



Hearts for Zambia

caring for orphans and
vulnerable children and families

February 2011

Review of 2010 Accomplishments

Of greatest importance has been the establishment of an independent water supply through the installation of a borehole, pump, and water storage system. The impact of a fresh water supply goes beyond the obvious. Beside providing clean water for cooking and irrigation, a dependable water supply provides the means for improved sanitation through functioning toilets and showers. In the past, the children were able to bathe just once a week using pails of water. Now, because the children can shower, they are experiencing a new sense of dignity and confidence.

When HFZ began supporting the Sisters' work, it was necessary to focus on only the most urgent needs. Because urgent needs have been met through funds sent by HFZ, the Sisters report that they are now able to develop life skills programs that are designed to promote self sufficiency for all the children, but especially those for whom standardized education isn't appropriate. The key to the development of these programs is the farm project at Tetekela identified as D-30. Here the Sisters will teach carpentry, tailoring (using sewing machines sent to them in the HFZ container), agriculture, business, and other related life skills.

Toward this end, HFZ will be supporting the development of an irrigation system and the purchase of a farm truck.



The lorry will be used to transport students and equipment, as well as to carry produce to market. Students will also sell farm products from their "tuck shop" - which is actually the reconfigured and repurposed shipping container that HFZ sent last November!

News from Sister Charity



Sister Charity, Principal

"The new term has begun with additional students being enrolled in the Tetekela Day Center School. Most of these children are double orphans. The children have started using the school materials, especially story books from the container. We've employed a new teacher by the name of John, and there is a Brother visiting from Burkina Faso who is teaching the children in computers, math, and English. Additional good news is that several students have now passed their exams and are attending grades 8 and 9. HFZ support has provided tuition, books, and uniforms, and healthy food to enable these children to attend school."

St. Patrick Parish

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinner

To benefit Hearts for Zambia

Friday, March 11, 2011

Serving from 5:30-7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Church Basement

North 12th and J Streets, Tacoma, WA

Admission by Donation

Joining us for the evening will be

Mr. & Mrs. Bwalya Melu, friends of HFZ

from Zambia who are living in the United States

and working with World Vision.

African fabrics will be offered for donation

Message to Donors

During 2010, HFZ received donations ranging from \$9 to \$2,500 to assist the Sisters of the Child Jesus. Each contribution, whether large or small, has had tremendous impact and blessing. In addition to individual donors, HFZ has been supported by Bastian Real Estate and Columbia Bank. Statements for income tax purposes have been mailed out to all donors who gave \$20 or more. Please let us know if you have not received your statement.

How Your Dollars Were Spent

Each quarter, HFZ transfers funds directly to a designated account in Zambia for the Sisters of the Child Jesus to use exclusively for the orphans cared for at the Tetekela Day Center. In return we receive an Annual Report providing detailed information of how each kwacha is spent. Here are some highlights from the most recent Annual Report:

- Tuition & books, salaries for teachers & school workers
- Food (fresh fish, one cow for meat, and grains)
- Tree seedlings for the farm (banana and orange trees)
- Car maintenance & repairs
- Technology (phones, internet, printer toner)
- Clothing by the bale for the children

Letter from Sister Baptista



Along with the Annual Report, we received the following note: "I send compliments of the season to all with a heart filled with gratitude for your support, especially on behalf of the vulnerable children of Zambia. Your support has made our work easier. God will reward your hard work. We have been busy with planting corn at D-30 farm, planting two hectares of maize for our children. The fields look beautiful! The rain is minimal and may finish before the crops fully mature. God has it all. I love you all and miss you. Enjoy this year 2011 and work even harder."



The children were so excited as they helped unload the container that arrived November 13, 2010



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% tax-deductible.)

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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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