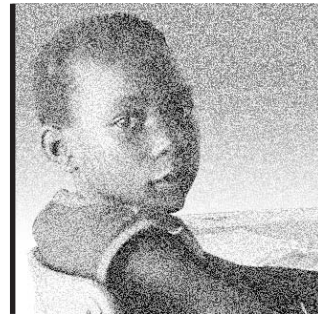


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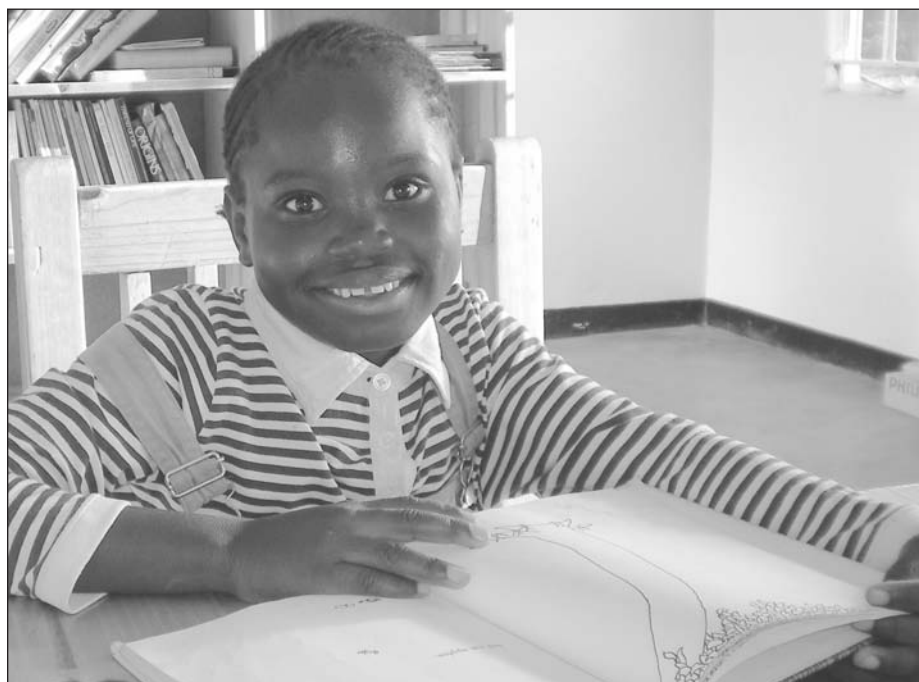
Monique's Story

KATHE PADILLA—Reporting from the bush

In July, ZCF Board Member Ellinor Angel visited Chishawasha. While she was here she took the time to

sit down and read with many of our children. The one child who turned up at our house most often to read

with Ellinor was a beautiful little girl named Monique Liani. She is without a doubt the best reader in the 3rd grade class.



More than a year ago, Mrs. Mwanza, the Head Teacher, pulled Monique aside at lunchtime and introduced her to me. She was a very bedraggled child who was extremely sickly and was home sick so often she was lagging way behind the rest of the class. Once Monique went off to lunch, Mrs. Mwanza told me she was living with her grandmother in the local village and was being terribly neglected and probably abused. Mrs. Mwanza then proceeded to try to convince me that CCHZ needed to take her into one of our houses. So we had her come to CCHZ before the start of this school year.

Thinking back to that poor, sick, dirty little girl, I could hardly believe the same child was reading so well, sounding out words carefully and then remembering the new ones as they came up again. She is obviously a very bright little girl and sitting there in our house with clean clothes, her hair neatly combed in braids and beads she was the picture of health and happiness - and just as cute as a button. Small discoveries like that among the children make not just my day, but my reason for being here in Zambia and keep me committed to these children.

Donations Needed for Chishawasha

We are always in need of clothing that can be ironed (for both children and adults), bedding, mosquito nets, linens, working computers & printers (with monitors, keyboards & mice), and books for the school and houses. All donations can be shipped to/dropped off at our location: 1350 North Arcadia Avenue, Tucson, AZ 85712. Someone is usually in the office Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It's On The Way!

On June 24th, a hot Tuesday morning, we filled a 40' container with 200 boxes of clothing, fabric, household goods and school supplies for Chishawasha, 150 boxes of books for the libraries in the houses and the school, 49 school desks, several blackboards and whiteboards, dining tables, lots of chairs for the new classrooms, lots of mattresses and 130 much-needed mosquito nets for the residences. We had the help of nearly 25 volunteers and packing the container was completed within 2 hours! Thank you all for helping us get this done so quickly and efficiently.

Although we normally send a container once every two years, we were granted the funding to build another six classrooms this year, as well as a library, kitchen and

dining room. Well-made furnishings are almost impossible to find in Zambia, or are extremely expensive because everything must be imported. So, we knew we needed to send another container in 2008.

Fortunately, we already had about a quarter of what we needed—excess boxes that could not be shipped in the 2007 container. We made appeals to our supporters and to various contacts throughout the U.S. and everyone came through! The Tucson Unified School District donated used blackboards, shelving, desks, dining tables and chairs. Flax Designs, a U.S. clothing company, donated more than 3,000 yards of fabric that our volunteers cut into 10 and 20 foot lengths for the sewing classes at Chishawasha (we now have about 24 treadle sewing machines in Zambia sent in previous containers). Our regular “Monday Morning Packers”, a group of volunteer adults and school children, sorted and packed donated clothing, household goods and school supplies. A similar group of volunteers at New Spirit Lutheran Church in Tucson sorted and packed thousands of books, donated by

Bookman's Used Book Store in Tucson, as well as people from all over the U.S. And, we were approached by an anonymous donor in Santa Fe, who offered to pay for the container!

Then, less than two weeks before our container was scheduled to arrive, we received donations from The Rolling Meadows High School in Illinois, where students collected over 400 boxes of school supplies, books, clothing and household goods for Chishawasha. Despite the fact that the majority of our “Monday Morning Packers” were gone for the summer, we put out the call for volunteers and again, they came through with flying colors! We were able to sort and repack those goods into our standard boxes. Thanks to everyone who came to help!

The container left Los Angeles on July 2nd and should be delivered to Chishawasha in early September.

Many thanks to Barby Goldschmid, our Volunteer Coordinator, Joel Keller at New Spirit, and all the volunteers who gave so much time and put in so much effort to make this happen.

New Container Coordinator Needed

Many thanks to Barby Goldschmid who coordinated this shipment and has been supervising the packing and shipments for the last five years or so. We are in great need of someone to take over this job as Barby has many other duties with ZCF on which she needs to concentrate. This position involves joining volunteers weekly or bi-weekly for packing and sorting, on a day of your choice. We usually work from 10:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. It just takes a desire to help and some time and energy. Organizational skills and packing skills are a help. Barby will be happy to work with you. To get more information or discuss the possibility please call Jan in the ZCF office at:

520-323-2504



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Volunteer Teachers Needed in Zambia

Have you always wanted to travel, but didn't have the time? Have you always dreamed of teaching and making a real difference in your students' lives? Are you approaching retirement age, but haven't a clue what to do when you retire?

If you answered yes to one or two of these questions, we may have just the place for you at the Chishawasha Learning Center. This school year, which runs January to December in Zambia, we will open up to six new classrooms. We need experienced teachers to teach Kindergarten through Seventh Grade, as well as combinations of two years curriculum in a single year. We especially need Math and Science teachers for all grade levels. All teachers must be willing to start teaching in January and stay for the whole school year which lasts until late November or early December.

You need to know this will certainly not be one of the easier things you have done. Zambian English is two dialects removed from American and that alone will take a couple of months' adjustment. Throw in huge

cultural differences, children who have never spoken or read English before, age gaps of 3 to 7 years in any one classroom and you are guaranteed to have a unique teaching experience. Add electrical shortages, millipedes, a mongoose or two, lots of red blowing dust, wild fires that burn for miles, rain storms that dump inches of water in a few minutes, lilac breasted rollers, African drums, and n'shima and you might just have an adventure.

We can supply a house to live in, as long as you can share it with others; Zambian meals when you want them, and lots of beautiful children. You need to supply teaching experience, a health certificate proving you are healthy and have all the necessary shots, anti-malaria medicine, plane tickets for both ways and enough money to spend on the extras we Americans think are essential and any other food you may want to purchase.

Interested? Contact Jan or Kathe at the ZCF office in Tucson to get an application as a volunteer teacher. Call (520) 323-2504 or email to:

volunteer.zcf@gmail.com

How You Can Help ZCF!

If you are like me, you have often wondered how you can help and what you might be able to do that would really make a difference in the lives of these orphans. We would like to begin offering sponsorships for individual children at Chishawasha. We need several sponsors per child, who would commit to a regular payment (monthly or quarterly?) and the money would go into the General Fund to insure a continued source of revenue to secure the children's future. Each sponsor would receive a picture of a child and would be able to communicate with them.

However, because we only have one employee in addition to Kathe (Executive Director), we would need a volunteer or team of two or more to coordinate this project. This is a job that could be done from home, anywhere in the country and should only take a few hours a week. I hope someone out there feels touched to open their hearts to this opportunity. If you would like to discuss the possibility or get information, please contact Barby Goldschmid at crgbpg@aol.com (please put "ZCF" in the subject line) or call (520) 546-6380.

Thank you!

ZCF FUNDRAISER Mr. Boogie-Woogie, November 7



Please join us for a GREAT evening of music and fun featuring "Mr. Boogie Woogie", Eric-Jean Overbeck of Holland. Eric will be joined by Tucson greats Steve Grams and Danny Krieger. "Mr. Boogie Woogie" was voted The Best Blues Pianist of Europe" in 2006. This is a unique opportunity to hear some of the greatest music around for a night you will never forget and help the Zambian Children's Fund and our AIDS orphans at the same time! Mark your calendars and get your tickets early. November 7, 2008 (location to be announced), 7:00 to 10:30 p.m., drinks and snacks available. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Call (520) 323-2504 or e-mail volunteer.zcf@gmail.com.

Fall Calendar

October

Kathe will be speaking at various locations on the East Coast. If you would like her to speak to your group or organization, please call the office 520-323-2504 or email volunteer.zcf@gmail.com

November 7

ZCF Fundraiser (see article inside) Mr. Boogie Woogie

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nothing is going to get better,
it's not."* **THE LORAX, BY DR. SUESS**

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