

Tiny Tim and Friends

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Notes from trip to Zambia

Another fulfilling trip to Zambia was made by Tom, Betty, daughter Kara and friend, Jessie at the end of March. We left Minneapolis loaded with luggage and supplies donated by so many different people, companies and schools.

It was wonderful to see son Tim again and his son, Tiny Tim (now called Timothy Thomas as he is not so tiny anymore – 5 years old). Tim's house is

full of fine young men – Timothy Thomas, Moses Jr., Eric, Benson, Joe, Christopher, Oman, Phridae – all going to school, studying hard and someday will be the future of Zambia.

The TT&F clinic is held two afternoons a week at the CorpMed Medical Center (www.corpmedzambia.com) in downtown Lusaka. During this time, the orphans and caregivers we serve can come to the clinic,

be examined and counseled, and receive their medication. If needed, transport assistance and food support are provided.

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www.tinytimandfriends.org



Dr. Tim is coming to the U.S. in August and will be available for speaking engagements. Contact tinytimandfriends@pclink.com for more information.

Notes from Zambia Continued



The Women's Craft Group meets twice a week. They crochet beautiful tote bags and purses out of plastic grocery bags, beaded bracelets and earrings and hand painted note cards. Not only are they becoming self-sustaining, but most importantly, they are actually going out into the compounds talking about HIV and trying to combat the stigma attached to HIV infection. Their work "spreading the word" is an important part of TT&F.



We traveled to the outskirts of Lusaka, to one of the poorest compounds, and helped with a Tiny Tim and Friends Outreach Clinic. The team set up a table inside of an empty church building, being used as a school. There they talked with the children and caregivers, had consent forms signed, pricked the child's finger and a drop of blood put on the HIV strip. Within 10 minutes the HIV strip showed the positive or negative results. The children and

adults testing positive were given counseling and arrangements were made to get them into the TT&F clinic to be enrolled in the program and started on HIV medicine, if needed. TT&F is the only non-profit group in Lusaka who actually goes out into the compounds to test these children who otherwise would not be able to be tested. It was an amazing day and certainly made us realize what important work TT&F is accomplishing.

The TT&F Kachele School is growing by leaps and bounds. There are now 80 children enrolled in preschool through 4th grade with two volunteer teachers. A grand party was held and the children were thrilled with their new hats, mittens, socks, toothbrush and paste, stickers and candy. We are hoping to partner with H2O For Life (www.h2oforliveschools.org) to drill a well and provide clean drinking water for that school and the community.



Each day of our trip was full of places to visit - the Jon Hospice Daycare and the Hospice itself, St. Thomas Community School, and Carol McBrady's Salvation Home (Zambian Children's Fund, www.zcfund.org) for street children. TT&F has tested and treated children in all of these places.

The TT&F organic farm is producing its first harvest of peanuts (ground nuts), maize, sorghum, soy beans and cow peas. Thanks to Garrett Olsen, a volunteer from Montana, who spent six months at the farm, getting things up and running. The proceeds from the farm provide a living for the TT&F families who work there.



Garret, volunteer farm manager from Montana

As always, our time there was too short, but seeing the important work the TT&F team is doing in Zambia makes all of our efforts well worthwhile. Donations from all of you are what makes this organization able to carry on its work and we are forever grateful for all of your support.

We are once again holding a garage sale in Minnesota this Fall to benefit TT&F. Donations are being accepted.