

Lyford Ngoma

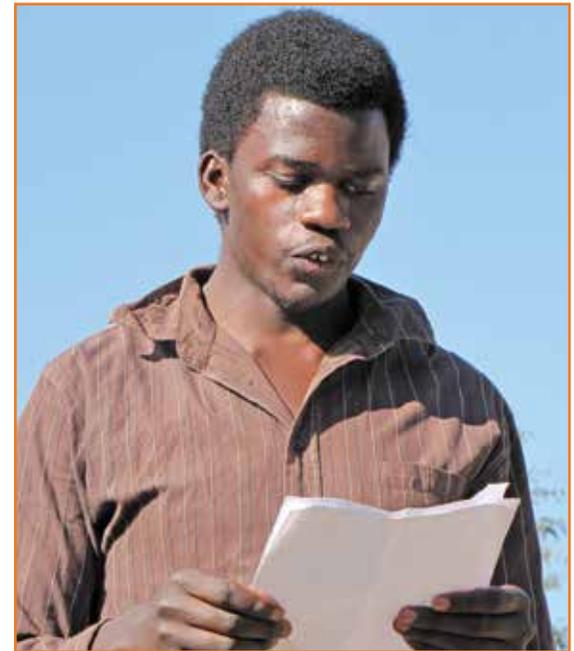
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On July 10, 2012 under a brilliant blue sky, the students of Linda compound waited patiently for the CWB travelers to arrive. Today, they were being recognized for passing their 7th and 9th grade exams. One student stood apart. Lyford Ngoma received his twelfth grade certificate this year, graduating from Parkland High School in Chilanga.

It had been a long road for Lyford and he felt the enormity of his accomplishment. Since the death of his father eight years ago, he has lived in Linda compound with his mother, two brothers and three sisters. He had earlier attended Munolo Basic School where Mrs. Kamabe was his math teacher and he was in Luse Lwanfumu's feeding program. Although Lyford is the middle child, he is the only one in his family to complete high school. Because of the expenses required, his brother dropped out of secondary school.

After opening remarks from the women of Linda, he stood and spoke from his prepared remarks. He expressed his joy on completing high school and his gratitude for the support of CWB to make it possible. He shared his dream of attending university to study economics and medicine.

After the certificate ceremony, traveler Erika Pond had the opportunity to speak with him personally. Lyford has applied to university and is waiting to hear if he is accepted. His biggest worry remains financial. Even with the support of CWB, he did not have the funds to pay for the bus and walked 6 kilometers each way to secondary school. Despite this, he remains optimistic. He spends his time working to save enough money to buy a laptop computer and feels grateful for all he has been given.



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It's Official! CWB-Zambia

We are excited to announce that on November 7, 2012, Communities Without Borders became registered as an NGO (non-governmental organization) in Zambia. We believe this important milestone will enable us to significantly advance our work on behalf of the orphans in Zambia.

Members include seven Zambians from a variety of backgrounds: Patrick Mvunga, law professor; Manega Ndulo, professor; Jessie Phiri, teacher; Jane Ndulo, lecturer; Edna Mudenda, banker; Wilfred Chilangwa, educator; and Dr. Mukachilima Chikuba, consultant; as well as four Americans from the board of CWB-USA: Dick Bail, Al Jacobson, Tom Murphy, and Cherie Noe.

Being established as an NGO in Zambia will help us in a number of ways. First, it will allow us to actively seek out partnerships with

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Dick Bail, Pam Emslie and Cherie Noe at Prius raffle drawing.



Maria Primiterra (left) picks out her new car with Liz King.

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organizations that can expand the programs and services we offer to orphans and their communities including health care, feeding, vocational training, life-skills, and income generation. Second, we will be able to seek opportunities for infrastructure, program grants and pilot studies. Third, we will be able to expand our interaction with and program oversight of our current Zambian partner communities and stay abreast of government and non-government policies and programs impacting orphans and vulnerable children.

Our first board meeting conducted via Skype on Thursday, December 6th was a great success. We are so fortunate to benefit from the talent and commitment of our Zambian colleagues. Please see our website soon for more information including pictures and bios.



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