

# COMMUNITIES WITHOUT BORDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2013



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'S MESSAGE



This has been a year of seminal and fundamental changes with some new opportunities and successes as well as some challenges. During the past year, we strengthened our Board of Directors by adding Tim Dodd, an expert in Operations, and Susan Murphy Warren, former Branch Chief for Fulbright-Hays

programs in Africa. We also strengthened our operations in Zambia and became a licensed Zambian nongovernmental organization (NGO) with a separate board including distinguished Zambians who are strong community leaders and a full-time field operations manager Jesse Phiri who has a Diploma in Teaching and a Certificate in Management. Additionally, we continue to have strong relationships with our partners in the US and an active and helpful Council. Through the support of our entire CWB community including our seven partners, we held several successful fund-raisers and added to our financial strength.

On the challenges front, we faced a difficult decision with regard to SWAAZ and decided to discontinue our relationship in December. A major factor in this decision was the failure of SWAAZ to provide accurate and timely information about the children we support as well as inconsistency in their visits to

and support of the Family Support Homes. In order to provide continuity for the children we have been supporting through SWAAZ, we will continue to support them for one year after the termination (Dec. 2014) and beyond to enable the children who are currently in secondary school to complete their secondary school education. We are in the process of finalizing selection of a new NGO and community schools to support going forward.

Looking forward for the year 2014, our major opportunity will be to build a strong relationship with our new Zambian

partners while also maintaining the important personal relationships we have with our communities, which has been such a special feature of CWB.



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# **ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS 2013**

Communities Without Borders has been supporting the education of AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia since 2000. In the last several years, we have supported more than 1,500 students

During 2013, Communities without Borders provided tuition and school uniforms for a total of 391 high school students in Zambia:

Bauleni: 86 students Chawama: 60 students Fumbelo: 40 students Garden: 45 students Linda 43 students Mandevu: 46 students M'tendere 35 students N'Gombe: 26 students

In addition, CWB supported primary school students bringing the total number of students CWB supported to over 1,000.

Each year, we have been improving the quality of our efforts. First, we added tutoring to help students prepare for their required exams. Next, we paid for untrained pre-school teachers to go to pre-school college, and subsequently

paid their salaries. Then, addressing the trauma of the orphans parents dying, we added a "*Tree of Life*" psychosocial program, and we ran several workshops at the Foundation of Hope and Living Hope during the summer of 2013. We went on to add the *Healthy Learners Program* providing health check-ups and immunizations for the children.

- In 2013, we became a licensed Zambian nongovernmental organization with a separate board including distinguished Zambians and a full-time field operations manager, Jesse Phiri.
- Healthy Kids, Brighter Futures, an offshoot of CWB's Healthy Learners Program, provided preventive medicine screenings for over 2,000 students and held workshops for over 35 community school teachers. Dick Bail and Dr. Lise Johnson, one of our Council members, have been asked to serve on the Board.
  - BATA Shoes agreed to extend their special discount on shoes that CWB purchases to send to the Zambian children supported by CWB.
  - Communities Without Borders was selected by a group of teen philanthropists from

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS 2013 (CON'T)

- the Newton Boys and Girls Club to be the beneficiaries of a \$2,500 grant to support 25 orphan children going to school from very poor communities in Zambia. The young people did a careful job of interviewing us and other groups before making their selection. This was a program of the Highland Foundation to educate youth about supporting their communities.
- CWB hosted a successful 2013 summer trip to Zambia that included two groups of travelers. Travelers visited all communities (Bauleni, Garden, N'gombe, Mandevu, Fumbelo, Linda, Chawama and M'tendere). Teaching was done in the family support homes in Garden, N'gombe, Mandevu, M'tendere and Chawama. Teacher training was orchestrated by four volunteers, Maria Haynes, Ruth Hickox-Litchfield, Amy Archibald, and Caroline LoBuglio. Lise Johnson, Jill Goslinga, and Tina Mosaferi worked with N'Gombe Health Clinic to provide teacher training on health related topics. Teachers in all eight communities benefitted from the teacher workshops.

In addition travelers performed the following services:

• At Garden, travelers helped paint the inside of the building and fix and secure broken windows.

- At Mandevu, travelers worked on construction of a new latrine and repair of a wall.
- At M'tendere, CWB travelers provided funds to fix a building wall and for new signage, and also some travelers helped to tutor students who were sitting for exams. All of the students we support passed their exams!
- At Chawama, one of our travelers provided a contribution of ~\$1,100 to Gift for teacher certificate scholarship program.
- At Bauleni, travelers painted the school and helped deal with the rat infestation problem there.
- Travelers also visited the Fountain of Hope where they were given a tour, and Living Hope where they met with the headmaster, Geoffrey Kamutande, and provided two Tree of Life workshops to students and residents. At the orphanages, travelers donated around 500 knit dolls that had been made by US students in our partner communities. Students love these dolls thanks to the efforts of Ruth Hickox-Litchfield from Pilgrim.
- Health Screenings were organized and held through the support of Lise Johnson and plans were made to work through cultural barriers that were preventing us from running the health screenings smoothly.

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# **2013 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW**

Ordinary Income/Expense	2013
Income	
Unrestricted Donations	126,971.90
Restricted Donations	60,817.04
Total Income	187,788.94
Expenses	
School fees	92,328.00
Other school expenses	11,219.92
Other program expenses	105,309.65
Operations & other	13,314.07
Total Expenses	222,171.64
Net Ordinary Income	-34,382.70





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