

The Protea

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An education scholarship program for Zambian girls and women

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Beth's Girls Pursue Higher Education

EBZEF is happy to report that last year's graduates are applying for higher education. Eunice Kanema hopes to go to Solwezi Teacher Training Institute, while Dianah Masumbah is applying to the National Institute for Public Administration in Business Administration.

The Zambian school year runs from January through December, with three terms, Spring (January, February, March), Summer (May, June, July), Fall (September, October, November), and a month off between terms. Seniors take their exams in December and do not receive their results until the middle of Spring term.

Thus, it is not possible to go directly from high school into college. Everyone must sit out a year. Dianah and Eunice are hoping to begin school in January 2008 having finished high school in December 2006.

A two-year degree costs \$2,000. EBZEF provides a special scholarship application form for Beth's Girls applying for higher education.


The current senior class has high hopes



Beth's Girls sing and dance to honor the Bowers' visit to Lumwana West

for the future. Muke Nority, Rabecca Mukwakwa, and Sandra Kamulosu want to become nurses. Racheal Lamwandi and Zhaki Sampanyali plan to pursue teaching. Two other Beth's Girls are pregnant and have not yet delivered.


Esther Nkumbwa, Mwinilunga ADP Manager, World Vision Zambia, tells us "so far the girls are writing their final examinations and have said that the exams

are fair and they are expecting good results. This is quite encouraging to note." Before EBZEF, these dreams did not exist. Without your support, such accomplishments would not be possible. 

Peace Corps Award



Jody Olsen presents PC plaque

On October 16, 2007, Jody Olsen, Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, presented Linda and Gerry Bowers with a Certificate of Appreciation: "For your five years of faithful and caring stewardship of the Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund, which generously provides girls' scholarships, a library, books, and other educational resources in Lumwana West, Zambia, in memory of Beth Bowers and her vision while a Peace Corps Volunteer." EBZEF is honored by the national recognition and sees our work as an extension of Peace Corps values. 

Student Honored

Senior Sandra Kamulosu was chosen the Hostel Prefect at Mwinilunga High School, a significant honor for a village girl. Gerry and Linda met Sandra in the village in 2006 and were impressed with her leader-




Sandra Kamulosu

ship qualities. She was among the girls who talked and slept in the hut with them during their stay at Lumwana West.

Thank you

to our generous donors who support the education of Beth's Girls. 100% of your donation goes directly to help the young women of Lumwana West.

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"I was one of the girls who couldn't afford to go to school, but now this kind of love came in my life as a dream." She insists, "I am working extra hard to make a difference for the village and myself... to build a brighter future." As she says in celebration of Beth in the EBZEF video, "we were dormant, but you have made us rich." 

Beth's Girls Study

A continuing student at Chalimbana Local Government Training Institute, Prudence



Prudence Masanyinga

Masanyinga interned with World Vision Zambia in 2007. Her study, "Participation of Girl Child in Education," came out of her research in Lumwana West.

Prudence's findings recommend that "Government and other concerned NGOs should put up more primary and secondary schools in the rural areas to reduce costs and long distances covered" and "should organize awareness campaigns on the participation of the girl child in education."

"Girls themselves should develop self confidence in order to compete with boys. The government should have more female teachers in leadership positions to act as role models to the girl child."

Prudence writes, "My field work was successful. Thank you for the support you rendered to me. I was very happy to have a chance of sharing ideas with my fellow Beth's Girls." We are pleased to have a formal field study on Lumwana West by our first Beth's Girl high school graduate. 🌿

More Happenings at EBZEF

Video on YOUTUBE

Evan Stuart, a video producer from Portland, has created a powerful, highly effective video to share the story of EBZEF. See it on our website <www.bethsgirls.org>, YouTube, and Facebook.

EBZEF Joins NAO

The new Nonprofit Association of Oregon provides nonprofit organizations with a voice in public policy. The NAO/TACS website sends out newsletters, answers questions, lists resources, and connects nonprofits to help each other. They offer workshops and monthly professional meetings.

New Financial Advisor

EBZEF is pleased to welcome Jenny Hector as our new financial advisor from Carter & Carter, a family-owned firm from Eugene with securities through Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.

New Board Member

EBZEF welcomes Jennifer L. Roney as a new member and Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Jennifer teaches at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette University and is developing her own business, Reframe Management Consulting. Our all-volunteer, working board appreciates Jennifer's energy and expertise.

Zambia Night 2 Celebration

EBZEF held our Second Annual Zambia Night on October 3rd at the Blue Pepper



Mary Lundebe with Bob and Susie Fuller (PEO representative)

Gallery and Café in Salem, Oregon. Displays of original art work, handmade village gifts and tools, masks, baskets, wall hangings, flags, maps, and games plus authentic Zambian village food and music gave First Wednesday visitors a taste of life halfway around the world.

Videos, slide shows, letters and photos introduced guests to Beth's Girls and life in the village of Lumwana West. Mary Lundebe, PHD candidate, flew in from Penn State as guest of honor. While we have known her for five years, this was the first time to meet Mary, our "first-born Zambian daughter," a

great homecoming for the EBZEF All-Star!

Mary spoke formally to the Zambia Night guests of her home, her family, her studies, and her work, answering a wide range of questions. Mary also met Susie Fuller, a representative of PEO, the organization which gave her an \$8,000 scholarship to continue her studies at Penn State. Mary is the mother of two boys who are living with her sister in Zambia.

During her visit to Salem, Mary spoke to students at Willamette University in an African Studies course. As a premier role model for

Beth's Girls in Zambia, Mary also inspired the young people she met in Oregon by her beauty, eloquence, and courage. 🌿

Growth Chart

Number of Beth's Girls by Year					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
8th Grade	12	14	14	26	40
9th Grade	21	10	11	21	25
10th Grade	7	4	6	5	7
11th Grade	6	7	7	6	6
12th Grade	0	6	7	6	7
Total	46	41	45	64	85

Rotary Gift

Rosemary Dorman and Eleanor Ellis, from the Rotary Interact Club of South Salem High School, present EBZEF with over \$400 in funds collected through candy sales and bottle drives. It is inspiring to see young women who have so much helping those who have so little halfway around the world.



Rosemary Dorman and Eleanor Ellis

Memorial Library Progresses

Library construction proceeds apace in Lumwana West. Cindy Threlkeld, Zambia In-country Peace Corps Director, visited the NW Province in early fall. "I saw the library, which is nearing completion. Wow! That is an ambitious undertaking. I had no idea of the size."

Cindy tells us "It looks great inside, with the large wooden beams and skylights. It will make a wonderful community gathering point, in addition to a library."



Village workmen with PCV Jessica Hillsley plaster the exterior of the library

Peace Corps Volunteer Jessica Hillsley adds "they almost have all of the inside plastered. Then they will be working on getting things painted and, soon, getting the doors on!" With materials ready to go, the next step will be to build shelves for the books and furniture for the readers.

We hope to raise enough money to put a solar panel on the roof to generate electricity for light and for a donated computer from the Peace Corps for Mr. Njolomba, Lumwana West Basic School Headmaster. We also hope to provide computers for the community library/learning center.

Books for Zambia

EBZEF is partnering with Books for Africa to stock the Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Library and to supply books to Lumwana West Basic and Mwinilunga Secondary Schools. Thanks to generous donors we now have the \$13,000 needed to pay for shipping a container to the NW Province.

EBZEF is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation. All contributions are fully tax deductible.

Volunteer Thanks

Special thanks to Carlee Kondo, for In-Design layout, Ashley Johnston for website design, and Oliver Donaldson for photo editing. Ashley and Carlee are also working with on-line social networking. Over 20 people helped to make Zambia Night so successful. We greatly appreciate our committee volunteers as well as our active Advisory Board Members.

EBZEF Internship



EBZEF team: Linda Bowers, Cassandra Farrin, Karen Chittick

Cassandra Farrin, Willamette University alumna now working at Tokyo International University of America, will intern with EBZEF as a grant researcher in spring of 2008. Cassandra attended a two-day TACS seminar in Portland as part of an EBZEF team and will help us move to the next stage of organizational development.

New Lunga ADP

EBZEF Board member Fordson Kafweku, Regional Operations Manager South, World Vision Zambia, reports that the new Lunga World Vision Area Development Program, sponsored by South Korea, is indeed underway. The Lunga ADP, under Chief Sailunga, will include Lumwana West.

This is good news for EBZEF since we have been working with the Mwinilunga ADP which does not include the Lumwana West area. It will enable us to work more closely with the Basic School and can provide economic, health, and educational programs for the village.

Give a life-altering gift this holiday season



Share in the work of changing lives and offering hope to the young women of NW Zambia. *A little goes so far:*

- \$35 books
- \$55 uniforms
- \$195 sponsors a student in grade 8
- \$155 sponsors a student in grade 9
- \$480 sponsors a student in grade 10
- \$425 sponsors a student in grade 11
- \$510 sponsors a student in grade 12
- \$2,000 funds a 2 year teaching degree
- \$24,000 Library/learning center

Amounts vary due to the fluctuating exchange rate between the US\$ and Zambian Kwacha.

Yes! I want to change a life & impact a family, a village, & a nation by supporting Zambian women's education.

☐ I have enclosed a donation of _____ ☐ As a gift

From:

To:

Name _____

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If donating as a gift, please include your name and address as well.

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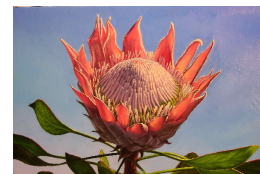


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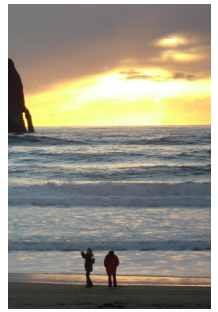
Jeremy Wanak, Gerry Bowers, friends
World Beat Festival, Summer 2007.

Zambia Night: Ashley Johnston
(volunteer coordinator), Jennifer
Roney (Treasurer), Angela Wanak
(Advisory Board).



Mary Lundeba at the
Salmon River Fish
Hatchery, Fall 2007.

First ocean visit:
Angela Wanak and
Mary Lundeba at
Haystack Rock,
Pacific City, Oregon.



Congratulations Mary

Mary Lundeba successfully completed her qualifying exams for the PhD in Fisheries Science at Penn State University on November 29, 2007.



Joel Henderson explains Makishi (Lunda male rite of passage)
on Zambia Night to Terry Vansyckle and Stewart Williams
of the Bank of the Cascades.



The Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund

*One life made the
connection.*



Our Mission

The Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund is a non-profit organization created to provide education to girls from the Lumwana West area in NW Zambia. Elizabeth Rachel Bowers (1979-2002) shared her compassionate spirit with the people of NW Zambia as a Peace Corps volunteer. The Scholarship legacy sustains Beth's vision of service and global awareness by empowering young women to build positive change from within, to become leaders and educators, and to improve the quality of life in their communities.

Still, you

Bruised soles shift
on this crippled cliff of sand.
I offer you again to the sea--
 you in previous pink packets,
 you in the tears on my skin.
I offer your name to the clouds,
catch my breath and hope for some pedestrian miracle
(you cut so deeply into me, I have caught my breath forever)
while two fistfuls of rose petals
cover the nameless water:
a shredded pink blanket tossed over the mute sea.
You left me.
But the roses never left my shore--
only the petals drifted
away, always away.

In Memoriam

You burst into my life
and burst out again, falling,
unbound in the end.
Now everywhere I go is a place without you.
But the mirrored shadows,
the occasional slip of memory,
the slivers of song that
still draw blood--
I live with these dismantled pieces
(pieces of you accompany me where the whole cannot).
Now I have only to reach out my hand and
throw my arms into the sky
 to touch the new face of you.

--Berkeley Williamson, March 6, 2006