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Beth's College Girls




Charity Mashata is completing her first year of 3 at Immaculata Visitation Teachers College in Zambia. "Doing a diploma in teaching makes me proud of myself. I really want to teach in schools and encourage my fellow Beth's Girls to work hard in their lives and become who they are destined to be." She adds, "My hard work is dedicated to my sponsors and my family."



"To my beloved Beth's Girls, never lose hope in your studies. Have the courage, and you will make it. Be strong and encourage those who are weak in their studies. Let's make a better Zambia through education."



Kutemba Njolomba is enjoying her chemistry and biology classes in year 3 of a 5-year degree program at Mukuba University's College of Education. She plans to teach secondary school science and math. 



Agatha Sangenjo is in year 2 of a 3-year program in secondary education at Zambia College of Open Education. She reports, "Studies are going very well, and I thank God for this." She adds,

Beth's College "Girls" To Become "Ladies"


Sandra Kamulosu, Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Librarian, passed her promotion exams to move to the final year 3 of her teaching certificate program at Zambia College of Open Education. Her focus is on Library Science. Sandra has a diploma from Zamnet Library School.



Melba Chitala completes her coursework in December 2015 at the Roan Antelope School of Midwifery. "When I pass, I will be on internship for six months. I will be given a license to work as a midwife after the internship. My graduation ceremony will be in May 2016." She says, "I encourage my fellow Beth's Girls




to work extra hard because it's not possible to pass with flying colours if you are not studying hard."

Julia Salumawu completes her studies in physiotherapy at Evelyn Hone College in December 2015. She reports, "This term is full of hospital practical work. I really enjoy helping people who are sick and need our help." She adds, "I would love to thank our donors for their continued support till this last term of my course. I hope to further my studies in the years to come." She wants "to share my happiness with my fellow Beth's Girls and would like to encourage you to concentrate academically so that you can all achieve your goals." 




Secondary School Beth's Girls

Beth's Girls at Mwinilunga High School (MHS) for 2015 include 11th graders Gloria Njolomba, Brenda Sambaulu, Mulenga Chilufya, Karen Sweta, Muke Catherine, and Christabel Ntambu. 12th graders include Gloria Mwanamoya, Florence Ludeba, and Rachael Njolomba. Four students have achieved the highest level ever at MHS, making us all proud of Beth's Girls! 



Mary Lundeba

Mary Lundeba, Aquaculture Project Manager for the Ministry of Agriculture in Angola, sent a message to the women of Salem Chapter G of PEO for EBZEF's September presentation on our projects in Zambia. "Greetings! Memories of you are still fresh! The support you provided to me will forever be appreciated. I am currently working in Angola where I fondly talk about PEO as one of my supporters towards my achievements. Thank you for taking me as your own. Continue to be a blessing to the womenfolk of this world. You are remembered with much love." 



The Dream: To Educate the Whole Girl

The Dream

If education is the vehicle out of poverty, then EBZEF is realizing Beth's vision through our long partnership with her Peace Corps village of Lumwana West in NW Zambia. Since her passing in 2002, EBZEF has awarded scholarships to over 315 girl children for grades 8-12. More than 12 Beth's Girls have gone on to tertiary school. EBZEF facilitated a pre-school in the village, currently serving over 65 children. The Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Library offers literacy support to the entire community. In short, we are now educating children from pre-school through college and beyond—the whole girl!



"We are such stuff as dreams are made on . . ." (*The Tempest*, IV.i.156-157)

Sustain the Dream: A Secondary School

Secondary school costs at boarding schools are prohibitively high, well beyond the reach of village families. The effect that EBZEF's scholarships have had on Beth's Girls is clear in the way the village now regards the educated woman and in the way Beth's Girls have come to value their own worth and leadership potential. Clearly, education empowers future leaders to choose their destiny and to change their world for the better.

Now EBZEF moves into the final phase of the project seeking sustainability for our long, hard work in NW Zambia. The long-time dream of the village is to have its own secondary school, the clear answer to EBZEF's search for sustainability. A secondary

school, supported by the Zambian Ministry of Education (MOE), would serve the needs of the entire community and solve boarding school issues for Beth's Girls.

Realization of this project is so close, with the fully stocked Memorial Library, a 3-classroom science lab under construction by Engineers Without Borders (EWB), and grades 8-10 already offered in Lumwana West. The land grant from Lunda High Chief Sai'lunga as well as the government demarcation survey and the title deed from the Zambian government are in place.

But how can a small NGO like EBZEF assist the village with the huge project of constructing a full secondary school?

Realize the Dream: WVUS Partnership

Partnership once more is the answer. EBZEF has facilitated partnerships for the village with other NGOs: Peace Corps (Memorial Library), World Vision Zambia (scholarship), EWB (science lab), and Baal Dan Charities (pre-school). The EBZEF Board has agreed to partner with World Vision for the secondary school project. The World Vision partnership includes international expertise; construction and in-country project management; and long-range planning, fundraising assistance, and project accountability.

With an expected start in 2016, the


project will proceed in three phases to build classrooms, teachers' houses, a computer lab, water and sanitation resources, and more as soon as funds become available. The project's first phase needs \$500,000.

This is where **YOU** come in! We need your help to find eager donors for this large, life-changing project on the other side of the world. **Already a major donor has offered to match any holiday donation toward the secondary school project in 2015.** And, if you double your own usual donation, that means you'll be giving 4

Congratulations, Dr. Weiss!

Early Childhood Development specialist and EBZEF volunteer Tamara Weiss rings the ceremonial bell as she receives her PhD in Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development with a concentration in Comparative and International Development Education, from the University of Minnesota.



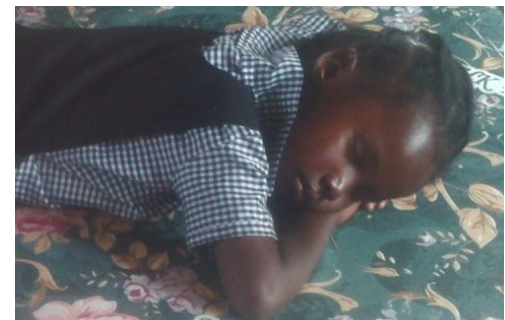
Tamara and her husband Michael Rhodes have worked with Beth's Girls and pre-school curriculum development in Lumwana West as EBZEF volunteers. Their first son, Jonas Terrance Weiss Rhodes, was born on October 13, 2015. Marriage, PhD, baby—so much to celebrate in one year! Thank you for working with EBZEF, Tamara! 

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"To sleep, perchance to dream . . ."
(*Hamlet*, III.i.65-68)

times as much to help fulfill the ultimate dream of EBZEF, of Beth's Girls, and of their community! Dreams can come true. Together we can educate the Whole Girl—and her community as well! 

Prudence Report

Beth's Lady Prudence Masanyinga, husband Castro, and Baby Gerry helped to host EBZEF Board member Dan Irvine on his visit to Mwinilunga in July 2015. Prudence, who works as a Community Development Facilitator for World Vision Zambia, is in her 4th year of a 5-year degree program in sociology at Mulungushi University. She reminds us, "Don't forget—I am a Beth's Girl. I want Beth's Girls to be educated if possible—more than even I. I will be happy, and Rachel Elizabeth our sister will be happy, too." ☺



Castro, Baby Gerry, and Prudence

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**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.

So little goes so far:

\$45 classroom texts

\$45 provides tutoring for 1 student

\$300 funds pre-school books & supplies

\$492 sponsors a student in grade 12

\$2,500 funds a year of college study

Any amount funds books for the library

\$40,000 funds a high school classroom

\$42,000 funds a teacher's house

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

Pre-School Visit

EBZEF Board member Dan Irvine visited the pre-school in July 2015. Construction, sponsored by Baal Dan Charities, is near completion. The children enjoy lively classes in a Basic School classroom. Tables and chairs made by local craftsmen from sacred mukwa hardwood are gifts from Schirle Elementary School's penny drive. Pre-school graduates do especially well in primary school. ☺



Preparation for primary grades

Please Help Priscovia

Priscovia Sangenjo graduated from Solwezi Teachers College in August 2015, overcoming great odds, including cataract surgery. "I am really humbled. I can't find words to express my heartfelt gratitude to my sponsors. If it had not been for your help, my life would have been doomed." She wants to pursue further studies in "special education so that I can help children with various learning disabilities." As an albino in African society, Priscovia is herself doubly disadvantaged. Donate in her name to help achieve her dream. ☺



EWB Visits Village

Kelsey Edwardsen and Sean Bunce from Engineers Without Borders visited Lumwana West in July 2015 to help with construction of the science lab. They report, "The lab concrete was mixed by local men with the help of dozens of women and children carrying water and stones for the aggregate." Kelsey says, "The Lumwana Community is doing well. The children are enthusiastic to use the library. The pineapple season was started, with smiles aplenty." ☺



Kelsey buying pineapples in the market

SSHS Zambia Club

The South Salem High School Zambia Club, with President Lily Barlow, is large and growing. They participated in the school's Halloween Trick or Treat door with a Zambia Safari theme and are planning fundraising activities for the school year. ☺



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 Pounding and sifting cassava to make Nshima 

Traditional Zambian Dinner
Nshima, beans, ifisashi greens



A variety of locally grown beans



Rodents as a special protein treat

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.

FPCV Memorial Ceremony

A memorial ceremony honoring Fallen Peace Corps Volunteers (FPCV's) was held at Hains Point on the Potomac River in Washington DC on October 17th, 2015. Organized by RPCV Corey Quinlan Taylor, Donna and Chelsea Mack, and members of the FPCV Memorial Project and their families, the event honored the sacrifices of those who gave their lives in Peace Corps service.

Carrie Hessler-Radelet, current Director of Peace Corps; Igor Pangrazio, Ambassador to Paraguay; and Chris Robinson, President of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington DC, spoke during

Remembering Beth



the ceremony. Music by the Saint Alban's Episcopal Church Choir included "To My Old Brown Earth," by Pete Seeger; "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need," a setting of Psalm 23; and "Let There Be Peace on Earth," by Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller.

Family members offered remembrances of their loved ones. The ceremony included the recitation of the names of the 296 Fallen Peace Corps Volunteers in order from the present to the 1960s by those attending the ceremony. Participants cast 296 white rose petals into the Potomac River at the conclusion of the ceremony.

We shared "The Dream of Beth: A Letter to the Families of FPCV's," written for the September 2011 FPCV Memorial on the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps at Arlington National Cemetery. Corey noted, "The creation of EBZEF and the Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Library are representative of the kind of impact that families and friends of FPCV's can have on host countries, on current PCV's, and on Returned Peace Corps Volunteers." 