



Hearts for Zambia

your opportunity to make a difference
for vulnerable children and families

Summer 2013

Annual Fish Dinner a Success!

At the end of February, the Knights of Columbus #809 at St. Patrick's Church hosted a dinner to benefit the work of Sister Baptista and the Sisters of the Child Jesus. Thanks to their generosity and the many people who contributed to the success of the event, the dinner raised \$4,391.10. These funds were used to purchase bicycles designed and built in Zambia called "Buffalo Bicycles".



In addition to delivering the bicycles directly to the playfield at Tetekela, Mr. Ndumba of World Bicycle Relief graciously hauled rolls of fencing for the goat pens at no extra charge.

This is not a bike

(it's an engine for economic and cultural empowerment)



Sister Baptista Sends Thanks!

"On behalf of the Sisters of the Child Jesus and the children and staff at Tetekela Day Care Center, and indeed on my own behalf, I write to convey our hearts felt gratitude to the members of Hearts for Zambia organization for your loving gesture of buying for us these lovely heavy duty and durable bicycles. Your HEARTS FOR ZAMBIA ARE REALLY BIG!!!! We could not have procured these bicycles on our own because they are expensive. God in his loving mercy and care has given them to us! We shall carefully make use of them. May God always bless, guide and guard your efforts and plans to help us. The bicycles will be used by those who go to high school and for other services at the Center."

Baptista Kaoma

The Power of Bicycles

Bicycles improve access to education, healthcare and economic opportunity by increasing carrying capacity and accessible travel distance while saving the time it takes to commute to and from schools, clinics and markets. In Africa most bicycles begin to fall apart within weeks because they are not suitable for rugged terrain and bulky loads. This has dire consequences for people without access to other modes of transportation. The Buffalo Bicycle is designed, tested and assembled in Africa to be strong and durable enough to withstand conditions. The bicycles are also compatible with locally available spare parts, ensuring that with proper maintenance they will last for years. For more info:

<http://www.worldbicyclerelief.org>



Dormitory Needed Urgently

Sister Charity writes that at Tetekela there is an outstanding cry for help from the high school students for overnight accommodation at the Centre.



Go Green

Our current greatest expense is the cost of mailing our newsletters. Help HFZ keep our administrative costs low by sending your email address to hfzvp@wamail.net. We hope to hear from you soon!



Currently, the Sisters have provided a classroom for the boys and a storeroom for the girls for studying and sleeping.

“These boys and girls need a proper environment for studying, especially during the night hours. The villages where they are coming from have no electricity and sometimes water is a problem. A good number of students complain of poor sight when they are in classes because they depend mostly on candles for lighting during study time at homes. At times they beg to stay at the Centre because there is electricity and enough water for them to bathe and wash their uniforms.

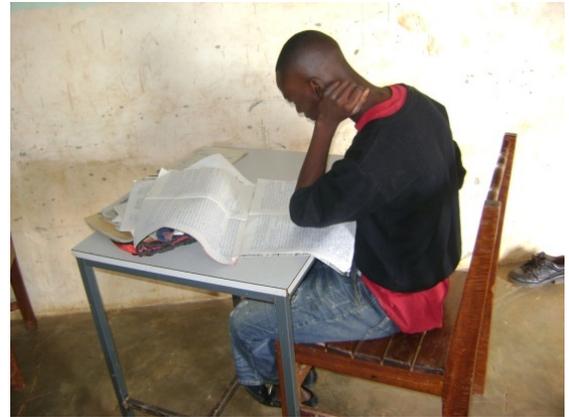
Some of these children have poor studying habits due to the influence by their peers when they go back home. Their primary caregivers aren't able to give them full care and support due to other responsibilities. Some children walk a very long distance from home to school, some have no proper shelter, some are out of school for long periods especially during the rainy season, and some fail to come to school because they experience social discrimination.

These children in the villages they are coming from are exposed to greater risk of sexual abuse, alcohol, smoking and early marriages instead of support for school work and attendance. Some children are expected to take over the roles of adults and doing the chores at home. A proper shelter is badly needed.

If proper accommodation is available they will be able to study with no interference or difficulties and be able to succeed in school. Overnight accommodation will help children break the deprivation trap which leads to a vicious cycle of poverty and they will learn how to help each other and solve problems on their own. “

- Sister Charity

Hearts for Zambia is seeking ways to help. Please give generously to ensure that the education begun with our young people at Tetekela is successful and that the students are kept safe.



Recently a generous donor contributed funds with the specific request to Sister Baptista that the funds be used only for something fun. Sister's response to the request was to celebrate Easter with a field trip and picnic at Chishimba Falls.

They hired a bus and driver and spent the day marveling at God's creation and enjoying each other's company.

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

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

Name: _____

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Our mission is to support and promote the work 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