

HEADLINES

- In October, HFZ received confirmation that we are an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.
- Hearts for Zambia is an approved organization eligible for Microsoft corporate matching funds.
- HFZ submitted their first grant proposal on Oct. 31 to help fund the Tetekela Center Addition.
- Tacoma Narrows and Tacoma #8 Rotary are partnering with the Rotary Club of Kasama, in cooperation with HFZ, to develop water and economic programs. Rotary representatives will be visiting Zambia in May, 2009. More on this partnership will be shared in future newsletters.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008

- Bruce and Paula Foreman will share their experiences in Zambia
- 12:30 pm at St. Leo's, 710 S. 13th St. Tacoma, WA 98405

Nov. 21-23, 2008

- St. Leo's Fair Trade Market, 1312 Yakima Ave., Tacoma, WA 98405
- Fri., Nov. 21 from 4-7:00 pm
- Sat., Nov. 22 from 4-7:00 pm
- Sun., Nov. 23 from 9 am-2:00 pm
- Items from Zambian artisans will be available for sale with profits going to benefit the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus in Kasama, Zambia.

February 2009 (Date to be determined)

- Annual Meeting, celebration and report to supporters.



Sr. Baptista smiles as she reads cards and letters from friends in Tacoma delivered by Bruce and Paula Foreman

Zambia Visit update from Bruce and Paula Foreman

These words from Psalm 84 speak to us of what we see expressed so beautifully in the Sisters of the Child Jesus:

Blessed are they whose hearts are filled with love,

Who sing praises to You with grateful hearts!

Blessed are they who put their strength in You,

Who choose to share the joy and sorrows of the world.

They do not give way to fear or doubt; they are quickened by divine light and power;

They dwell within the peace of the Most High.

They go from strength to strength and live with integrity.

From Psalms for Praying by Nan C. Merrill

Sixteen days traveling with Sister Baptista in Zambia: Lusaka, Chilumba, Mpima, Kasama, Chilubula, Mpulunu, Mporokoso. So many images, so many beautiful people, it's impossible to summarize a life-changing experience. Red dirt, scorching heat, the edges of roadways crowded with people walking, pedaling. Where are they going? What burdens do they carry? What hopes do they cherish? We do not know the language but we recognize the welcoming love with which we are greeted. Home, family, caring for each other, sharing the universals of existence: birthing, eating, laughing, weeping, dying, these are what make us part of the human family.

Hundreds of children, bare footed, dirty, tattered clothing, shyly smiling, they recite their lessons in English, gradually warming up, waiting patiently at tables until all are served to eat what is, for many, their one meal of the day.

And oh the nuns! So many angels in blue and white habits, doing so much with so little, and with such resourcefulness and joy - a wonder to behold. We are privileged to be a small part of their ministry, to report to you where they see the needs of their community, and how we can share out of our abundance - that is what we hope to convey through Hearts for Zambia.

To learn more about Bruce and Paula's visit to Zambia, please join us Sunday, Nov. 16, at 12:30pm at St. Leo's Church. If you would like to invite them to give their presentation at your group or organization, please email hfzvp@wamail.net.