



May we introduce the lovely children in our care:



Chola (3)



Elias (2)



Jennifer (9 mo.)



Janet (1)



Henry (1)



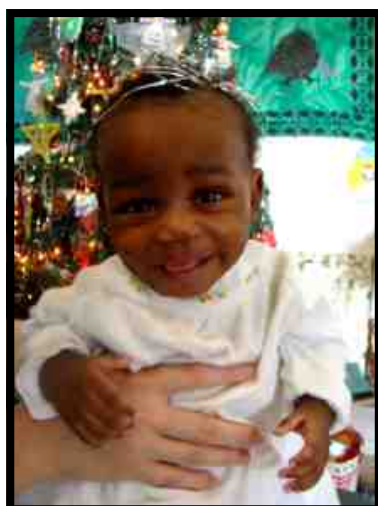
Ernest (2)



John (2)



Queenie (2)



Moriah (3 mo.)



Sandra (1)



Theresa (2)

God was so good to us this year in helping us to take in 7 new children to the orphanage bringing our total to 11! Many of these children might not be alive today were it not for the opportunity of being cared for here. All the kids are very happy and healthy and we are blessed to be a part of their lives. Thank you for your support!



Since we began building this orphanage in 2006 so much has changed. It has been an exciting road full of surprises, challenges and miracles. Starting with just a brick shell we now have eleven bedrooms, two septic tanks, a full size kitchen, a dining hall, a nursery with 10 cribs, a play/school room, a wash room, a large bathroom, a big garden, a rabbit hutch, and so much more with even more construction going on day by day.

It has been such an inspiration to see the vision that the Lord gave us in 2005 coming to fruition. After searching for the right place God led us to Kazembe, a large village in northern Zambia. We found an abandoned property and set out to renovate it. Construction began in June, 2006 with some of the first jobs being just to clear the plants and trees that had taken over.

We took in the first two children in October, 2007 and received 10 more over the next 13 months. There have been many challenges as we found staff and trained them as well as continued to work on construction even as we cared for the children already with us.

Some of our challenges have been water—we had to drill a borehole and install a pump—and electricity—we usually lose power at least once per day and during the hours that we have electricity it fluctuates between 100V and 250V. We should receive 220V. Other challenges have been getting supplies. We are 3 hours away from the nearest grocery store and 12 hours away from the capital city. God has been so good in meeting our every need and he has used people in the U.S who have partnered with us and now share in the rewards.

Some of the children we received were in bad shape physically and it has been difficult at times to help them being so far from medical sources but again God has helped and brought them through.

One thing that has helped tremendously has been being able to install a satellite internet dish so we can access the internet and do the research we need. We are also able to better communicate with sponsors, friends and family members.

As we enter 2009 we look forward to many more challenges and miracles. There are still two children in our care that need sponsors. We also need support for the day to day running expenses. Please contact us for more information on how you can be a part of this great work.

NEW PROJECTS

One of the big projects of the latter half of 2008 was the east wing. The new wing will hold a preschool bedroom with 5 bunks and a nanny's bed, a library and reading room, an infirmary and medical closet and two staff rooms. This will free up more beds for new babies—we look to take in five more in 2009.



The East Wing Before



Today almost complete



The front entrance originally



The new entrance!



Here you can see the ongoing construction of a playground for the kids. Now that we have 6 preschoolers they have enormous amounts of energy to expel each day. We also know how important active play is to development and we look forward to when this fun area is complete.



Tom finished building his boat and we took it out for a fun family day on New Year's Eve. We hope to use this boat to bring development through tourism up to this area. The lagoon near us is great for fishing and bird watching.



It's almost time for Tom's trip to the U.S. He will be there in April and May. We will keep you posted on the exact dates. Please let us know if you would like him to speak in your area.

Amy will be accompanying our 18 year old girls to Houston in February and helping them adjust to States-side life after seven years on the mission field. They are planning to attend San Jacinto Community college.

While Amy is in the States for one month she will be able to speak different places and will also work on bringing back supplies for the orphanage. If you would like to help in any way please let us know and we can send you a current needs list. If you would like to set up an appointment you can write us at : missionaryfamily@gmail.com



Jennifer and Jessica have been incredible assets to the orphanage. We will miss them as they head off to college in February. Please pray for all their needs to be met in this big step.

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