



# Hearts for Zambia

Your opportunity to make a difference for vulnerable children and families

June/July 2015

## Sister Baptista to Establish New Ministry; to visit eastern US in June & July



Sister Baptista has been called upon by her community to help establish a new ministry to the orphaned children from Angola, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the huge refugee camp at Maheba in the Northwest Province of Zambia. While it has taken her away from her work at Tetekela, she has been replaced by the able leadership of Sister Mirriam Kasonde.

Sister Baptista is visiting the United States during June and July 2015 making mission appeals on behalf of the Sisters of the Child Jesus in the Archdiocese of New York, NY and the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. Her schedule is as follows:

June 13-14	St. Charles Parish – Staten Island, NY
June 20-21	Church of Sacred Heart - Port Chester, NY
June 27-28	Church of the Annunciation - Crestwood, NY
July 11-12	St Timothy - Lutz, FL
July 18-19	St Peter the Apostle - Trinity, FL

If you have friends or family in those areas you might invite them to make contact with her and offer support.



## All For the Glory of God

I am Sr. Mirriam Kasonde the current In-charge of Tetekela Day Care Centre. I am 22 yrs in sisterhood. I am a secretary by profession but also am a

trained Pediatric and Adolescent Psychosocial counselor and a trainer of trainers. Before coming to Tetekela I was working as Project Officer on a project which was supporting orphans and vulnerable children and people living with HIV and AIDS.

I started work at Tetekela in January 2015 and since then we have continued with the same program of supporting children in nutrition, education, clothing and spiritual growth.

### We have managed to do the following:

- Cultivate 1 hector of maize which we will harvest this month
- Continue the piggery
- Started keeping broiler chickens
- Maintain a beautiful vegetable garden
- Rebuild a chalet which collapsed in the rainy season
- Started some minor renovations of the Centre.

### Some of the challenges we are facing:

- CHAZ (Churches Association of Zambia) has stopped supporting us with school requisites and fees in 2014
- This year we even failed to enroll children in grade 1 in government school
- No suitable classrooms or desks for the children at the centre
- Not enough tables and chairs in the dining/recreation hall.

**We thank Hearts for Zambia for always being there for Tetekela.**



### Peter Titland, SJ

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We are sad to report that Fr. Peter Titland, S.J., the most recent member of our Board, died May 15 after a very brief illness. Pete served in Zambia and Malawi in various capacities for 45 years, and was familiar with the work of the Sisters of

the Child Jesus. Superior General Mother Christine was a student of his at the University and Sisters Baptista and Sabina and other SCJ had participated in retreats he led. The Sisters of the Child Jesus expressed gratitude for his presence in their lives as do we, the members of the Board of HFZ who had him with us for too short a time.

## Thank you, Knights!



The Knights of Columbus #809 of St. Patrick Church, Tacoma, has been hosting an annual Lenten Fish Dinner to support the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus through Hearts for Zambia since 2009. This year's dinner brought in over \$5,000, the most ever. The Sisters, and the board of HFZ, greatly appreciate the work of the Knights and the generosity of the community who support this event.

Participants are reminded that since the dinner is provided by the Knights of Columbus any donations made are tax deductible as a charitable donation.



### Justine Mubanga

Justine Mubanga, who is doing his grade eight at Mubanga Chipoya Basic School, is the third born in his family of four. Both his parents have died and he is being taken care of

by his aged grandmother.

His grandmother sells groundnuts as a way to sustain the family, though it is very difficult to meet their needs. Sometimes the family goes to sleep with empty stomachs.

Tetekela has helped him with good food and with school expenses. He has grown emotionally, physically and spiritually. Tetekela has also helped him to understand himself and others.



Children at Tetekela

*Hearts for Zambia supports the work of Sister Baptista and the Sisters of the Child Jesus of Zambia in caring for orphans and vulnerable children and families.*

### Consider making a gift today

Please find enclosed my gift to help the Sisters of the Child Jesus care for the children who come to them every day. Cut along dotted line. Complete form and mail to the address shown in the shaded box at right.

My gift is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent of the law.)

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P. O. Box 11161  
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