



Hearts for Zambia

caring for orphans, vulnerable children and families

Winter 2009

What's New?

- **Rotary partners plan a trip to Zambia** — Frank and Kathy Erickson of Tacoma Narrows Rotary will visit Sister Baptista and the Sisters of the Child Jesus in May, 2009. Narrows Rotary is partnering with Kasama, Zambia Rotary to develop a water project. The Ericksons will be back in Tacoma in time to report on their visit at the May 30 Annual Meeting.
- **Save the Date!** — Hearts for Zambia will hold its annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 30, 1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Dominican Center, 935 Fawcett Ave. South. All supporters and friends are invited.
- **Go Chilabula!** — Chilabula St. Therese Girls High School, operated by the Sisters of the Child Jesus, has highly competitive, championship level sports teams but the girls have never had sports uniforms. Through a generous donation from the St. Francis House in Puyallup, HFZ was able to ship 36 soccer jerseys to them.
- **Catholic African Connections** — Hearts for Zambia board members and supporters will attend the third annual conference of Catholic African Connections on April 18 at St. Bridget's Parish in Seattle. The conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle Missions Office. HFZ's own Sister Baptista participated in the planning of the 2008 conference prior to her return to Zambia. For information about this year's conference, see www.catholicafricanconnections.org.

Fair trade market participation

With a supply of various arts and craft items from Zambia, HFZ participated in the St. Leo Free Trade Market and the Bethany Presbyterian Alternative Christmas Gifts event. Participation in these two events provided a net income of more than \$700. We are grateful to the many people who visited our booth, learned more about Hearts for Zambia, and made contributions.



HFZ board member Paula Foreman, right, assists shoppers at the St. Leo Fair Trade Market in November 2008.

First donations reach Zambia

In the fall newsletter HFZ reported that the Tetekela Day Care Center was looking at a nearly empty larder. With the rainy season approaching and 160 children to feed six days a week for the next five months the situation looked bleak. The Sisters of the Child Jesus needed \$5000 USD just to purchase the staples necessary for a fairly balanced diet. Most of the children coming to the Center depend on this one meal per day for survival.

At that time HFZ was barely established as a non-profit organization and had little money on hand. Bruce and Paula Foreman had just returned from Zambia with photos and stories of the Sisters' work. They spoke at St. Leo's, St. Patrick's, Bellarmine High School and with friends at Catherine Place. Those contacts plus the response to the newsletter appeal raised \$5376 for food supplies. That amount was wired to the Sisters, who received the funds with much rejoicing, saying it was "like a refreshing rain after a long drought."

St. Patrick Parish

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner

to benefit



Hearts for Zambia



Friday, March 6

Serving from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Church Basement, North 12th and J Street
Admission by Donation • Please RSVP to 253-752-6230

Hearts for Zambia supports the work of Sister Baptista and the Sisters of the Child Jesus of Zambia

Telling the Hearts for Zambia story

Please help us tell the story of Hearts for Zambia and the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus. Consider hosting an information session in your home for prospective donors and others who might be interested in learning more about the Sisters and their important work.

Board members Bruce and Paula Foreman are available to show photos and describe their first-hand observations from their recent visit to HFZ projects in Zambia. To schedule a meeting please contact Beatrice Roy at 253-759-9904 or hfzvp@wamail.net.



Board members Paula and Bruce Foreman visited Zambia in the fall of 2008.

HFZ welcomes new board member



Sr. Marilyn Gooley, SNJM

Hearts for Zambia is delighted to welcome Sr. Marilyn Gooley, SNJM, as the newest member of the organization's board of directors. She comes with a wealth of experience in non-profit programs and awareness of resources in the local community and beyond. Welcome Sister Marilyn!

Toward the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are eight goals to be achieved by 2015 in response to the world's major challenges in development. Drawn from the Millennium Declaration adopted at the UN Millennium Summit in September 2000, the MDGs focus on an end to poverty and hunger, universal education, gender equality, child health, maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, environmental sustainability and global partnership. You can play a part in achieving these goals by contributing to Hearts for Zambia. The Sisters of the Child Jesus will use your contributions to address the on-going needs of the children and families who have been placed in their care. Any amount is appreciated.

Please find enclosed my gift to help the Sisters of the Child Jesus care for the children who come to them every day.

My gift is \$_____. (Your donation is 100 percent tax-deductible.)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Urgent Needs

Kawambwa School for the Blind provides care and education for children who are visually impaired. There are 68 students in grades 1-9 who live in four dormitories.

The challenges at the school are many. The school motto is "Break the Barrier" to thrive. The focus is to train the children to be self-reliant.

By agreement with the Braille Institute of California, HFZ has arranged to have new Braille books and Braille typing paper shipped directly to the Sisters of the Child Jesus. But there is a need for many more items.

Perhaps you can help. The needs include:

- A Braille type writer (They have two for the whole school. The Sisters transcribe lessons by hand.)
- Braille styluses and hand frames
- A Braille press
- Magnifiers for the partially sighted students
- Small, battery operated tape recorder/players with blank tapes and extra batteries.
- Canes and walking sticks

If you have access to any of these items and would like to donate them please contact Beatrice Roy at 253-759-9904. HFZ will be pleased to issue a receipt for an in-kind contribution.

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Our mission is to support and promote the mission of the Sisters of the Child Jesus in meeting the critical and long-term needs of orphans, vulnerable children and families in the Northern Province of Zambia, Africa.

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