

Hearts for Zambia
November Newsletter articles

Another \$5000 to Zambia

In October Hearts for Zambia transferred another \$5000 to the Sisters of the Child Jesus thanks to all our generous contributors. Since our incorporation and designation as a 501(c)3 organization by the Internal Revenue Service we have transferred well over \$20,000 to the Sisters, enabling them to complete payment on the Toyota Land Cruiser and keep it repaired, continue daily feeding the over 200 children at the Tetekela Day Care Center, build a wall, buy a freezer, pay salaries for the cook and guards at Tetekela, enable 20 children to have the fees and clothes necessary to go to public school, and purchase playground equipment for the St. Theresa school at Mpika where there was just bare ground before.

Opportunities for Year End Giving

The needs continue and much more needs to be done. Please consider enriching the lives of the many children and families served by the Sisters of the Child Jesus by your year end giving:

Donate appreciated securities - by donating them to HFZ you get the tax credit without having it count as income. We sell them immediately and put the money in our account.

Memorialize a loved one - we'll provide a beautiful card to notify that you have made a gift (of any size) to HFZ on their behalf.

Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary gift - we provide a beautiful card for you to send indicating that you have made a life enhancing gift to HFZ in their name.

Regular monthly donation - through PayPal you can set up a monthly giving plan to HFZ.

Help Send a Filled Container to Zambia

Plans are underway to send a container to Kasama, Zambia, filled with school books (donated by the University Place and Tacoma School Districts), a tractor for use on the farms run by the Sisters, and a lot of other donated equipment and supplies. This is in cooperation with the Rotary Clubs of Pierce County. Distribution of the books will be handled by the Kasama Rotary Club. The container will remain in Kasama and be converted to living space for a caretaker on the Sisters new property where the water project will be completed.

The cost for the container and shipping is estimated to be \$11,500. We have already set aside \$2000 for this project and need a lot more. A portion of any undesignated giving will go toward this project, or, if you wish, designate "Container".

Schools for the Blind

The Sisters run two Special Schools for the Visually Impaired in Mporokoso and Kawambwa. They are in great need of many items to meet the students' public health and academic requirements. The total cost for their detailed lists is \$11,874.

Fifty-four of the students are albinos with visual impairments and particular sensitivity to the sun needing sun glasses, hats and medicated soap and lotion. Several students need hearing aids. Others need special nutritional aids and medicine. All the students need access to Braille equipment which is in short supply.

Some of these can be donated locally and shipped in the container but the rest need to be purchased in the local economy.

A portion of undesignated general gifts will go to this project or you may designate to "Special Schools".

The Rotary Water Project

The Rotary Clubs' project to complete a water system for the Sisters new property outside Kasama is getting closer to fruition. Tacoma Narrows Rotary has pledged \$5000; Tacoma #8 Rotary, \$7000; Hawks Prairie Rotary, \$2500; and Tacoma North Rotary is working on \$2000. The Rotary District will match these funds at 50%. With a total of just under \$25,000 the project can go forward.

A completed water system then opens the way for the Sisters to develop an irrigated farm and eventual residences for orphans, along with a projected training school. It's an exciting prospect which will take several years and a great deal of additional investment to fulfill. We'll keep you posted.

St. John Bosco Catholic Church Gift

A great big thank you to the Parish Outreach Committee of St. John Bosco who, after hearing our presentation, recommended that the Church contribute \$1000 to HFZ. God will richly bless that gift. May other churches be inspired to follow suit.