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Help Send Beth's Girls to College

EBZEF scholarship recipients in the village of Lumwana West, Zambia, call themselves "Beth's Girls" in honor of Fallen Peace Corps Volunteer Elizabeth Bowers. More Beth's Girls are graduating from high school than ever before, now stretching EBZEF's annual budget to its limit.

Thus, more young women are asking to pursue education after high school than EBZEF can currently afford. College costs \$2,000/year per girl. The four girls in college in 2012 cost EBZEF an additional \$8,000. We need your help to encourage these deserving students.

We also, however, still need your help to sustain the education of Beth's Girls at Lumwana West Basic School, Mwinilunga High School, and Mukenge Girl's School.


This is a request for support beyond your usual contribution to EBZEF. If you can direct a few extra dollars toward the college fund, you will be helping Beth's Girls to further their dreams.

Let us introduce you to Beth's College Girls, past, present, and future, to see the contributions they hope to make as citizens of Lumwana West. 

Beth's Ladies



EBZEF's first college graduates no longer call themselves "Beth's Girls." They are now "Beth's Ladies" and the premier role models for other

young women in the village. They take their scholarship promises seriously to be role models as well as to find a way to give back to the village. 



PRUDENCE MASANYINGA

Prudence Masanyinga is the first Beth's Girl to graduate from secondary school in 2004. One of 2 siblings left from a family of 9 with both parents gone, Prudence struggled to pay her way through secondary school selling groundnuts and taking in sewing. She knew Beth and felt privileged to receive a scholarship for grades 11 & 12.

With a Certificate in Community Development and an Advanced Diploma in Rural and Urban Management from Chalimbana Govern-

ment Training Institute, she now studies for a BS in Social Work at Mulungushi U. Prudence works for World Vision Zambia's Lunga Area Development Program as a Social Development Worker in Lumwana West.



Prudence Masanyinga



Sandra helps Beth's Girls in the Library

SANDRA KAMULOSU

Sandra Kamulosu, a Beth's Girl from grades 10-12, graduated in 2007. She answered EBZEF's need for a librarian for the Memorial Library, attending a Library Studies program at Zamtel College in Ndola in 2010.

Sandra works hard to develop the Memorial Library, the largest of its kind in the NW Province and beyond. Creating library awareness in teachers, students, and the community, servicing extended needs for information, and encouraging the pre-school effort is "giving back" in an exceptional way.

DIANAH MASUMBAAH

Dianah Masumbah was a Beth's Girl in grades 11-12, graduating from Mwinilunga High School in 2006. She attended Solwezi College of Education, completing classes in December 2010. Her education was sponsored by an EBZEF donor who was one of Beth's early teachers.

Before beginning elementary school teaching, Dianah received a grant from the Columbia River Peace Corps Association to initiate a pre-school in Lumwana West. Since the Ministry of Education has not supported early childhood development programs, pre-schools are private, usually in urban areas. Such an opportunity is critical for the village children to succeed in their basic school classes so they can compete with more advantaged children in secondary school. 



Dianah Masumbah

Beth's College Girls

RACHEL KAMWANDI



Rachel Kamwandi

Rachel Kamwandi is in her final term studying sociology at Copper Belt International College in Kitwe. She and five classmates will be pursuing their attachment (i. e., internship) at the Solwezi Mines before completing her requirements for graduation in December 2012. Rachel hopes to stay in the NW Province to work as well. ☎

PRISCOVIA SANGENJO



Priscovia Sangenjo

Priscovia Sangenjo is working hard in her second term at Solwezi College of Education. She says, "I look forward to teaching English and Religious Education to grades 8-12, hopefully in Lumwana West." She is a remarkable role model for younger girls from the village.

A Beth's Girl since 2006 in grades 8-12, Priscovia is also one of the girls who received cataract surgery in 2008 sponsored by the Nakana Lions Club in Kitwe. This enabled Priscovia and her sister Agatha to travel to Mwinilunga Secondary School for grades 10-12. ☎

JUSTINA SALUMAWU

Justina Salumawu is in her second year of a three-year radiography program at Evelyn Hone College. Radiography is a health science which deals with diagnosis and treatment of diseases using radiation. Justina says "I believe it's the eyes of medicine, for it is able to show other medical practitioners where internal problems are in a patient."

She says, "from childhood I have always wanted to study any program in the field of health sciences. I was inspired by my dad with the way he could care for patients, and I thought being like him in this field could make a great difference." Her father, Paul, is a trained nurse who runs the basic clinic in Lumwana West.

Justina's advice to all Beth's Girls is "Let us work hard and be focused, for nothing is difficult as long as we are determined." ☎



Justina at her radiology program

College Girls in Waiting

KUTEMBA NJOLOMBA

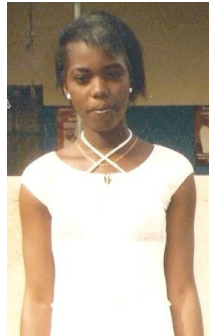
Kutemba Njolomba is EBZEF's first graduate from Mukenge Girls School, the best school for women in the NW Province. Her interests for future study lie in Land and Water Resource Management, Environmental Studies, and Entrepreneurship.

While waiting her turn to begin college study, Kutemba has been teaching the pre-school class at Lumwana West as a volunteer in an effort to "give back to the village" as she pledged she would in accepting an EBZEF scholarship in 2007 for grades 8-12. ☎

JULIA SALUMAWU

Julia Salumawu was an outstanding Beth's Girl student and leader at Mwinilunga Secondary School, graduating in 2012. Like her older sister Justina, Julia would like to study health sciences.

"I would love to do nursing, because I feel I have a heart for patients. Nursing is very much concerned with patient care." Perhaps she will one day work at the village clinic with her father, thus "giving back" to Lumwana West in a significant way. ☎



Julia Salumawu

Help Send Beth's Girls to College

With so many eager, qualified girls hoping to go on to college, we cannot deny them their dreams. However, EBZEF does not have the funds to meet all the requests of these deserving young women as well as to sustain those

still in basic and secondary schools. College now costs \$2,000/year including tuition and exam fees, educational materials, and boarding costs. Can you help us make Beth's Girls' educational dreams come true? ☎

Our Mission

The Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to provide education to girls from the Lumwana West area in NW Zambia. Elizabeth Rachel Bowers (1979-2002) shared her compassionate spirit with the people of NW Zambia as a Peace Corps volunteer. The Scholarship legacy sustains Beth's vision of service and global awareness by empowering young women to build positive change from within, to become leaders and educators, and to improve the quality of life in their communities. ☎

Yes! I want to help Send Beth's Girls to College. I have enclosed a donation of \$ _____ As a gift

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