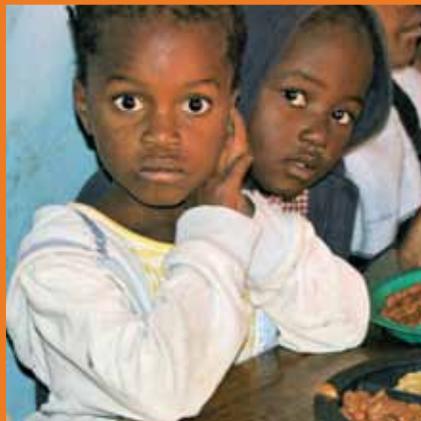
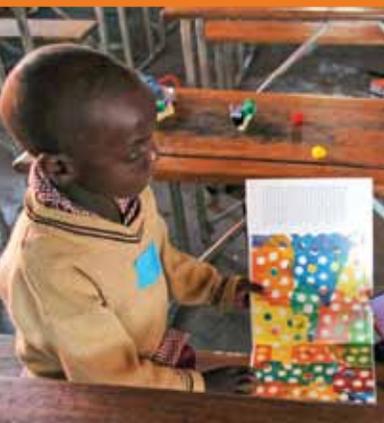


COMMUNITIES WITHOUT BORDERS

ANNUAL REPORT 2011



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Visiting the students in Zambia, as I have done for the past six years, is an important part of the year for me. We now are supporting the education of 1517 students from pre-school through secondary school. On our visits to the compounds, I present

a Certificate of Achievement to the students who have passed their qualifying examinations to continue their education. In 2011, we recognized 138 students who passed the exam (approximately 85%). The highlight for me is when I ask them what they want to be when they finish their schooling. Their responses range from accountant, to nurse, to lawyer, to doctor. When I look at them I see hope in their faces.

This past summer, Dr. Lise Johnson, one of the travelers, was so impressed by the health screenings she saw, that on her return, she asked the Board for permission to raise funds to significantly increase the number of students who get a preventive health screening in 2012.

Back home, there were other major developments. In November, Al Jacobson, one of our Board members, estab-

lished a partnership with the Bata Shoe Children's Foundation that helped to underwrite most of the costs for shoes that our students need to go to school and helped to save CWB approximately \$12,000. We also took a major step by deciding to establish a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Zambia. By having a more formal presence on the ground, we anticipate being able to increase communications between our U.S. and Zambian partners and to ensure that we can continue to get a high degree of accountability for the work being funded. We anticipate that CWB Zambia will be finalized in 2012 and will lead to having a CWB Zambia manager on the ground to assist in facilitating our work.

Other aspects of our work are highlighted in this report. I hope you read it with the understanding that none of this would be possible without your support. As one of our students has said: "Without support from CWB, we simply would not be able to go to school. We are deeply and profoundly grateful".

Richard N. Bail, MD, MPH
President and Founder

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2011

- Provided financial support for 1517 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC): 474 in preschool; 762 in primary school; 281 in secondary school.
- Provided tutoring that helped 138 of 155 (88%) students pass their 7th and 9th grade examinations, allowing them to continue their education.
- Provided funding for feeding programs for children in three compounds for one meal each school day.
- Supported a two-day meeting on strategies to improve the education, attendance and coordination of services to OVC for 25 school managers and OVC coordinators.
- Financed additional training for teachers from two schools.
- Organized two summer trips to Zambia for 39 adults and youth giving them a greater understanding of the lives of the children and caretakers CWB supports.
 - Summer travelers provided workshops for 14 teachers from seven of the communities we support.
 - Travelers conducted five *Tree of Life* (narrative therapy) workshops for teachers, caretakers and OVC, including one program at the Fountain of Hope, a home for street children in Lusaka.
 - Travelers assisted in conducting Health Screenings coordinated with local health care organizations; screenings included physical exams, vision tests, deworming, immunizations and referrals for special problems.
 - Travelers purchased food for six compounds when the school's usual supplier did not have needed funds.
 - A contingent of travelers repaired and painted walls and installed a new door at the Chawama compound's preschool.
- Established a partnership with the Bata Children's Program to support the purchase of required shoes for the children in primary and secondary school.



2ND ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN CONFERENCE

The second annual teachers conference supported by CWB was held at the SWAAZ (Society of Women and AIDS in Zambia) Secretariat in Lusaka on March 30–31, 2011. The primary purpose was to enable the teachers and OVC coordinators to share their experiences and concerns, and to provide SWAAZ with recommendations that could improve the education of these children. Teachers and OVC Coordinators from 25 schools and representatives from the three NGOs affiliated with CWB (SWAAZ, ZANCOB, and Luse Lwamfumu) attended. Some of the issues brought up at the conference were:

- More funding is needed for feeding programs, and more support for tutoring programs particularly in the non-examination grades
- While school attendance was good, illness in a family or the need to do household chores, resulted in many absences, particularly for girls
- Some parents do not value their children's education forcing them to sell at the market rather than go to school regularly resulting in poor grades; it was noted, however, that some schools now hold "sensitization meetings" with the parents or caregivers to help them understand the importance of their children's education, especially when exams are near.

Several important recommendations surfaced from the conference. Many children begin school speaking only their tribal language and struggle to keep up with their studies. Additional tutoring for these children would dramatically increase their chances for success. Another barrier to success is a child having difficulty learning because they are hungry. Expanding existing feeding programs at school would help alleviate hunger as well as enticing children to come to school. CWB is committed to working with our partners to fulfill these recommendations.

Photo below: Teachers and OVC Coordinators



PARTNERSHIP WITH BATA CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

In 2011, CWB established a partnership with the Bata Children's Program, the foundation arm of Bata Shoes, a global footwear manufacturer. This partnership enabled CWB to purchase shoes for the children we are supporting at a price considerably below retail. This partnership is particularly important because children in Zambia are not allowed to attend government schools unless they are wearing shoes. Additionally, going barefoot in contaminated soil and dirty water has a number of health hazards. For CWB the cost of shoes can be as much as 15-20% of our annual budget. In announcing the agreement, CWB President Richard M. Bail stated,

"Communities Without Borders is very grateful for the concern for orphans and vulnerable children shown by Nicole Voillat, Director of Bata Children's Program, and Thomas G. Bata, president and CEO of the company. This agreement will enable us to channel more of our scarce resources to the direct educational needs of the children in Zambia."

Nicole Voillat, Director of Bata Children's Program, noted "...social responsibility has been a part of the DNA of Bata Shoes since its founding in 1894." Currently the Bata Children's Program has 50 initiatives in 21 countries with more than 500 Bata volunteers reaching out to approximately 25,000 needy children.



2011 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

BALANCE SHEET

12/31/10

12/31/11

ASSETS

Checking account, Citizens Bank, MA

\$32,952

\$56,491

Pay Pal

546

1,219

Vanguard Short Term Investments

55,754

52,585

Checking Account, Standard Bank, Lusaka, Zambia

13,682

1,146

Petty Cash, Lusaka, Zambia

0

374

\$102,935

\$111,815

Undeposited Donations

\$21,435

\$14,713

Total Assets

\$124,369

\$126,529

LIABILITIES

Traveler's deposits

\$4,800

\$8,700

Accrued expenses

3,025

300

Total Liabilities

\$7,825

\$9,000

Summary of Fund Balances

Unrestricted

\$53,201

\$44,473

Temporarily restricted funds

63,343

73,056

Total Fund Balance

\$116,544

\$117,529

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

\$124,369

\$126,529

VISION AND COMMUNITY



VISION: *The vision of CWB is to link communities in the US with children and schools in Zambia's capital, Lusaka. Below is a list of the Zambian communities where children are being supported, and the US communities linked to them. CWB works with three organizations in Lusaka that act as our local service providers ensuring the children receive the services that CWB funds.*

U.S. Community	Zambia Community	Local Service Provider
First Baptist Church of Lexington	Garden	ZANCOB
Eliot Church in Newton	Linda	Luse Lwamfumu
Union Church in Waban	M'tendere	SWAAZ
First Unitarian Society of Newton	Chawama	SWAAZ
Pilgrim Church of Lexington	Mandevu	SWAAZ
First Parish Church in Lexington	N'Gombe	SWAAZ
Wellesley Village Church	Fumbelo	SWAAZ
Brockton Health Center	Bauleni	SWAAZ
Harvard Vanguard Health Center	Bauleni	SWAAZ

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