



Hearts for Zambia

caring for orphans and
vulnerable
children and families

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Greetings!

Sister Baptista sends her blessings to you.

Sister Baptista has returned to her home in Zambia, leaving behind many who were touched by her message. The question that people were asking was: "How can we continue to support Sister Baptista and the work of the Sisters of the Child Jesus after she goes home?"

That question was the motivation behind the formation of a non-profit organization. Hearts for Zambia (HFZ) is a group of committed individuals who have been drawn together with a common vision. That vision is to support and promote the mission of the Sisters of the Child Jesus in meeting the critical and long term needs of orphans and vulnerable children and families in the Northern Province of Zambia.

Two members of HFZ will be traveling to Zambia at their own expense to spend sixteen days with Sister Baptista, visiting the orphanages, pre-schools, hospitals, secondary schools, schools for the blind and the rural health centers that make up the current ministries of the Sisters of the Child Jesus. Bruce and Paula Foreman are leaving September 16 and will be taking donated leather soccer balls, Aerobics, (compliments of the manufacturer), tooth brushes provided by a local dentist, and children's clothing, along with sundry gifts for the Sisters.

They hope to meet with Archbishop Telesphore George Mpundu, of the Archdiocese of Lusaka as well as Father Peter Henriot, SJ, a native of Tacoma. Part of the time they will be residing with the president of the Rotary Club of Kasama, which is a prelude to a water project presently in development with Tacoma Narrows Rotary. Building these relationships and gaining first hand information will enable the many of us who care about this mission to work more cooperatively with the Sisters in accomplishing the tasks set before them.

While Bruce and Paula are traveling they will maintain a blog that can be accessed by going to <http://hfzpres.blogspot.com> or by visiting www.heartsforzambia.org. There also will be a link on St Leo website. They are asking for your prayers. When they return they will make themselves available to share their experience with all of us who care so deeply.

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