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Secondary School Construction Phase I

THANKS to the many generous donors that made Phase I of the secondary school project possible! Efficient oversight and management from World Vision Zambia ensure Phase I elements will be ready for use in Term 2 beginning in May 2017.

- Two three-classroom buildings are complete. EBZEF and the community are supplying double desks for juniors (grades 7, 8, 9) and single desks for seniors (grades 10, 11, 12) to meet Ministry of Education specifications.
- An ablution block (lavatory) for girls is complete, with community-built pit latrines for boys until a Phase II ablution block for boys is constructed.
- Soak-away fields and septic tanks (Phase II items) are ready to accommodate the secondary school complex.
- Two staff houses are ready for teachers and administrators. 🌸



Staff house ready for occupancy



Girls' ablution block & septic tanks



Three-classroom building complete

Secondary School Phase II

Several Phase II projects were needed to complete Phase I. We have already launched Phase II with the girls' lavatory, soak away fields, septic tanks, and student desks. New construction will not begin until all Phase I costs are paid for and funds for Phase II are in hand. EBZEF is working with World Vision and

Lumwana West to define smaller, stand-alone projects for Phase II.

As we better define the next construction phase, we will keep you posted. All donations are greatly appreciated to maintain our momentum in creating a sustainable future for EBZEF's work in NW Zambia. **THANK YOU!** 🌸

Phase I Extra Costs

Construction costs typically change from initial estimates due to increased costs of materials, labor, exchange rates, and more. EBZEF helped raise an additional \$48,500 to complete the girls' lavatory and to purchase 225 desks for 6 classrooms so Phase I classrooms can be used. World Vision has generously "fronted" funds to complete the following essential projects, which EBZEF must reimburse in the amount of \$44,500.

- Classroom cost overruns = \$7,000.
- Staff houses soak away and septic tanks = \$17,000.
- Ablution block soak away and septic tanks = \$20,500. 🌸

PHASE	PROJECT ELEMENT	COST
I	2 Three-room Classroom Blocks, 2 Teachers' Houses, Two-room Preschool Classroom Block	\$340,000
	1 Lavatory, 225 Desks (from Phase II)	\$48,500
	Classroom Cost Overruns	\$7,000
	Soak-away Fields/Septic Tanks (from Phase II)	\$37,500
II	2 Three-room Classroom Blocks, 7 Teachers' Houses, Office Block/Furn., Water, 1 Lavatory	\$915,000
III	1 Three-room Classroom Block, Computer Lab/Computers, School Hall, Internet/Solar	\$430,000
Total Project Cost		\$1,778,000



*Funded and completed

Full details at: www.ebzef.org/news/secondaryschool/

Beth's Girls College Report

Kutemba Njolomba is completing her student teaching in science and math at Mwinilunga Secondary School. She studies at Mukuba University College of Education. "I could never do it on my own in life. God really works miracles by giving me EBZEF to support my career. I thank them for their great support. They are the reason I am on my feet." ☞



Visaka Kapalu is in year 2 of 7 in the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery Degree Program at Lusaka Apex Medical University. To EBZEF donors she says, "I really appreciate all you have done and are still doing in my life. You are a blessing to me. You are the only ones I am depending on. May God bless you." ☞



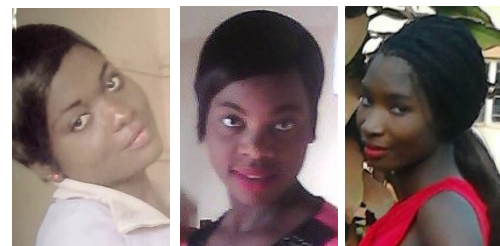
Charity Mashata will begin her student teaching in May 2017 in her final year at Immaculata Visitation Teacher's College. "If I fail to admit it then my conscience will not set me free. The pleasure of being at college has really transformed me into a very positive person. Things are changing multidimensional. Am proud of what I have become. Proud of the path I am heading to." ☞



Stella Masanyinga (left) is in year 2 of 3 at Immaculata Visitation Teachers College. **Christabel Lillian Sweta** is in year 1 of 3 at Evelyn Hone College of Pharmacy. ☞

"If you educate a woman, you educate a family, a community, and a country."

—Zambian proverb



Rachael Sanama, Sandra Kalumba, and Ruth Njolomba are in year 2 of 3 at SW College of Education. Sandra says, "My studies are going smoothly well and am really enjoying my course very much." ☞

Mary's News

Beth's Lady Mary Lundeba celebrated International Women's Day in rural Zambia with female fish farmers. Mary currently works with the World Fish Center in Lusaka as an Aquaculture Consultant. ☞



Beth's Ladies' Success Stories



"Beth's Ladies" have defined themselves as Beth's Girls who have graduated from college or vocational school and have significant positions in the work force and in their community. They are excellent role models.

Prudence sees the beauty of Beth's Ladies. "Congratulations! You have graduated from Beth's Girl to Beth's Lady.

Thank you to our sponsors for the transformations taking place in Beth's Girls. My girls look beautiful, and every girl in the rural community admires and asks the secret, which is in the books. The more you become educated, the more you become beautiful."

EBZEF's first Beth's Lady, **Prudence Masanyinga**, graduated from Mulungushi University on November 26, 2016 with

a B. S. in Sociology. "You have made me smile today. My picture has changed when I recall where I am coming from. My community, family, and I, we are no longer the same. Tunasakililiku mwani!"

Prudence serves as a Social Development Worker for World Vision Zambia, and has worked with Beth's Girls in Lumwana West. ☞

Sandra Kamulosu has a certificate in Library Studies from Zamtel College and will graduate in August 2017 with a teaching diploma from Zambia College of Open Education. She has been working as Librarian in the Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Library since its inception and is a key supporter of EBZEF's literacy



program for Lumwana West. "We are really thankful for the help tendered to us. On behalf of the entire community we say you have made a change in Lumwana West." ☞

Priscovia Sangenjo, a graduate of Solwezi Teachers College, is teaching secondary language and religion in her home village of Lumwana West. "I am really enjoying teaching. I like it especially since I was once a pupil at the same school." To EBZEF donors, "Your sponsorship made us reach this far. May the good Lord continue blessing you abundantly." ☞



Karen Kabulayi was an EBZEF scholarship recipient for Mwinilunga Secondary School. She now works as an electrician in Kansanshi mines in Solwezi. ☞

Volunteer Thanks

New Board member and EBZEF Treasurer **Kathy Ellis-Kelemen** is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Malaysia 1978-80), is multi-lingual, and has traveled globally to Austria, Germany, India, and Nepal. As CFO of Kelemen Advisory Associates LLC, Kathy also served as Assistance League's National Director of Finance and National Director



of Technology. The Chamber of Commerce honored Kathy and her husband Ron as Salem Distinguished Citizens in 2011. ☞

A long-time supporter of EBZEF and mother of Megan, one of Beth's close friends from high school, **Sally Daly** works with the EBZEF Advisory/Fund-raising and Library Committees. A graduate of Rice University in Math and Anthropology, she recently retired after 25 years as Billing Specialist for her husband Ed's mental health clinic. The Dalys are widely traveled and hope to visit Africa soon. ☞



Angie Grohn studied with both Gerry and Linda Bowers at Willamette University and was "inspired by the EBZEF spirit" to help post educational and inspirational articles on LinkedIn, including EBZEF LinkedIn Group. She is a musician, a composer, and a writer, works in accounting, and volunteers as a STEM mentor at the Vancouver, Washington, Boys and Girls Club. ☞



New Library Equipment

The Memorial Library has three new laptop computers. Librarian Sandra Kamulosu purchased two copies of CHAMBERS DICTIONARY, in popular demand by library patrons of all ages. ☞



New laptops for Library

World Beat Festival

Volunteers Needed! Help host the EBZEF Booth in the African Village at the 20th Anniversary of the World Beat Festival on June 24th-25th at Riverfront Park in Salem. Stop by the booth to check in on the latest progress of EBZEF's programs in NW Zambia. Contact <ebzefund@gmail.com> to volunteer. ☞



The Wanak Family at World Beat

EBZEF's Song

Advisory Board member **Angela Wanak**, an accomplished singer, musician, and composer, has created a theme song for EBZEF: "Alight! The Dawn of a New Day." Videographer **Jeremy Wanak** created a signature EBZEF video available at concertwindwon.com/angel. They will offer an online benefit concert for EBZEF on Concert Window. Stay tuned for details. ☞



Pre-School Term II

The final two classrooms for Lumwana West pre-school will be ready for term II in May 2017. This highly popular program, initiated by EBZEF in 2011, is a model for pre-schools in Zambia, especially in remote rural villages. **Baal Dan Charities** helped finance construction. ☞



Pre-school with disability ramps



Lumwana West pre-school

Schirle Penny Drive

Volunteer **Carrie Hare** organized the **Schirle Elementary School** penny drive for EBZEF on April 3rd to help purchase furniture and supplies for new preschool classrooms. Small tables and chairs are made by a local craftsman from sacred mukwa hardwood impervious to termites. A generous donor has matched the \$1,022.87 collected by children helping children on the other side of the world. ☞



Give a life-altering gift this spring!

Help change lives and offer hope to Beth's Girls and their community in NW Zambia. So little goes so far:

- \$100 funds 2 more Chambers Dictionaries
- \$140 funds 1 Pre-school table & 6 chairs
- \$200 funds 4 Secondary School desks
- \$600 funds 1 Library laptop computer
- \$2,500 funds a year of college study
- \$28,000 funds a water borehole
- \$35,000 funds a student lavatory
- \$53,000 funds a teacher's house
- \$62,000 funds a 3-classroom building

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

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Big work by little hands at Schirle School Penny Drive!

EBZEF Remembers
Special friends
Dr. Lyle Scott
and
Jerome Anderson



Double desk for Juniors (grades 7, 8, 9)

Single desk for Seniors (grades 10, 11, 12)



Keats Kitten following in Blake's pawprints

Mukwa chairs for pre-school



Mukwa tables & chairs construction for new pre-school classrooms

The Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund

*One life made the connection.
Now many carry on the vision of caring.*



Our Mission

EBZEF empowers women, children, and their community in Lumwana West, Zambia, to break the cycle of poverty through education.

Our Vision

Elizabeth Rachel Bowers (1979–2002) shared her compassionate spirit with the people of her village as a Peace Corps volunteer. The education 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.

In Memory of Blake



Blake Bowers (2001–2017)

Remembering Beth

*Tiger, tiger, burning bright
In the forest of the night . . .*
—William Blake

We celebrate the life of our beloved Zambian cat, Blake, who came to us from the other side of the world to grace us with his presence for the past 15 years. He has left us to return to Beth. His tremendous heart and spirit have lighted our lives and inspired us in EBZEF's efforts to celebrate Beth's life and work in NW Zambia.

We miss you, Beth and Blake!



Blake as a kitten with Beth outside her hut in Zambia