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Breaking the cycle of poverty through education

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## DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Every dollar matched up to \$10,000 through December 2018!



### Thank You from Lumwana West

*“Good wishes from Lumwana West. I am saying good wishes because us, the people of Lumwana West, cannot even create any vocabulary to express our gratitude for what is happening in our community because of our blessed partners. From a community with nothing to hold onto, nothing to be proud of, no hope for any advancement, we have now become a model community among all that are around us, a gem, yearned for by many.*”



*“Yes, we are still in an infant stage, but our dream is that a child from Lumwana West, deep in remote Zambia, will be able to face any challenges in this modern world like any other child anywhere in the advanced world. Again, we give thanks to all our blessed partners. Although you are far, your presence is strongly here and charting the history of Lumwana West.”* ❧

—Mr. Mbongo (Larry) Njolomba, Secondary School Headmaster

### Secondary School Phase II Update

Six new classrooms, two teachers' houses, and a girls' ablution block of Phase I are now in full use. The Engineers Without Borders science lab project is close to completion. The Lumwana West community is enthusiastically engaged in the developing secondary school project.

Phase II hopes to include more classrooms, a boys' ablution block, and more teachers' houses. The Zambian Ministry of Education has allocated funds to hire two much-needed teachers once housing is available. EBZEF, Lumwana West, and World Vision are partnering to realize the village's dream of educational access for all. Please help us move the project forward. ❧

### Water for Lumwana West

*“At last! We have water running here at Lumwana West!”*

The community celebrates the long-awaited solar-powered borehole which sends water to the secondary school, the teachers' houses, and the health clinic! Kudos to the successful partnership between the community, EBZEF, and World Vision



Basic school joy at fresh water

buildings (teachers' houses, classrooms, science lab, and others) will be.

It is now clear that, if the water system is to supply all these taps without interruption, it needs a deeper bore hole (from 45 meters to over 60). World Vision Zambia will undertake further drilling in May 2019.

Zambia! Women, who used to walk two miles to carry water on their heads for family use, now have clean, potable water readily available for daily needs.

There are 36 taps in the network providing water to all current teachers' houses, ablution block, maternity wing, health staff houses, and where future

Meanwhile, the Community Water Committee has devised a fair and innovative rationing system which allows all to access fresh water at given times of day. A local caretaker will check the system and repair any leakages.

We are transforming life in Lumwana West for all! ❧



Water Tanks



Solar Panels and Pump House



Village women carried water from afar.



Ladies getting water today.

## Legacy Rewards

EBZEF is proud of the accomplishments of Beth's Girls/Ladies.

*With 16 young women on college scholarships in 2018 and over 30 either in or graduated from college/vocational school, we are sustaining the village paradigm shift toward the education of women.*

Mulenga Chilfya says, "The younger Beth's Girls are encouraged to work hard and focus on their education. The community appreciates EBZEF for helping our girls." Thank you for sustaining Beth's vision of educating the "Whole Girl"! ❧

## First Ladies Thank-You

EBZEF's first Beth's Lady **Prudence Masanyinga**, graduate of Mulungushi U, works for World Vision Zambia. "When I count the number of girls who are educated through Beth's Girls program since 2004, it's amazing! Our sponsors can be from the other side of the world, but we belong to one world. We can fight together for a better tomorrow. Any help you contribute makes a great change in our homes, community, country, and all the world. God bless you all!"



Beth's Lady **Sandra Kamulosu**, graduate of Zambia College of Open Education, is Librarian for the Elizabeth Bowers Memorial Library. "We as Beth's Girls upgraded into Beth's Ladies are humbled, for you stretched your hands on poor Zambians like us. We are what we are today because of the support you rendered to us. We are following in the footsteps of our role model Elizabeth."



Beth's Lady **Priscovia Sangerjo** teaches secondary school in Lumwana West. "Us as beneficiaries are humbled and thankful. You have helped us break the cycle of poverty through education. May the Almighty God bless you abundantly." She plans to continue her studies. "I want to learn more about the African languages and Civic Education to help me advocate for people whose rights are being violated, especially in our villages." ❧



## First-year Success

**Mulenga Chilfya** (Northwestern U) and **Joy Salumawu** (Eden U) study to be RNs. Joy has begun her six-month practical working in rural clinics. Mulenga says, "I appreciate my sponsors for helping me to be at this institution. May they keep on supporting me, as I am putting much effort and working hard. I promise not to disappoint them."

**Fridah Sakuwunda** studies Early Childhood Development at Paglory University. "I encourage my fellow Beth's Girls to work hard so that we make the people who are supporting

us proud and can make a change in our community."

Pre-school Teacher's Aides **Belinda Kalumba** and **Jean Mutepuka** continue their studies in Early Childhood Education at Zambia College of Education.

**Gloria Njolomba**, **Kareen Sweta**, and **Florence Lubeba** begin their second year at SW Solwezi Teacher Training College.

Kareen says, "I would like to thank you for your support since grade eight up to the college level. May God bless you." ❧



Mulenga Chilfya



Joy Salumawu



Fridah Sakuwunda



Jean & Belinda with new preschool cleaning equipment



Gloria Njolomba



Kareen Sweta



Florence Lubeba

## Beth's Girls' Graduations

**Kutemba Njolomba**, daughter of Headmaster Mbongo Njolomba, graduated on October 5th with a Bachelor's of Education in Natural Sciences. "Thanks to the almighty God that I have done it! Am now a graduate of Mukuba U. My thanks to EBZEF for what they have done for me. Am dancing to the tune of my success due to their hard work and generosity. May God bless you all."



**Charity Mashata** graduated on October 5th, 2018, from Immaculata Visitation Teachers College, with an award for Best Student in Civic Education. "Out of many students, in the midst of a tough competition, I was recognized as the best student in civic education. It is a rare opportunity, and I dedicate my award to the 'Elizabeth Bowers Education Fund' and all the Beth's Girls! Am a proud Beth's Lady and want to see more Beth's Girls achieving their dreams."

As college graduates, both young women are now "Beth's Ladies." Congratulations! ❧

## Continuing Studies

**Christobel Sweta** has one more year at Evelyn Hone College of Pharmacy. "I was selected with a few other students to educate boys and girls in rural areas on the importance of Education and to encourage them to work hard. We also educate them on drugs to avoid complications that can tamper with their health."



**Visaka Kapalu** will begin year 4 of her 7-year program in medicine. "I am enjoying my classes very much. I appreciate everything you are doing for me." ❧



## Completing Studies

**Rachael Njolomba**, **Ruth Sanama**, and **Sandra Kalumba** have completed studies at South West College of Education to graduate in 2019. Ruth says "I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being so generous and sponsoring my education. Soon I will be a role model for Lumwana West girls by being a teacher." ❧



Rachael



Ruth



Sandra



Young Readers at Work

## Thriving Pre-School

Ireen Sandu, Headmistress of Lumwana West Basic School, reports, "Our school has really improved in performance, especially with those learners who have come straight from pre-school. Our district has been rated 2nd in reading of the twelve districts in the province.

"This has come about because of EBZEF's tireless efforts to create a conducive learning environment. Lumwana primary school has put the district on the map as far as reading is concerned. As the Lumwana community, we say thank you for your support. The people here are really grateful. May God richly bless you."

## EWB Science Lab Update

Mr. Njolomba says that "progress on the science lab is going on well. Plastering both inside and outside is completed. Workbench supports and drainages are completed." Sinks, flooring, window frames, and doors are next, awaiting funds from Engineers Without Borders.



EWB Science Lab Construction

**The huge science lab is a major achievement for the Lumwana West community, since, like the Memorial Library, it has been built with their own hands!**

## Memorial Library News

The Salem Rotary/EBZEF grant for additional textbooks for the Library is now in place. Memorial Librarian Sandra Kamulosu reports, "the Library is doing well with the new books. Pupils/library patrons are finding it easy to use the library because of them." Sandra participated in the National Library Week commemoration in Solwezi in June, 2018. Provincial Education Officer, Mr. Vengi Sinda, launched the week-long show-case of individual library resources, facilities, events, and services through community programs and events. Our Memorial Library is the largest in the NW Province.



Rotary Grant Book Purchase

## World Beat 2018

Thanks to all our willing EBZEF volunteers who made possible this year's EBZEF booth display for the World Beat Festival on June 30th-July 1st: Karen Chittick, Angela & Lake Wanak, Eden & Natalie Rose Brown, Sally Daly, Liesa & Bob Kister, and Linda, Gerry, & Jennifer Bowers. In spite of heat and strong winds off the river, presenting EBZEF's profile to the Salem intercultural community was a big success.



World Beat Hosts Natalie Rose Brown & Linda Bowers

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## Making a Difference

Mary Lundeba did a tour of duty in June 2018 at Humboldt University of Berlin as a visiting scholar. Her task was "to present the work we have been doing in Northern Zambia and also work with a team of 6 post-graduate students who will come to Zambia to conduct research in small-scale fish."

She also worked in April with "an African Development Bank government project, where I'm a technical committee member. My expertise is needed for the whole of this month and part of next month to make sure it takes off."

Mary says EBZEF "is my inspiration. Beth's legacy continues. People always want to know my background—how I obtained my education, etc., and I tell it all!"



Angela Wanak, EBZEF Advisory Board, hosts Booth

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**Please consider EBZEF in your giving plan.**

## GIVE A LIFE-ALTERING GIFT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Help change lives and offer hope to Beth's Girls and their community in NW Zambia.

So little goes so far:

- \$125 funds 1 mo. pre-school aide's salary
- \$375 funds 1 mo. Librarian's salary
- \$400 funds graduation fees
- \$600 funds Library computer
- Any amount funds Library textbooks
- \$2,500 funds 1 year college tuition
- \$26,500 funds 1 mechanized well
- \$35,000 funds 1 ablution block
- \$66,000 funds 1 teacher's house

Amounts vary due to fluctuating exchange rate between US \$ and Zambian Kwacha.



Teachers sharing food with young pupils



Beth's Girls enjoying clean water



Beth's girls try new sinks as Larry looks on



Lab workbench supports

# The Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund

*One life made the connection.*

*Now many carry on the vision of caring.*



## Our Mission

**EBZEF empowers women, children, and their community in Lumwana West, Zambia, to break the cycle of poverty through education.**

## Our Vision

Elizabeth Rachel Bowers (1979–2002) shared her compassionate spirit with the people of her village as a Peace Corps volunteer. The education 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.

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## Role Model Legacy

Elizabeth "Beth" Bowers was a role model of an educated woman in the remote village of Lumwana West, Zambia. A graduate of Earlham College and a Peace Corps Volunteer, Beth was strong and independent with great energy, compassion, and a zest for life. She wanted the girls of the village to be educated. EBZEF's scholarships for Beth's Girls fulfill her wish, as more and more girls go to school. Early marriages and pregnancies decrease dramatically while secondary school and college graduations increase.

Beth's Lady Sandra Kamulosu, Memorial Librarian, says, "We are following in the footsteps of our role model Elizabeth." EBZEF scholarship recipients promise to be good role models for other women in

## Remembering Beth



Earlham graduation 2001

their community. Beth's Girl Ruth Sanama, completing her final year of college, says, "Soon I will be a role model of Lumwana West girls by being a teacher."

James Sakwimba, a young man from the village who studied karate with Beth, asked for advice. "Complete your education," was her response. He says, "Beth is greatly missed in the community. She is remembered for her friendliness and determination to be an agent of change. She encouraged the youth to work hard at school. She remains a legend in Lumwana West."

As we support the EBZEF effort, Beth is an inspiring role model. Empowering a community on the other side of the world to break the cycle of poverty through education is to change the world for the better. 