



COMMUNITIES WITHOUT BORDERS



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Student Happenings

Updates from Garden

The dedication of our community school teachers, Gertrude Mumbi Ngosa and Carol Tembo, consistently make a significant difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children.

"Play is the only way the highest intelligence of humankind can unfold." —Joseph Chilton Pearce

The First Baptist Church of Lexington, MA supports the mission of CWB at Garden Community School, and last summer donated manipulatives and hands-on toys that were developmentally appropriate to support student learning. The sheer joy that each child clearly experienced was priceless. Children participated in cooperative play, were able to take turns, and practiced sharing. These are very tough skills for young children to master! It was great to listen to the children problem solve and create things together.

Meet some students we support in Garden



Selina Munkhonge (left) attended Garden preschool in 2010 and has been funded for the past two years for government school. Without CWB, her preschool teacher admitted there would be little hope for her to receive an education. During the summer of 2011, CWB travelers brought donated clothes to Zambia. She has made great use of the clothes. Despite the usual dirt and dust found in the compounds of Zambia, she had kept the clothes clean!

Doreen Wilombe (right), a double orphan, is an amazing individual who represents the hard



work and dedication of so many students funded by CWB. She has received funding since 2008. It's amazing to see her tenacity to overcome the hardships she has faced. She is currently in grade 7 and we wish her the best of luck as she prepares to sit for her exams this year.

Update from CWB's President

To our CWB families, sponsors, and friends:

It is with sadness that I inform you of a change we are making in CWB's operations. After considerable thought, we made the difficult decision to terminate our relationship with SWAAZ as our NGO partner in Zambia as of December 31, 2013 due to irreconcilable differences.

We will continue to fund all currently sponsored primary and secondary school students through the next academic year (January-December 2014) to ensure that they can continue in school. Unfortunately, we will no longer have the direct relationships we have enjoyed with the Family Support Homes and teachers in the communities run by SWAAZ.

Our relationships with Garden and Linda communities remain unaffected as they are run by independent organizations.

We have already begun the search for a new partner in Zambia who will help us to deliver the services necessary to educate orphan and vulnerable children with the transparency and accountability we need to achieve our mission.

While we all will miss our valuable friendships, we remain passionate about our mission and excited about what the future holds for CWB. We will endeavor to keep you updated on our progress in finding a new partner. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any concerns.

Kind regards,
Cherie Noe
President, CWB

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*Field Operations
Manager*



Jesse Phiri, Field Operations Manager for Communities Without Borders.

Introducing CWB's New Field Operations Manager

Jesse Phiri serves as Field Operations Manager for CWB Zambia. In this position, Jesse works closely with Al Jacobson, Tim Dodd, and the entire CWB board to ensure that the activities in Zambia reflect the goals set by the board. She is in close contact with board members, and provides weekly reports of activities. Jesse oversees expenditures in Zambia, purchases materials for students, and works with local stakeholders to ensure the success of CWB. Additionally, Jesse serves on the board of directors of Communities Without Borders Zambia (CWBZ), and as the link between CWB and CWBZ.

Jesse has been a teacher for the last six years through the Society of Women Against AIDS (SWAAZ) school in Bauleni. She also worked as a field worker for SWAAZ from 2000 to 2002 and is an achiever, an enterprising person, a hard worker and self-starter.

After completing her studies at Kabulonga Girls Secondary School in Lusaka, she received her Certificate in Teaching at KAM Early Childhood Teacher Training & Consultancy in 1999 and went on to get a Diploma in Teaching. Later she received a Certificate in Management at ASTIM in 2006. Subsequently she has continued her studies at professional education workshops for subjects such as education best practices, health promotion, and community school teaching skills.

CWB welcomes Jesse and has the utmost confidence that she will do a great job!

ing, Strategy and Communications at leading medical device, diagnostics and pharmaceutical contract research companies and launched innovative products in Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and the U.S. Most recently she was Vice President, Global Marketing at Haemonetics, a global leader in providing Blood Management Solutions to blood collectors and hospitals world-wide. Susan is a member of Wellesley Village Church. In the summer of 2011, she and her family traveled to Zambia with CWB and helped teach and provide care for the students in their partner community Fumbelo.



Tim Dodd joined the board of CWB in August, 2013, and works primarily on operations. A native of Massachusetts, Tim earned a B.A. in political science and history from

American University, an M.A. in history from Providence College, and a Doctorate in Law and Policy from Northeastern University. Tim taught for five years and since 2011 has worked for the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance. In this capacity, Tim manages over \$11 million in grant funding to promote innovations at the local level and assists Commonwealth agencies with developing strategic plans and performance management programs. Tim's passion for Africa began in 2001 when he lived in South Africa as part of American University's World Capitals study abroad program. He is active in his community, serving as an elected member of the Westborough Board of Selectmen since 2007.

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Introducing New Board Members



Susan Murphy Warren joined the CWB Board in May 2013. Early in her career she served as Branch Chief for Africa in the U.S. Department of State, managing the Fulbright-Hays academic exchange programs with sub-Saharan African

countries. She was responsible for awarding African students scholarships to attend US universities to obtain graduate degrees and in exchange sponsored American professors to teach in universities in at least twenty countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Subsequently she obtained her MBA from Harvard University and entered the private sector where she has held executive level positions heading up Market-

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