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Breaking the cycle of poverty through education

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Beth's Girls Seniors

The final class of EBZEF's secondary school scholarship recipients prepares for grade 12 studies. Beth's Girls Mulenga Chilufya, Brenda Sambaulu, Karren Sweta, and Gloria Njolomba have done well at Mwinilunga High School, hoping to go on to college or professional school after passing exams in 2017. ☞

College Studies

Melba Chitala is interning at Roan Antelope School of Midwifery. "I don't have words for what [donors] have done for me. I am a midwife because of them. I am called someone today due to their help."

Sandra Kamulosu, EBZEF Librarian, completes studies at Zambia College of Open Education in December 2016. "Beth's Girls must work extra hard for a better tomorrow. Beth is a role model to us. We need to commit ourselves."

Prudence Masanyinga took exams for a sociology degree from Mulungushi University in April 2016. "It has been a long journey for me. The support I received has brought a great change in my life and country." She adds, "a good standard of living requires being humble, courageous, honest, hardworking, and putting God first. Nothing is easy under the sun; you have to push for it."

Kutemba Njolomba passed 3rd year exams in science and math at Mukuba University College of Education. "Education is the key to success. Whatever may come, don't give up on Education." To donors, "Thank you for touching my life in ways you never know. My success does not lie within my hand, but it lies in your hands."

Agatha Sangenjo is in year 3 at Zambia College of Open Education studying secondary education. To Beth's Girls, "Be strong, encourage those that are weak in their studies."

Charity Mashata is in year 2 at Immaculata Visitation Teachers College. Beth's Girls must "work hard to better our future so that we take up important roles in our



Beth's Girls receive supplies



Top to bottom:
Charity Mashata,
Kutemba Njolomba,
Prudence Masanyinga

Top to bottom:
Ruth Sanoma,
Sandra Kalumba,
Stella Masanyinga

nation." "Without donors, I couldn't know what school and the process of formal education tastes like. If this whole world was full of people with hearts like yours, poverty, early marriages, and teenage pregnancies could be a story of the past!" ☞

Mary Update

Mary Lundeba is in Zambia after serving as Aquaculture Project Coordinator for Angola. She reports with satisfaction, "a Department of Fisheries has been born." "Fish is the talk of that area," Mary notes as she leaves behind a legacy of "the Zambian, who introduced fish farming to the Lunda-Sul Province." She will work with the Zambia branch of the World Fish Center. ☞



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New College Girls

New college students include **Sandra Kalumba**, **Rachael Njolomba**, and **Ruth Sanoma** at South West College of Education in Solwezi. **Stella Masanyinga** studies at Immaculata Visitation Teachers College. Sandra urges Beth's Girls to "work hard to reach my level." To donors, "I really appreciate your support. Without you, I would not have reached where I am today."

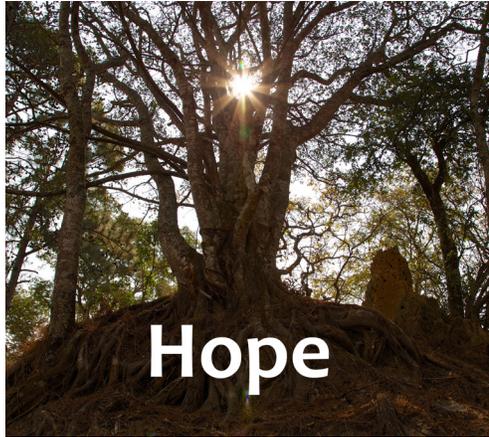
Stella urges Beth's Girls to "work together hard and be role models to the young people of Lumwana West. We must avoid early marriage." To EBZEF donors, "May our good Lord bless you. I am where I am today because of your support. Thank you so much!" Ruth reports, "Us Beth's Girls, we are trying our best."

In addition to EBZEF college scholarship recipients, other Beth's Girls are going on to college and professional school. Village momentum in educating woman progresses significantly. ☞

The Dream Begins

A Secondary School for Lumwana West

Lumwana West has a long-held dream of building its own Secondary School so all village children can achieve a full education. World Vision is working with EBZEF and the village to make that dream come true.



The Secondary School project will be done in three phases, as funds become available. The Library is already in place, and the Science Lab is under construction by Engineers Without Borders.

Phase 1 includes construction of the

final two classrooms for the Pre-school, plus two three-classroom blocks and two teachers' houses for the secondary school. **CONSTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN MAY 2016!**

Phase 2 includes two three-classroom blocks, seven teachers' houses, a school office, a bore-hole for clean water, plus latrines and hand-washing stations for good hygiene.

Phase 3 includes the final three three-classroom blocks, a computer lab with solar-powered computers, and internet connectivity.

Building on the government-supported Basic School program, EBZEF has sponsored Secondary School scholarships for Beth's Girls since 2004, and has continued to support these girls as they move on to College. We worked with Peace Corps and the village to build and stock the Memorial Library, which encourages literacy for the entire community. Pre-school, sponsored by EBZEF and Baal Dan Charities since 2014, has strong support and is well attended. The village clearly values education. A full Secondary School within the village will fulfill the dream of education for all Lumwana West children.

YOU CAN HELP!

Donate and volunteer to help raise funds to realize the dream!

Your generous year-end donations launched the Secondary School project with a matching funds grant. Supporters like you are critical to realizing the dream. You can reach out to others you know to help even more. This important \$1,723,652 project is not possible without YOU!

Pre-School Update

The new pre-school classroom, funded by Baal Dan Charities, is now in use for the community's Reception Class (kindergarten). Two additional classrooms for the Baby Class (1st year) and the Middle Class (2nd year) are set for construction in 2016 by World Vision Zambia, funded by Baal Dan and EBZEF. The classroom structures will be joined by a communal verandah and will be near the Memorial Library.

More small tables and chairs, as well as mats, white boards, shelves, lockers, teacher's tables and chairs and other

supplies are needed. When construction is complete, the Ministry of Education will send a second official early childhood development teacher to Lumwana West. EBZEF's pre-school initiative is bearing rich fruit for the village, as pre-school alumni do exceptionally well in basic school.



Construction complete

SSHS Zambia Club

President Lily Barlow reports that the South Salem High School Zambia Club's "We Want to Build a School" April coin drive was a big success. The club is also designing "In support of Beth's Girls" baseball caps with a "Z" for Zambia as their next project.



Chikondi Visits Oregon

Chikondi Phiri, Deputy Country Director of World Vision Zambia Ltd., visited WaterAfrica's successful Walk4Water9 event on April 23rd in Lake Oswego, Oregon.



Chikondi has been a friend to EBZEF for many years, and is currently engaged with the secondary school project in Lumwana West.

Volunteer Kudos

EBZEF appreciates the outstanding office support efforts of Valerie Watson, Faculty Administrative Assistant for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette



University. Valerie volunteers regularly to help organize and streamline the quantities of data that cross EBZEF's office desk.



New pre-school classroom in session

Salem Rotary Grant

THANK YOU Literacy Committee of Salem Rotary Club for a \$1,500 grant to the Lumwana West Memorial Library for business studies texts. Librarian Sandra Kamulosu noted frequent requests for “books on human resource management, accounts, management in general, public administration, technology, business communication, political science, and social sciences. Because this library serves both professional and academic studies, we need books that can serve both purposes—for classes and for research.”

The books are now in use. 



Librarian Sandra Kamulosu & students receiving new texts

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Give a life-altering gift this spring!

Share in the work of changing lives and offering hope to the young women of NW Zambia.

So little goes so far:

\$35 funds 1 pre-school table

\$50 funds 5 pre-school chairs

\$70 funds 2 classroom whiteboards

\$135 funds mats for pre-school

\$155 funds 1 teacher's table & chair

\$300 funds pre-school books & supplies

\$2,000 funds a year of college study

\$47,000 funds a teacher's house

\$60,000 funds a high school classroom

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

EWB Science Lab

Engineers Without Borders Project Coordinator Kontien Chan reports that “Kelsey Edwardsen and Sean Bunce were able to continue the construction work” on their visit to the village in July 2015. “The concrete work for the slab was completed. We are now working on post implementation and monitoring documentation for EWB-USA.” EWB is sending “additional funds to the community to continue construction work.” 



World Beat Festival

Join us for the 19th annual World Beat Festival, Oregon's largest intercultural celebration, on June 25th & 26th at Riverfront Park in Salem. Help host the EBZEF booth in the African Village! 



Elizabeth Bowers Rose

EBZEF Board Secretary Karen Chittick admires her new Elizabeth Bowers rose from Rogue Valley Nursery in Southern Oregon. Hybridized by Judy Singer in Tucson, Arizona, the pink rose (Beth's favorite) is a large, double, perpetual and prolific, old-fashioned bloom. 



Video Project

EBZEF is creating a series of short videos for social media on a central theme of hope, “A Village's Dream.” Many dreams are being realized for Lumwana West, including the Beth's Girls Scholarship Program, the Memorial Library, the Pre-School, and the Secondary School. As each dream develops into a video, it will be linked to the others by African music, recurring images, and EBZEF graphics. When each story is designed and illustrated, Bob Parker from CCTV and EBZEF's Social Media Director Jennifer Bowers will put it together on video. 

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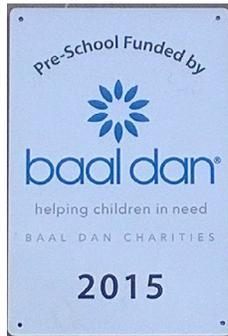
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Irene Sandu, Basic School Headmistress



New dad Chikondi opens gifts for his first baby girl.



EBZEF, WV, and WaterAfrica celebrate secondary school project.



Annual coast remembrance trip: Lori, Linda, Gerry, Jenny

Little man Gerry, son of Prudence, is growing up!



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.

Elizabeth

Lost, lost,
Lost to me, at 23,
A golden daughter gone.

Gone, gone,
Away to stay
Forever in the light.

Come to me
Again, again,
To ease my grief.

Say to me
You'll stay with me
Through life so brief.

Live on, live on,
Though we're apart
Forever in my heart. 

Remembering Beth

To Beth from Linda with love



Memorial trip to Siletz Bay, April 1, 2016

Beth

How beautiful you
were to me
So full of light and
joy
You made the day
illuminate
The flowers to grow
The winds to blow
The moon to rise
The stars to shine
Glory to be
Forever mine.

I see, I see,
In every tree
How beautiful you
Are! 

Shades of Day

Linger longer,
Stay with me
Through memory
To ease my aching heart.

Speak to me
In melody
Of songs you used to sing.

Share with me
Infinity,
What now you see
With eyes of love.

Learn my love
To leave this world
To fly with thee
Eternally. 

