



ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND CHISHAWASHA NEWSLETTER



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Report from Zambia

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This school year (2011), we are teaching 9th grade in our primary school for the first time. Back in 2007 when we were accredited as a "basic" primary school, we were given accreditation through the 9th grade. The children in the 9th grade class were the first children to start as a Kindergarten class back in 2002. They will also be the first class that goes all the way through the 12th grade as Chishawasha Students. Our Primary School is now considered one of the best schools in Zambia. As we add one more class each year through the 12th grade, we need to maintain our high educational standards. We currently have 94 children living in the CCHZ houses and 155 in the school, grades 1 through 9.

A local tribe recently donated 25 acres of land about 15 K from our current campus. We hope to eventually build a small secondary school, a Skill Center with many different skills offered, as well as a farm and possible animal husbandry project. Once again, the land is just off the tarmac (3 K), so we will always be able to get to it easily. We are waiting for all the legal paperwork to be finished before we do any development. Chances are pretty good we will not finish the paperwork before the end of the rainy season in April and so will not start planting any crops until October. In the meantime, we need to drill a well and put in a water system, build a small house for a guard, and fence the proper-

ty. Once that is complete, we will be able to start the farm and build as funding becomes available. The new land has an abundance of productive mango and guava trees, so we know the soil is fertile.

Kathe

You Could Win This Necklace!
Buy Raffle Tickets For A Chance
To Win Handmade Items!

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If you give through the United Way at your workplace, you can designate your donations to the Zambian Children's Fund.

We have persistent need of the following items for the children:

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

HELP! ZCF Needs Space

This past winter, the Zambian Children's Fund moved its office in Tucson from First Church to a shared office generously donated by Rincon Congregational Church near Broadway and Craycroft. When Kathe is in town, you can usually find her in the office between 10 and 4, Monday through Friday. When Kathe is in Zambia the office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9 - 2. The only mailing address we have is P.O. Box 42996, Tucson, AZ 85733. If you must mail or ship something not using the P.O. Box, please call our office to make arrangements. We did keep the same phone number and can be contacted at:

(520) 323-2504

or at:

info@zambianchildrensfund.org

First Church is going to be sold (along with the space where we collected and packed donations), which means ZCF no longer has a permanent place to accept donations to send to Zambia. We will continue collecting items and will temporarily work out of a commercial storage building. To arrange to drop off donations, please call Barby Goldschmid (520) 237-8881.

ZCF now desperately needs donated space where our volunteers can accept donations and keep up with the packing. Ideally, it would be a place where we could house the office, the packing area, and space for storage. A small house would be perfect. A good size classroom, store front or small warehouse could also work well. If anyone has a space they could donate, please call us at the office, or send us an email.

Unrest in Africa

It seems like much of Africa is suddenly in revolt and everyday the news is of another country trying to throw out their leaders. While we cannot make any absolute promises, mass demonstrations and unrest are not very likely in Zambia. Zambia has had regular elections every five years since independence in 1964 and has remained a very peaceful country. The President can only run for two consecutive terms to prevent the kind of "President for Life" situation that is such a problem in much of Africa. Elections will be held in 2011, so Zambians are feeling relatively safe right now.

ZCF Raffle Drawing on May 1

Just in time for Mother's Day, ZCF is raffling a beautiful hand-painted tablecloth, a lovely necklace made in Zambia by one of our girls, and a wire warthog made for hanging keys. All of them are hand-made in Zambia. (See photos.) Tickets: **1 ticket for \$2; 6 for \$10; 15 for \$25; 30 for \$50; 60 for \$100.** The drawing will be held May 1 at the Zambian Café dinner. You need not be present to win. Just clip off the ticket below and mail it to us with your check in the envelope provided, or go online to our website (www.zambianchildrensfund.org) and purchase your tickets with a credit card. Be sure to indicate how many tickets you wish to purchase.



The tablecloth is hand-paint with black and white zebra stripes on the border, green, yellow, orange and purple birds of paradise flowers. It is completely washable. Any Mother, wife, Grandmother or girlfriend will treasure it for years.



The necklace is made with small brown seeds (collected at Chishawasha), orange beads and multi-colored recycled glass beads. Designed and created by Memory Nyangu at Chishawasha.



The whimsical warthog is completely made of wire; meant to be hung on a wall to hold small items...keys, rings, etc.

ZCF Raffle Ticket Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State, ZIP _____

of Tickets Purchased _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

2011 Container Sent on January 29

Once again, all our wonderful donors and volunteers managed to load a container with donated clothing, books, school desks and sewing machines and send it on its way to Zambia on January 29th. This year was the most efficient packing ever! Barby Goldschmid and her volunteers organized everything in the Fellowship Hall on Friday so that everything was ready to load on

Saturday morning, when the shipping container came.

Pima County Adult Probation brought over 20 volunteers on both Friday and Saturday to help. They worked so hard and gave their all to help our children. They were a real pleasure to work with. Incredibly, they managed to get everything packed into the container in 50

minutes! That's a new record for ZCF.

Thank you all for the generous donations of clothes, shoes, books, school supplies, fabric and sewing notions, computers and sewing machines. And, thank you to the packing volunteers for years of faithfully packing boxes. Thanks to everyone who turned out on both January 28 and 29 for making this the best loading day ever!



Remember World AIDS Orphan And Share a Meal for ZCF at the Zambian Cafe

As part of ZCF's World AIDS Orphan Day, please join us and share a meal to help raise funds for the Chishawasha Children's Home. The meal will be served at 5:30 p.m., on Sunday, May 1 at 122 North Craycroft in Tucson. This year a professional chef will join the women of Rincon Church to create a Zambian meal. There will be no charge for the meal, but a donation will be requested. Chuck Goldschmid will provide background music and Kathe will share her latest photos of Chishawasha and the children. Snag golf will be available to help keep your children occupied. There will also be a raffle and Zambian items for sale (see article or visit us on-line at www.zambianchildrensfund.org)

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 do join us even if you haven't made a reservation. Again, it is at:

Sunday, May 1 • 5:30pm
Rincon Congregational Church, UCC
122 North Craycroft (just north of Broadway) in Tucson

Would you prefer to receive your ZCF Newsletter via e-mail? Please email us at info@zambianchildrensfund.org if you wish to be added to the list.

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Mission Statement:

To provide support for the care, education and development of Zambian orphans to become healthy, productive members of society.

Zambian Children's Fund founded the Chishawasha Children's Home, located near Lusaka, Zambia. Chishawasha is an orphanage and school that raises 94 children in 8 houses and educates 155 children in our primary school. In addition, we support another 10 children in secondary schools throughout Zambia.



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