

## Hearts for Zambia

your opportunity to make a difference for vulnerable children and families

February 2012



Sister Baptista meets regularly with the Tetekela Women Skills Club to advise and encourage

## **Report from Sister Baptista**

"The money you sent to us this year has helped us greatly to finish the ablution block. We need to put up a spare tank that may cost us US \$1,000. We have started to construct a play park and have used some of your money to fence in the park. We also paid a constructor to thatch the shelter which was falling apart and causing an unsafe environment for the children. Some of the money went to pay the helpers and to buy food. The car has gone old and is causing problems. I am thinking of selling it, but this would leave us with no vehicle at the center. We did not spend much on school requirements this period because we got a grant for that from the US Embassy. Ten of our children who sat for Grade 7 exams have all passed and Evan passed to Grade 10. We also got a big second-hand sewing machine for making school uniforms. We have employed a tailor to teach our children and the women sewing. This year we hope to send you some things made at Tetekela. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CARE FOR GOD'S CHILDREN!"

## The Tetekela Women Skills Club

In addition to working with the children, the Tetekela program includes supporting the women of the community. The Women Skills Club is well organized and meets regularly to empower and equip the group with life skills through various activities for income generation. These activities include baking, cookery, sewing, knitting, and farming.

The Club currently has 50 members who pay dues and are held to membership rules. Their goal is to address problems among women and to help them meet life challenges such as limited training, unemployment, and vulnerability to disease especially HIV and AIDS.

The women participate in events at Tetekela, encouraging the children and celebrating their successes.



Knights of Columbus Fish Dinner to benefit

Hearts for Zambia



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