



ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND CHISHAWASHA NEWSLETTER



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Report From Zambia

I spent much of January interviewing families who were hoping to get their orphaned children admitted into our primary school. It is obvious to everyone around us that the children going to our school are getting an excellent education. Every morning by 8:00 a.m., dozens of people were waiting at the door for an interview. Every day, I found that children 12, 13 or 14, who told me they had finished 5th, 6th or 7th grade, could not read the word "I" or "to". Many could not even recite their ABC's. We admitted as many as possible to our school, and filled two accelerated classes to help children catch up to their proper grade levels, but we were forced to turn many away.

One little six year old boy named Emmanuel was brought by his Grandfather, Mr. Lungu. He seemed a bright little boy and we had space in our first grade class, but when I asked where they lived I was told it was very far from CCHZ. When I explained our one truck which picks up children along the main road was already too full, Mr. Lungu said that was not a problem because they lived more than five kilometers from the road. When I said I did not think it would be possible to admit such a small boy when there was no transportation for him, Mr. Lungu offered to bring him every morning on his bicycle. What could I say? I said "If you can bring him every morning by 7:30 for breakfast, we will let him into our school".

Emmanuel started school the next morning and arrived in time to eat breakfast. A few days later I saw Mr. Lungu with his bike and stopped to talk with him. He told me they were leaving the house every morning by 5:30 to arrive at school by 7:30. Then he would do it all over again and pick the child up at 4:00 p.m. to take him home. Mr. Lungu is in his 70's and I started worrying more about Grandfather than about whether or not Emmanuel was getting an education. Two weeks later, we offered to take Emmanuel into one of the houses, so he could live on campus and not subject his Grandfather to hours of riding his bike every day.

Two weeks later, Mr. Lungu showed up at the office with his wife. He explained to me that she had become very depressed without little Emmanuel to care for. In fact, she had decided without Emmanuel around she really did not feel like eating, nor did she feel like bothering to cook without a child to feed. She convinced her husband that he needed to start bringing the child every day on the bicycle again. I suspect Mr. Lungu had brought her to my door hoping for a little help. I explained that, as a Mother and Grandmother myself, I could understand how much she must miss her only Grandson, but the reason we took Emmanuel in to live with us was that we were concerned about her husband riding his bicycle for several hours every day, frequently on very

muddy roads in the pouring rain. (It was the middle of the rainy season.) To no avail...she wanted him back.

I proposed a compromise. Emmanuel could live in one of our houses during the school week and Mr. Lungu could pick him up on Friday afternoons, take him home for the weekend and bring him back Monday morning. We all agreed that would be the best solution. Now Grandfather is happy that his Grandson is getting an education at one of the best schools around, Grandmother is happy that she gets to regularly see her Grandson, and I have stopped worrying about Mr. Lungu having a heart attack on the road to Chishawasha.

Would anyone like to provide funding to purchase a second vehicle, so we can help more children come to our school?

For Your Information...

When Kathe is in Zambia, she sends regular updates on the children and Chishawasha by email. For those of you who wish to be added to the list, please email us at:

info@zambianchildrensfund.org

Zambian Cafe

Come share a meal and help raise funds for ZCF. As part of ZCF's World AIDS orphan commemoration, Rincon Congregational Church is providing an authentic Zambian meal to raise funds for the Zambian Children's Fund on Sunday, April 25th at 5:30 p.m. at 122 North Craycroft (which is just North of Broadway) in Tucson. There will be no

charge for the meal, but a donation is requested.

After dinner, Kathe will share her latest photos of the Chishawasha Children's Home and Primary School and talk about her recent trip. There will be a raffle and Zambian art and crafts for sale.

Please bring any used kitchen knives and cooking utensils you

may have laying around. (see the article below).

If you plan to join us, please call the office (520-323-2504) and let us know how many people will attend so we have some idea how many meals to cook.

However, if Sunday afternoon you find yourself with nothing to do, please join us, even if you have not made a reservation.

**April 25, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Rincon Congregational UCC
122 North Craycroft**

Calling all Sponsors

If you are sponsoring a child at Chishawasha and wish to correspond with them, please send your letters and pictures to the Tucson office by April 12th, so Kathe can hand deliver them to the children when she returns to Zambia in May.



Children living in our houses in 2010

We are Building a Rest Stop in Zambia

In spite of the constant rain, the whine of mosquitos and a multitude of other insects, we have started building our store and rest facility on Mumbwa Road, halfway between Lusaka and Kafue National Park. In February four men in our construction crew moved out to the land and started digging out a very large termite hill located almost exactly in the middle of our property. The dirt was then immediately transformed into beautiful, red pressed blocks with our own block press. They have managed to make thousands of blocks, dig the foundation and pour the footing. Although the rain is still hindering their progress, we hope to have the store open for business and

the toilet up and running by the beginning of the tourist season in May.

One of the possible ways to draw in customers is to have a small road-side café located right next to the store. A local Tucson chef, who has started up a number of successful Tucson restaurants has volunteered to come to Zambia to teach a cooking class and get a café started. The large kitchen located at the school would

be the ideal place to start a class, but we need knives and other manual kitchen utensils both to teach the class and to start the café. Any donations of good, used kitchen utensils would help us keep our costs down.



Construction begins!

May 7th is World AIDS Orphans Day

Once again we are urging all our supporters throughout the U.S., to help us in our spring fund raising effort. To commemorate World AIDS Orphans Day, we are asking everyone to be creative and hold a fund raiser any time in April or May to benefit the Zambian Children's Fund. Donations between May and September always drop off and this is a particularly lean year, so we need everyone to make a special effort. Last year people had dinner parties, concerts, a "Chinese Auction" and other events from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific and raised over \$7,000. This year we are hoping to double that amount to \$15,000.



Charles & Ryan mopping the porch

The opportunities are endless; have a dinner party, or cocktails, a tea, a garden party, a children's or family party; maybe a cookout, a hike, a barbecue or neighborhood block party. Start an annual walk or run (or non-run, they don't have to do anything, just send you money!), or bike ride.... in that our children have no Mothers, you could create a Mother's Day event....

Get your school, Church, Temple, or just a favorite group of friends to get together and create a special program or event. Maybe you are a musician or artist and could have a house concert or art

show. You might want to form a group and take on sponsorship of one or more of the children for \$25 a month. Use your imagination and have fun!

We can help you succeed by giving you organizing advice (if needed), send you brochures, photos or information to hand out, even a DVD about the orphanage and school.

We could provide a few items made by the children in our skills classes for sale. Call the office at 520-323-2504 (and leave a message if we are not in) or e-mail us at: volunteerzcf@yahoo.com and we will send you any materials you request. All donations (financial or material) collected should be sent to the Zambian Children's Fund, Post Office Box 42996, Tucson, AZ 85733.

How to get started? Set a date and think of possible events you might want to do. Then pick the one you think will be the most fun and that people will want to attend! Please let us know what you did and we will try to print some of the best ideas in a future newsletter.



Daniel gets new shoes

2009 Income & Expense Report

2008 Balance: \$ 31,620

Income:

ZCF U.S. Donations: \$ 104,249
 Glassco Foundation: 336,941
 CCHZ Donations: 7,696
 CCHZ Sales: 8,833
 (books, eggs, garden produce)

Total Income \$ 457,719

Expenses:

ZCF Tucson

Admin/Fundraising: \$ 21,957
 Salaries/Benefits: 40,233
 (Director, Admin)
 Travel: 8,760

CCHZ Housing/Living

Food: 55,237
 Medical: 1,788
 Salaries: 30,480
 (Mothers, Guards)
 Shelter: 29,909

CCHZ School

Food: 17,828
 Operations/Supplies: 23,513
 Salaries: 40,454
 (Teachers, Cooks, Janitor)

CCHZ Administration

Equipment/Supplies: 6,981
 Salaries/Benefits: 15,846
 (Manager, Bookkeepers)

Home-Based Support: 1,777

Secondary School: 9,876

Skills Center:

Equipment/Supplies: 2,415
 Salaries: (Gardener) 1,432

Transportation

Salaries: (Driver) 2,311
 Fuel: 16,985
 Maintenance: 14,841

Capital Costs

Build House 7: 45,600
 Build Skill Center: 19,980
 Electric Fence: 8,662
 Finish School-2nd Block: 12,481
 Vehicle for Store 9,718
 Generator #2 25,711

Total Expenses \$ 464,775

We need a donor for the 2010 container.

We have enough items to fill a container and would love to ship one this year, but we need someone to donate the cost of the container, which is about \$15,000. Please contact us if you can help us. (520) 323-2504.

CCHZ Items for Sale on the ZCF Website

Kathe has just returned from Zambia with new grocery bags and necklaces. Check them out on our website:

www.zambianchildrensfund.org .

100% of the profits go directly back to our education and skills programs.

We Need Legos®!

If your child or grandchildren have out-grown their Legos® and you have hundreds of pieces in a bag or box somewhere, please donate them to the Zambian Children’s Fund and let a new child discover how much fun it is to use their imagination.

Of course we’re always in need of children’s reading books, textbooks, recent National Geographics, school supplies, clothing (toddler to small adult sizes), shoes, linens and household items, medical & grooming supplies (bandaids, Neosporin, Tylenol, Motrin, Benedryl, toothbrushes), musical instruments, and building supplies.



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