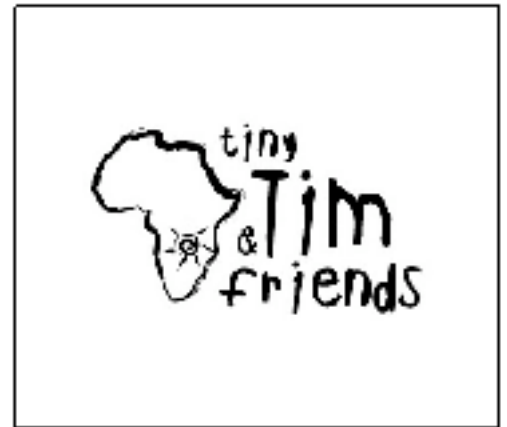


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A busy month for TT and Friends, as more people learn of our activities and more people in need come forward. Our two largest sources of referrals now are still the hospice and Judith Morris, at the US Embassy who has repeatedly supported Jeanne Mulenga to bring children here whom she finds in the communities who are in need.



At the hospice, of course, there are 30 to 32 children in the Day Care program and they are all HIV+. Instead of waiting for each one to get sick individually and then be brought to our attention, we are taking a new view. Dr. Mike Toppe (our physicians assistant student helping us for the next month) and Cory (the Music Therapist for the Day Care) are organizing charts on all of the children and we will do CD4 counts and start the children who need it on ARVs. Should be about 10 or 15 of them, if my calculations are right. We will present our plan to the Hospice Director on Friday, so lots of work to do getting ready for that.

Even with several programs for ARVs now available in Lusaka, there still seem to be countless children around who are sick and dying from HIV and TB. No easy answer about why they are not in the system, but it appears that there are just too many kids living between families and partially on the street. We will try and get as many of their stories into the TT&F files as we help them with medicine.

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