



# ZAMBIAN CHILDREN'S FUND CHISHAWASHA NEWSLETTER



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## Paxina Mary Makunka

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students and get a glimpse of their daily lives.

As the mother of two adult daughters, my mind wandered to when they were Paxina's age, ready to leave their comfortable suburban nest and explore the world of college. How very different for this young woman! An orphan, Paxina has lived at CCHZ since 2001, one of 6 children brought there by a grandmother who was trying to raise 22 orphaned grandchildren. This is the home Paxina has known since the age of 7.

Paxina is learning about sewing in the Skill Center, using the treadle machines seen all over the country.

While she likes fashion, she doesn't think that she can sew all that well. When asked about what she would like to study at college, she indicated an interest in going to Law School, although she was not sure what area of law she would like to pursue.

Entry to college is very competitive in much of sub-Saharan Africa, and Zambia is no exception. The campus of the University of Zambia is located near the downtown area, and has about 10,000 students enrolled. For 2011, their undergraduate baccalaureate program accepted 342 female on-campus students, and 20 com-

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A willowy girl with luminescent eyes and a shy but beautiful smile, Paxina is one of the oldest students at CCHZ, being one of four students who graduated from high school in December 2010. When we met in February, she had just taken the tests that would let her know if she qualified for college entry. She came to the office along with her friend Thoko to say hello and to see who the new visitors from Arizona were.

My husband David Horwitz (a photographer) and I were in Lusaka to visit Chishawasha Children's Home (CCHZ), meet the students and staff, and learn more about the operations of the organization where I serve as the Secretary on the Board of Directors in Tucson, Arizona. No strangers to international volunteer work, we were anxious to meet the



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# Vegetables, Mathematics and Economics

KATHE PADILLA

I am sitting at my computer listening to the children outside the window playing at digging up sweet potatoes; climbing up and down the hills and laughing and shouting. Then carrying sacks of them into the warehouse looking like little old men with a sack slung over their backs.

Yesterday a group of the young boys and I were working at pulling up carrots because some of them have gotten so big they must be 8 inches long and another 5 inches around. I was trying to get them just to pull

the great big ones so the smaller ones could then have more room to grow. That's when learning division comes in handy. I instructed them to count up all the carrots they pulled and then divide by seven so each of the houses could have the same amount. Shortly after that I was seeing little boys running around munching on big chunks of carrots.

Every two days Derrick, our gardener, is harvesting 3 or 4 large wooden boxes of tomatoes. Those are the ones we are selling. The house moth-

ers and the girls frequently come down and harvest in the afternoons for dinner. My little house is surrounded by large plots of vegetables. We are some of the luckier people in Zambia, not only do we have our own wells, we have pumps and "hose-pipes" to keep everything watered. The price of food is rising at an alarming rate throughout Africa, so growing our own vege's and producing enough to sell helps keep down the ever escalating price of food.

## Won't You Sponsor Me?

PHOTO: CCHZ



### **Child's Name: Taonga Zulu**

Taonga was born in 2003 and lives in House #2. His grandmother brought him and his siblings Analisa and Melody to CCHZ after their parents died. He loves to play soccer and to dance. Taonga is currently in 3rd grade.

PHOTO: CCHZ



### **Child's Name: Evelyn Chanda**

Evelyn was born in April 1997 and lives in House #1. Her father died in 1997 and her mother in 1999. She was brought to CCHZ by her Aunt in September 2008 and is in 4th grade.

The cost to sponsor one of our Chishawasha orphans is \$25 a month, \$75 a quarter, or \$300 a year. This money helps The Zambian Children's Fund and Chishawasha provide your child with a safe and healthy life, a good education and allows him or her to grow into a successful and happy adult. To sponsor a child, send your check to ZCF with a note about the age and sex of the child you would like to sponsor. Please include your email address or phone number in case we need to contact you. Or go to our website ([www.zambianchildrensfund.org](http://www.zambianchildrensfund.org)) to purchase a sponsorship using a credit card. Kathe hand-carries letters from the sponsors to the children each year during her summer trip, and returns in the Fall with a letter from your child. *Thank you for your support.*

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Around the country and in Tucson

### **DESPERATE NEED IN TUCSON!**

We have lost our donation collection and packing space for the many physical donations we need for ZCF. Can you donate a house, store front, commercial space? It is tax deductible. Maybe your church has space. **Please help us!**

### **Also In Tucson**

We need people who would like to serve on the Board of Directors, can help collect and pack books, and can help with fundraising.

### **Around The Country**

Someone with computer savvy to organize and run an online auction this Fall as a fundraiser for ZCF.

Also, anyone with access to the internet and email. We would love to find several people who could send out personal thank you notes to our donors. We will supply receipts, cards, and instructions.

### **Children Everywhere**

Last year Jacob and Lilly Koren ages 11 and 7 had a lemonade stand and sent their proceeds to help the children of ZCF. It's summer...how can your children help our children? Join our **KIDS HELPING KIDS!**

**Send us a picture of your child and we might use it in the newsletter with their fundraising ideas.**

For any of these needs  
**contact Barby Goldschmid:**  
 crgbpg@aol.com or 520-237-8881.

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muters. Tuition and housing costs 5,227,220 Kwacha – approximately \$1100 per semester. (Source: University of Zambia website - www.unza.zm) This, in a country where the average annual income is equal to \$800 (World Bank 2008).

While Paxina has completed the tests that will allow her to apply to college, the process is likely to be a challenging one. This summer she will be serving as an intern at a law office, and she will have the opportunity to see firsthand if this is something she would like to learn. First,

she will have to be accepted into the undergraduate program and complete that course of study. Then she will have to apply and be admitted to the graduate program. In 2011 the Law School admitted 11 women, and 40 men.

Paxina is bright and dedicated, and we wish her the very best in her endeavors. She is the future of her country, and would be a valuable asset in any professional field, whichever one she chooses. CCHZ has given her the necessary tools to succeed in a very harsh environment.

## 2010 Income & Expense Report

### **INCOME**

ZCF U.S. Donations .....	\$ 89,646
Glassco Foundation.....	475,209
ZCF Canada Donations .....	24,245
CCHZ Donations .....	1,716
CCHZ Sales .....	23,488
<i>(store, books, produce)</i>	

**Total Income.....\$ 614,304**

### **EXPENSES**

#### **ZCF Tucson**

Admin/Fundraising .....	\$ 10,538
Salaries/Benefits .....	32,937
Travel .....	7,666

#### **CCHZ Housing/Living**

Food.....	75,217
Medical.....	4,136
Salaries.....	38,437
<i>(mothers, guards)</i>	
Shelter .....	26,490

#### **Glassco Primary School**

Food .....	31,046
Operations/Supplies.....	20,791
Salaries.....	66,547
<i>(teachers, cook, janitor)</i>	

#### **CCHZ Administration**

Equipment/Supplies .....	15,273
Salaries/Benefits .....	23,272
<i>(manager, bookkeepers)</i>	

#### **Home-Based Support .....**

4,611

#### **Secondary School.....**

12,722

#### **Skills Center**

Equipment/Supplies .....	10,990
Salaries.....	3,286
<i>(gardener, carpenter)</i>	

#### **Transportation**

Fuel.....	20,302
Maintenance .....	25,578
Salaries <i>(driver)</i> .....	2,921

#### **Store Operations**

Equipment/Supplies .....	9,427
Salaries <i>(clerks)</i> .....	1,990

#### **Capital Costs**

Store.....	98,203
Computer Lab .....	32,488
Electric Fence.....	8,662
New Truck.....	37,935

**Total Expenses.....\$ 612,803**



## Speaking Tour

Kathe will be back from Zambia and do her annual speaking tour of the Eastern U.S. and Canada in October. She would like to speak about the orphanage and tell our wonderful story at your church, temple, organization, or even a group of friends in your house. Please e-mail us at [info@zambianchildrensfund.org](mailto:info@zambianchildrensfund.org) or call Barby Goldschmid at 520-237-8881 to discuss possibilities and dates.

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

## Got Jewelry?

ZCF is now collecting used, unwanted jewelry such as necklaces, bracelets or earrings to be remade into other jewelry by our girls in Zambia or for re-sale. We will be happy to take anything you would like to donate from plastics to platinum, even damaged or broken items will help.



**Give to ZCF through  
United Way at work.**

## Thank You!

Thank you to Green Field School in Tucson for their very successful clothing drive. The students stuffed Kathe's station wagon full with very nice children's clothing and shoes in May.

**Founder:** Kathe Padilla, *Executive Director*

### **Board of Directors:**

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

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