

# COMMUNITIES WITHOUT BORDERS

**ANNUAL REPORT 2012** 

The mission of CWB is to educate orphans and other vulnerable children in Zambia in order to nourish hope for a better future for them, society and the world.

# PRESIDENT EMERITUS MESSAGE



In June 2012 my capacity to lead CWB was abruptly compromised by an unexpected illness. By August I had received a very successful liver transplantation, and by the end of the year I had recovered well. But, I had anticipated that I would not

be able to travel to Zambia and that I would have other significant limitations, so I asked the Board to step down as President, but to remain a Board Member. With my very enthusiastic endorsement the Board selected Dr. Cherie Noe as the new President, and Cherie kindly consented to take over immediately in June. It is my current intention to remain as involved and supportive in CWB as possible. After 12 years of working to provide educational opportunity for orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia, I remain just as passionately committed to that mission as ever.

The most important accomplishment of the year was the establishment of Communities Without Borders Zambia. We had been working on this for some time with the invaluable assistance of Patrick Mvunga, a prominent attorney in Lusaka. We are now a fully registered non-governmental "society" in Zambia with a majority of respected Zambians on the Board, which Dr. Cherie Noe chairs. Al Jacobson, who did most of the "heavy lifting" to obtain the approval, also serves as Vice President. We believe that this is very important to our future because we will now be able to manage our operations in Zambia more directly, and we will be able to apply for grant support as an indigenous

Zambian operation.

Our summer trips were very successful. Significant improvements were made in the facilities in several of the Family Support Homes with the participation of the travelers. The Healthy Learners Program continued to grow and develop under the leadership of Dr. Lise Johnson, and more children were screened than ever before with the collaboration of the Angels of Mercy nursing organization.

Our fundraising efforts were substantially bolstered by a raffle for a new Toyota Prius, which was conceived and organized by Liz King and Annie Gatewood. This required a lot of input and support from many of you, and in the end netted CWB about \$16,000. Also, Tom Murphy arranged a special event with Flatbread Pizza in Bedford. Pete Smith organized a showing of photos for a benefit at the L'Aroma Café in Newton. Plans were made for a Room At The Table event, a dinner at the Elephant Walk restaurant in Waltham and a benefit concert by the Waltham Symphony Orchestra. The FUSN Coffee House was again a huge success, and the family dinner at the First Baptist Church of Lexington under the direction of Maria Haynes was again enthusiastically received.

Looking forward, our main objective for the year 2013 is to select personnel for CWB Zambia and develop that entity into a functional organization.

—Richard Bail, President Emeritus

# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS 2012**

#### **Accomplishments and Highlights of the Summer Trips**

- 38 travelers representing 7 US partner communities.
- New Model of Teaching Pioneered in Communities. Ruth Hickox Litchfield and Amy Archibald planned all the lessons prior to the trip and had the travelers break into small groups to work with students on different activities. This model was preferred by both students and travelers.
- Three Teacher Training Workshops were conducted. The attendance was superb with two teachers attending from each community in which we work for at least one of the workshops, and the vast majority did both. This is clearly a highlight for our teachers and provides them with needed continuing education and fellowship with each other. Providing one to two meals and transportation also makes it feasible for them to come. The third workshop focused on how to teach healthy habits. It was planned by Lisa Johnson in conjunction with Professor Musonda from the University of Zambia. The workshop taught the teachers various ways to help students understand the importance of prevention strategies such as washing hands, a basic understanding of other critical health issues such as HIV/AIDS and how to identify students who may need a health referral.

- Health screenings in five communities served over 400 children.
- **Graduation ceremonies** in 7 of our communities celebrated our students who passed their 7th and 9th grade exams.



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# **CWB IS NOW AN OFFICIAL NGO IN ZAMBIA**



On November 7, 2012, Communities Without Borders became registered as a NGO (non-governmental agency) in Zambia. We believe this important milestone will enable us to significantly advance our work on behalf of the orphans and vulnerable children of Zambia.

CWBZ members include five Zambians from a variety of backgrounds: *Dr.* 

Mukachilima Chikuba, consultant; Patrick Mvunga, law professor at the University of Zambia; Manega Ndulo, economics professor at the University of Zambia; Edna Mudenda, banker and guesthouse owner, Jane Ndulo, micro-financer and nurse; as well as four Americans from the board of CWB-USA: Dick Bail, Al Jacobson, Tom Murphy and Cherie Noe.

Being established as a NGO in Zambia will help us in a number of ways. First, it will allow us to actively seek out partnerships with organizations that can expand the programs and services we offer to the orphans and their communities including health care, feeding, vocational training, life skills, and income generation. Second, we will be able to see 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 orphan and vulnerable children.

We are so fortunate to benefit from the talent, experience and commitment of our Zambian colleagues and look forward to expanding the opportunities for the children of Zambia.



Edna Mudenda



Dr. Mukachilima Chikuba



Patrick Mvunga



Manega Ndulo



**CWBZ Board** 

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in Zambia

Jane Ndulo

# TOYOTA PRIUS RAFFLE RAISES \$16,000!

Communities Without Borders conducted one of the most successful fundraisers in our history raising \$16,000 to send needy children to school. The raffle concluded on December 6th, 2012 with the winning ticket drawn by Wellesley Village Church pastor Pam Emslie. The ticket, #276, belonged to Maria Primiterra, a nurse at Carleton Willard Village retirement community in Bedford, Massachusetts, who purchased a ticket after she had an accident in her Volvo. Although her car was repaired, she said she just didn't feel safe driving it any longer and she was thrilled to both win a Prius and help orphans in Zambia. We are in debt to Liz King who conceived of the idea, did most of the administrative leg work, and personally sold the most tickets for the raffle. Annie Gatewood cemented its success by rallying a troop of CWB supporters to help sell raffle tickets. Thanks to all who supported the raffle and ensured good "CARma" for 2013!



Maria Primiterra, winner of the Prius raffle.

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# **2012 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

| BALANCE SHEET                                   | 12/31/11  | 12/31/12  |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| ASSETS  |           |           |
| Checking Account, Citizens Bank, MA             | \$56,491  | \$122,859 |
| Pay Pal   | \$1219    | -20       |
| Vanguard Short Term Investments                 | 52,585    |           |
| Checking Account, Standard Bank, Lusaka, Zambia | 1,146     | \$3,100   |
| Petty Cash — kwacha                             | 374       | 374       |
| Petty Cash — US\$                               |           | -4,961    |
|   | \$111,815 | \$121,351 |
| Undeposited Donations                           | \$14,713  | \$18,626  |
| Total Assets                                    | \$126,529 | \$139,977 |
| LIABILITIES                                     |           |           |
| Traveler's Deposits                             | \$8,700   | \$21,116  |
| Accrued expenses                                | 300       |           |
| Total Liabilities                               | \$9,000   |           |
| Summary of Fund Balances                        |           |           |
| Unrestricted                                    | \$44,473  | \$125,519 |
| Temporarily restricted funds                    | \$73,056  | \$-8,209  |
| Total Fund Balance                              | \$117,529 | \$118,161 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE                | \$126,529 | \$139,977 |

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