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Rising Fountains Development Program

Celebrating Independence With A Message of Hope



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Modern Zambian history starts with David Livingstone. He arrived in Africa in 1841 and came to Zambia in 1851. He discovered a large waterfall in 1855 and named it in honor of the queen, Victoria Falls. On December 31, 1963, the British government dissolved the British federation which made Zambia free. Zambia's independence became official on October 24, 1964!

Forty-three years have passed since our last independence day. Yet, the celebrations continue to take place despite the challenges our community face to address poverty and hunger in the rural areas.

The Independence Day was celebrated with jubilation and hope for a better future for children. A number of activities took place at



the event such as recreational games, football & netball, traditional dancing and singing, a symbol of happiness and joy coming from one of the poorest communities in Zambia. Most children do not go to

school, and only a few have access to clean safe drinking water.

RFDP not only enriched the celebrations by donating recreational equipment donated by former Development Volunteers, Ketan and Regina, a message of hope was delivered to the community. Clothing, books, pencils, and other educational equipment donated by the Pencil Project, and a grant from Save Africa's Children were also distributed to some of the children in various communities.

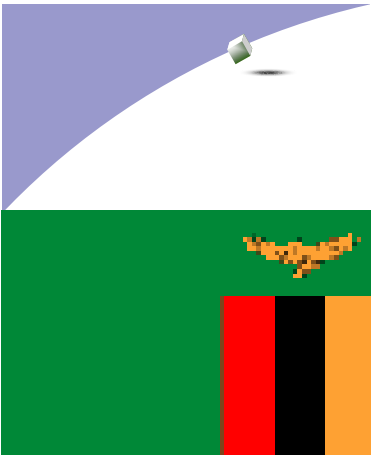
Education Reduces Vulnerability



Education is essential to preventing HIV infection among young youths, especially girls. Education helps them live free from HIV and AIDS by imparting knowledge,

skills and values to help them protect themselves as they grow up. Rising Fountain Development Program is committed to offer support to children and enable them to have access to education. During the month of October, the RFDP team, Pastor Chipeta (HIV/AIDS coordinator), Mr. Leonard Kambwili (RFDP Manager), and Jeannie McCanne

(Development Volunteer) traveled to the valley to provide school books and pencils to 234 children at 10 schools: Kataba, Chocho, Chilubezi, Nthumbe, Lumimba, Semphe, Mthimbasonjo, Chiweza, Kambwili, and Chitungula. For more information on the distribution, visit our website www.risingfountains.org and read the volunteers blog.



Development Is All About Partnerships

RFDP held its first online partners meeting from Nov 10th—13th with friends and organizations who share the same development vision: helping vulnerable communities in Lundazi Rural. The objective of the meeting was to discuss RFDP's progress report and offer ideas on the way to move forward for both administrative and

programmatic areas. A number of Thematic Areas were agreed on such as A) continued dialogue among partners B) improving fundraising strategies C) \$50 membership fee and funds would be used for supporting operational costs and direct support to children in need.

RFDP would like to thank everyone who participated.

“Become a child sponsor and join Forough Shiraz, Romina Petrisor, and others to give a future for children in Lundazi Rural.”

RFDP Offers Sincerest Condolences

On behalf of the entire team, friends and partners, RFDP would like to offer sincerest condolences to all of Belinda's family and friends for the death of her mother. Belinda Walthew is our webmaster and based in France. May the Good Lord guide your family in this sorrowful moment.

New Sponsors for the Child Sponsorship Program

Forough Shiraz, from Canada, and Romina Petrisor, from Romania, are our new child sponsors. Thank you and God Bless.

