



Miriam with the school manager.

A Student's Thanks

Miriam Moonga, from Garden Compound, recently passed her 7th grade exams and sent this note along with a note from her mother to express their gratitude to CWB.

Miriam's Note

My name is Miriam Moonga; I was born on 28th January 1996 at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka. I am the third born in a family of five and I have only one brother. My father died on 25th June 2006 when I was in Grade 5 and my mother has been taking care of us since my father died. I started my Pre School in 2000 at Rise and Shine and I started my Grade 1 at Old Northmead Basic School in January 2002 where I am up to today. From Grade 1 I have been passing number one except one term in Grade 3 when I passed number 2. During the Grade 7 examination I had the highest marks (802) at our School and the School gave me 4 exercise books and a mug cup as prize for doing so well. My hopes are to become a Lawyer when I finish School so that I can help administer justice in our country.

I would like to my sincere thanks and appreciation to Community Without Border (CWB) for supporting as without this help I would have stopped School a long time ago as my mother would not have afforded to take me and my sisters and brother to School. May God richly continue to bless you so that you can help those of us who cannot afford to pay for Schools.

Miriam's Mother's Note

I also wish to thank Community Without Borders for giving my children an opportunity to go to School. Before CWB came to my aid, I remember crying when Miriam passed to go to Grade 8. My friends were asking me why I wasn't celebrating since my child had passed her Grade 7 but I told them that I was crying

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Students Pass 7th and 9th Grade Exams

Test results are back and show that 71 out of 84 CWB students passed the 7th grade exams for an overall success rate of 84.5%. This is similar to the national pass rate of 84.2% but does not reflect the fact that pass rates in Lusaka are typically lower than the country as a whole. Exam pass rates were similar for both CWB boys and girls. The CWB program seemed to make the biggest difference in the success of our 9th graders where 43 students passed the exam. The 9th grade pass rate was 69.5% (for SWAAZ) which exceeds the national average of 46.6 %. Strong work!



Students at Ng'ombe.

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Sign on a primary school principal's door.

Happy to be in school.



The First Unitarian Society in Newton (FUSN) has sponsored the children in Chawama since 2000, and currently helps to support 65 students in the preschool, 159 in primary school, and 28 in secondary school.



FUSN's 10th Annual Youth Coffeehouse Raises \$5,500 for Chawama

By Becca Kimball

The First Unitarian Society in Newton (FUSN) has sponsored the children in Chawama since 2000, and currently helps to support 65 students in the preschool, 159 in primary school, and 28 in secondary school. This year the FUSN coffeehouse fundraiser broke all previous year's records, raising over \$5,500. Artists from across Massachusetts came to perform, and the talent drew a great turnout. Many youth that have traveled to Zambia help organize the coffeehouse and speak about their experiences as well. One such youth is Newton North senior Rosie McInnes, who traveled in 2009. She feels that "to be a part of an event that is raising money for kids that I have met, taught and talked with is truly amazing, and I'm so glad that I get to share it with my community." Additionally, jewelry made by women in Chawama was sold, and younger children wrote letters to Zambian youth, continuing a pen pal system that was created six years ago. All in all, the FUSN coffeehouse was a great success, raising money for Chawama and spreading the word about the important work that CWB is doing.

Miriam's Mother's Note, from page 1

because I had no means to pay and buy what the child needed to go to Grade 8. With help from CWB now, it's like God had found a way to help me. CWB has eased my burden to support my children to go to School, I will always remember your support and may God richly bless you.

—Agnes Moonga (Widow)



Cherie Noe, who joined the Board of CWB in January 2011, making masks with students in Ng'ombe.

New Member of CWB Board of Directors

Communities Without Borders welcomes Cherie A. Noe, MD, MPH, to its Board of Directors. Dr. Noe has been an active supporter of CWB for over 5 years. She first visited Zambia in 2005 with her husband and returned with her daughter in the summer of 2009. She is the Director of the Geriatric Housecalls Program at Mount Auburn Hospital and Assistant Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She lives in Lexington with her husband and three children.

First Baptist of Lexington will host their *annual Zambian celebration* on Sunday April 10 at 10:30AM followed by an authentic Zambian buffet. Please email Maria at mhaynes1@rcn.com by April 8 if you can attend.

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