stay open every school day in February.

The **WorldWide Small Change Foundation** which granted us \$10,000 to help feed all the children attending our school for three months.

Julie Costie at Flax (a company in New York State that designs and makes women's clothing), for more than 3,000 yards of linen, cotton and rayon fabric to help provide clothing, sheets and blankets for our kids as well as teach them sewing skills.

The **Colin B. Glassco Foundation** of Calgary, which has agreed to fund construction of the second and third wings of the Chishawasha Primary School. One wing will include a library and another six classrooms (bringing the total number of classrooms to 12). The other wing will be a large kitchen, a space for dining that can also be used as an auditorium and a teacher's lounge.

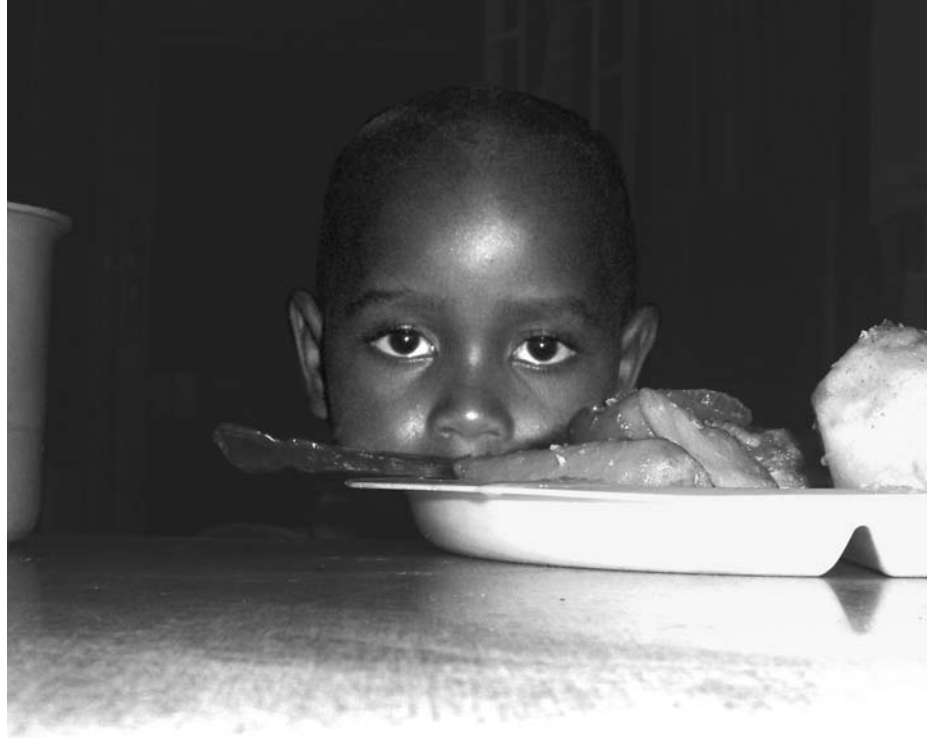
Ellinor Angel for new encyclopedias to be sent in this year's container. This means CCHZ is one of the very few schools in all of Zambia with textbooks for every child, and new, up-to-date encyclopedias.

An anonymous donor who has promised to donate shipping costs so we can send a container this spring. We need to send a container this year because we have to ship student's desks and blackboards for the new classrooms and tables and chairs for the new dining room. We hope to finish the two new wings of the primary school this year and will need to furnish at least three new classrooms and the dining room for the 2009 school year.

If you have items you would like included in this year's container, please make sure we receive them by May 1.

New Boys

In November we squeezed three more little boys into our third house who were doubly orphaned within two days. They lost their Mother one day early in November and the next day their Father, both from Cholera. During the rainy season, Cholera is a very serious problem in Zambia. The boys are ages three, four and six. They have all adjusted well, with the six year old now in our first grade class and the other two waiting to start Kindergarten in the next few years.



Ladstone (4), is contemplating his first plate of chicken curry.

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it’s not.” THE LORAX, BY DR. SUESS*