



Action for Children ZAMBIA

A Word from Carol in Zambia

Dear Friends and family,

The past 10 weeks have been a roller coaster ride for me. I was **welcomed and cared for** beautifully by my family, friends and church in Maple Lake, Minnesota. I embarked on a medical journey nothing could have prepared me for as I learned I had some permanent vision loss and then learned that a very small blood vessel had burst in my brain. As I feared the worst, I **followed doctors advise and prayed and have been restored to 20/20** vision after surgeries. My doctors were awesome, and I marvel at the medical technology available in Minnesota! **Thanks for being part of my miracle** through your prayers, financial contributions, transportation, and recovery care.

I met many new people and updated old friends as **I was welcomed as a guest speaker** in several places; school, churches, CCW meetings and

others. Fundraising ventures were excellent! I can't **thank you enough for being so open to supporting my work and helping me to care for the children** here in Zambia. As I left your snow-covered plains and returned to heat drenched Zambia, I can only count by blessings.

Things are well with the programs here. Although, we all sincerely missed each other, **I am very impressed at how smoothly things** went in my absence. I've got a **great team in place.** It gives me tremendous hope for the future of Action for Children Zambia and brings peace as I think about succession planning.

The children and I **appreciate all you** do for us and pray for you continuously.

May **God Bless you** today and always,

Mama Carol and the Children

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website learning curve is increasing, so our website is working. We are sorry for the inconveniences you may have experienced and appreciate your input and patience.

Feel free to make online donations again. Thank you very much.



NEW MAILING ADDRESS

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AFCZ First Wedding

We have been blessed with a **family wedding** with our own **Francis** marrying his partner **Esnat**. They have a beautiful family with their daughter in attendance.

Esnat's mother gave her away in a beautiful outdoor ceremony.

The original plan was

to have the wedding in the church, but as the church filled, Fr. Nkoli decided to move it outside so all could attend. The weather was glorious and allowed for a **perfect day**. Richard and the guys made the celebration feast.

See pg. 4 for the pictures.

New Venture - Pigs

We are trying our hand at **raising pigs**. So far, the *most important lesson we've learned is that we've got much to learn!* Our first litter was eaten by its mother, who will soon be meat for supper. The second litter is thriving and healthy.

We **need your expertise** on how to **contain them properly as they are often found in the garden eating away**. **Anyone with experience raising pigs and would like to extend their knowledge to us**, we would greatly appreciate it.

Fundraising in the USA

Joe Gleason here. Last summer, I had the opportunity to travel to Africa and volunteer with the Action for Children Zambia.

This summer I **started a fundraiser** in Minnesota to raise funds by running. Together, we raised money for the children living on the streets of Zambia to further support this non-profit's incredible educational and transitional programs. **Thank you** for your

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Please help us make this a successful venture. We are planning to make this into one of our farming businesses. Thanks!



OUR NEW PIGS

JOE'S RUNNING TEAM WITH AFCZ T-SHIRTS



support! Please let me know if you would like to participate again. I will send the link out for the fundraiser in the next newsletter with the information. Thank all that attended and made this a successful day!

Carol was able to come back to Minnesota this fall and between her medical appointments was able to speak with many local churches. One very successful

engagement involved having Carol speak after each mass at a church and have rolls, coffee and juice in the church basement after the masses. She was then able to speak with individuals one-on-one who wanted more information. **If you have some place you would like Carol to speak at** when she comes back to Minnesota, **or one of our AFCZ representatives**, please let us know. We would **love to come and share** with you.

Upcoming Fundraisers

As always, we have fundraisers planned for next year. Our **annual spring fundraiser is in April**. We don't have the specific date set, but we will send information when we have it.

We will again be working at **Winstock**. This is in Winsted, Minnesota. We can **volunteer and get \$10 per hour to AFCZ** for each four hour shift. This is a great

opportunity to be outside in the great Minnesota weather and do some really fun people watching. The music festival is a plus too!!

The **dates are June 13-14, 2020**.

Darius Rucker (Hootie and the Blowfish) and Luke Combs are the headliners if you choose a later evening shift. Other acts this year are Big & Rich, Brett Eldredge, Runaway June and more. We

have worked the front entrance, beer tent and parking in the past.

Contact us through the website if you are interested. Thanks!!



Charlene, Carol and Deb raising Bridging Zambia funds at the meat raffle at the V in Maple Lake, MN.

Redemption House – Building a New Home

Good News. A private donor responded to our last article and the **funds for finishing phase one** of the new redemption house are **already put to work in Zambia!** By the end of the year, there will be a security fence, water, and hand pump, a small one room house and a pit latrine along with a village chicken rearing project and a garden. Two of our young men will move in to keep things safe and manage the income generating projects.

We are excited about **2020 as our plans for building the children’s homes** begin to take shape. We

have a pledge of \$25,000 already for this purpose. We are **seeking those extra special folks** to match this pledge.

When we have **\$75,000 in place, we will break ground** on phase 2, which is construction of the children’s homes and purchasing the plot next to us for a recreation field. Each bedroom will cost approximately \$5,000.00.

If you choose to fund the entire construction of one of the bedrooms, the room built will be named after you.



Charlene W, and Brenda J took Carol to visit their former teacher, Sr. Clara, and former classmate, Sr. Margaret.



New Well at Our Future Redemption House



Matching Grant

We have the best donors in the whole world. Not only did we meet our goal of raising \$13,000 for our match grant. We met it two weeks earlier than the deadline and exceeded it by a few thousand dollars.

We look forward to the next match grant for school fees in January! Thank you. We truly appreciate every one of you. May God continue to Bless You and keep you safe.

Carol, the Boys and all of AFCZ



Daniel and Lovemore getting ready for soccer



Gift, the middle child, from our new family of three