



ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND CHISHAWASHA NEWSLETTER



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The Zambian Children's Fund in Today's Economy

In the past two years, the United States and the world have been struggling in a very difficult economy. The Zambian Children's Fund, like so many charities, has been hard hit with declining donations. We have worked very hard to tighten our belt and cut costs wherever we can. Our Executive Director, Kathe Padilla, chose to take a cut in salary and no salary for four months this summer. We were unable to offer a cost of living raise to our only other U.S. employee, our part time Executive Assistant. In Zambia, we were also unable to offer cost of living raises to our Zambian staff. This was a very difficult decision when people are struggling to survive and inflation continues to keep prices going up, especially for food.

Since 2001, when Kathe began taking in starving orphaned children and transforming their lives, ZCF has been a partnership between Kathe and you,

the donors. Chishawasha now consists of eight homes, an elementary school, skills classes, producing gardens, laying hens and more. All on our own land! This is a great accomplishment which you, our donors, made possible. We continue to be blessed with help from the Glassco Foundation, but without you, our steady partners, we could not exist. We know that everyone is carefully watching their costs and donations right now, but we so hope you will find it in your hearts to be able to dig a little deeper to help us in these difficult times.

When Kathe returned from Zambia late this summer, she told me of two little boys who showed up at Chishawasha, tiny, dirty, and wearing rags. Even though it is more and more difficult to take in new children, Kathe insisted the little ones stay at the orphanage to get the help they needed.



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Dorothy and Daisy

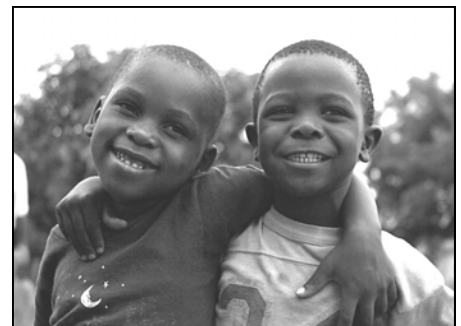
An hour later, they had been washed, fed, and dressed in clean, new clothes that came in our container...possibly donated by you. This is what makes it all worthwhile. Look at the photos in this newsletter. These are children you help us save. Children who will now have an education and a chance at a healthy, productive and long life. I beg you to examine your lives and see what you can give to help us. We need your help.

Barbara Goldschmid,
Chair of the Board
The Zambian Children's Fund



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Gift and Taonga dancing and having a great time!



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Taonga and Ladstone

Meet James and Edward Phiri

On July 22nd, a middle-aged man came to the office at Chishawasha with two little boys. Their names were James and Edward Phiri and they appeared to be about 5 and 7 years old, but the man who brought them told us they were 7 and 11. He was their first cousin, but obviously had not spent much time with the boys. They arrived very dirty, dressed in too-small clothes that had never known soap, malnourished, hungry, scared and grieving. Their Mother had been buried the day before and their Father had died about three years ago. One of our House Mothers had gone to the Mother's funeral and overheard a conversation about what to do with the two boys whom no one could afford to keep. She suggested if there was no one in the family able to raise the boys, Chishawasha might be able to take them as a new house was just being finished. They were brought to Chishawasha the next morning.

I was introduced to the boys as Phillip was telling their adult cousin we needed documentation proving both parents were deceased, as well as the boys' birth certificates showing they were, in fact, the boys' parents. They were so small for their ages and so obviously malnourished, I could not

stand the thought of them being sent home hungry to continue starving until their cousin managed to pull together the papers, so we asked them to stay.



James loves his breakfast!

They were immediately sent to their new house with one of the House Mothers. The first thing she did was give them both a good scrubbing, then a breakfast of bread, eggs and tea. Another Mother went to the storage building to find them new clothes and shoes. A few hours later, once school was out, they were introduced to their new brothers and sisters. Within minutes, they were outside on the soccer

field playing as if they had been at Chishawasha all their lives!



Edward, age 7



James, age 5

Chishawasha Photography Show

We are looking for space to exhibit the Chishawasha photography show which is now printed and ready to hang. All of the photos were taken by children living at Chishawasha and developed into beautiful works of art by Klaus Schoenwiese, the New York

photographer who came to Zambia to teach our children photography. Klaus may be available to hang the show and Kathe will try to be available to speak on opening night. We will supply brochures and copies of the article from Smithsonian Magazine (Nov. 2007).



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Volunteers Needed

If you are one of our Tucson supporters, we need your help in the Tucson office. We need a strong person to collect and pack books one day a week or a couple of days a month. Thank you for your consideration.

Wish List

We hope to send our next container early in 2010 and we need the following items:

- School supplies
- Clothing (toddler to small adult sizes)
- Linens and household items
- Treadle sewing machines, sewing notions and fabric
- Children's books (no Disney) and newer textbooks
- Medical & grooming supplies (bandaids, Neosporin, Tylenol, Motrin, Benedryl, toothbrushes)
- Newer computers, monitors, keyboards, mice and printers
- Working musical instruments
- Functional building and plumbing hand tools (no electric)

CCHZ Items for Sale on Website

The children at Chishawasha are being taught carpentry, sewing and beading. Our girls are making shopping bags out of traditional cotton, chitenga fabric, and beautiful jewelry.

Unfortunately, I am limited in what I can fit in my suitcase to bring back to the U.S., so we have limited supplies. We are going to try selling items on our website that are made at Chishawasha. Our prices are very reasonable (starting at \$15), so if you are looking for something unusual for yourself, a friend, or as a gift, please visit us at:

www.zambianchildrensfund.org

100% of the profits go to raise, educate and provide skills training to our beautiful children.

Thank you for your support!



We Have a New Library

Ellinor Angel, a member of the ZCF Tucson Board, came to Zambia in June to organize the CCHZ library. In addition to the books sent on the last container, she brought with her a whole suitcase of children's books, as well as assorted library aids.

A few weeks later the folks from the Ithaca Working Group sent over another suitcase of children's books. Ellinor spent the month of June working and by the end of the month she had a beautiful little library up and running for Chishawasha.

Thank you Ellinor and everyone in Ithaca who helped turn an empty room into a Library!



4th Grade Library



Study Hall

Building News in Zambia

We recently finished building another three-bedroom house. We now have seven houses for the children to live in and one house that is used for a clinic, administrative offices and Kathe's housing when she is in Zambia.



The new 15-acre plot that was given to CCHZ along Mumbwa Road has been surveyed and the legal process is being completed by Board Member and Attorney, Armanda Theodis. A friend is willing to help drill a well for us if we can raise enough money for the concrete, pipes, and water tank, so we might be able to keep the cost of the well below \$10,000. We hope to finish building the store and toilet facilities as soon as possible, in order to establish our ability to help fund running costs for the secondary school before we start construction.

Calendar of Events

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| 10/16-19 | ZCF Canada Board Mtg
Toronto, Ontario, Canada |
| 10/20 | Ithaca Working Grp Mtg
Ithaca, NY |
| 11/21 | Rincon UCC Trade Fair
8 am—1 pm
122 N Craycroft, Tucson |
| 12/05 | St Michael's & All Angels
10 am—3 pm
Advent International Bazaar
602 North Wilmot, Tucson |
| 12/12 | Guamap Holiday Art Sale
10 am—5 pm
1991 W Calle Campana de
Plata, Tucson |



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cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better,
it's not.”* THE LORAX, BY DR.SUESS

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