



Orphans of AIDS  
In our Hands

*ZOA brings together Zambians and Friends of Zambia to face the AIDS pandemic challenge and seeks ways of responding to the desperate need for support for the children who are its victims.*

## Letter from the Founder

Dear ZOA Supporters,

ZOA US has worked tirelessly for more than ten years to help orphans of AIDS in Zambia. We have grown from supporting a handful of orphans in 2000 when we were founded, to more than 10,000 in 2014.

ZOA US has been supporting Angelina Tembo Girls School in Bwacha Township, Kabwe in Central Province since 2007. We funded piggery and poultry projects that generate income for the school and provide meals to the students. We also support the feeding program for orphans who get breakfast and lunch at school, and fund school fees and tuition. Several years ago, ZOA US committed to helping five school graduates with tuition for a tertiary education. The results have been so positive, we are eager to share them in this newsletter!

In this issue, we also pay tribute to William B. (Bill) Edmondson, a long time patron and advisor to ZOA US; Bill passed away in December 2013 and is survived by his wife, Donna Edmondson, who served as ZOA US Treasurer for many years, his son, Paul Edmondson, who is our legal advisor, his daughter Barbara, and four grandchildren.

I close by thanking you, our donors and supporters, who have made our success in helping Zambia's orphans and vulnerable children possible!!

Sincerely,  
*Shimwaayi Muntemba*

## Angelina Tembo Girls School

### BWACHA TOWNSHIP, KABWE IN CENTRAL PROVINCE

*ZOA US has been providing assistance to the Angelina Tembo Girl's Secondary school since 2007, supporting tuition fees, the feeding program for orphans who get breakfast and lunch at school, and income generating activities. In 2009, ZOA US provided tuition fees for five girls to pursue degrees in education at the Nkhroma Teachers University. These girls would otherwise never have had the opportunity to attend university.*

Four of the five girls graduated from Nkhroma Teachers University in November 2013 and began teaching in assigned schools throughout Zambia in January 2014.

The four Teachers University graduates and their new

schools are:

- Natasha Chikwenda, Kabanana Secondary School, Lu-saka Province
- Sandra Chiteta, Mongu Girls Technical School, Western Province
- Miriam Muchemwa, Mununga Secondary School, Northern Province
- Linda Nyirenda, Chisela Nsoni Secondary School, Eastern Province

The fifth student, Chitundu Mukuka, repeated a year and will graduate in 2014. Another ZOA US supported Angelina Tembo student, Holly Natamoyo, was accepted into the University of Zambia in 2013 to study Library and Information Studies.  
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*The four former students of Angeline Tembo Girls School who graduated with degrees in Education from Nkrumah Teachers University in November, 2013.*



**THANK YOU FOR TOUCHING OUR LIVES**

Your thoughtfulness has a way of touching lives and indeed you touched our lives in 2009 when you extended your help towards our education. It was because of your contribution that we were able to complete our course in September and fortunately enough, we were all deployed by the government in October. We are now in employment and we hope to render the same service to others just like you did for us. We thank Almighty God for making it possible that you came our way when we very much needed financial help.

We are so grateful for the special act of kindness you have given us because you have not only helped us as individuals, but our families and other people who will come our way.

May Almighty God continue to bless you as you continue helping others.

Thank you very much!

 Linda Nyirenda

**THANK YOU!**



## IN MEMORIAM



**AMBASSADOR WILLIAM B. EDMONDSON**

William (Bill) B. Edmondson, the U.S. Ambassador to South Africa during a period of high tension between the white-minority South African government and the United States, died December 5, 2013 at a medical center in Prescott, Arizona. He was 86.

The cause was cardiac arrest, said his son, Paul Edmondson.

A career Foreign Service officer, Bill served as ambassador to South Africa from 1978 to 1981, a time of unrest and upheaval after a black uprising in Soweto and the 1977 death of anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko while in police custody.

As the U.S. ambassador, Bill delivered in the Carter administration's message of condemnation of apartheid and reinforced U.S. support for civil rights and reforms that would eventually lead to majority rule by black South Africans,

William Brockway Edmondson was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. He served in the Army during World War II and was a 1950 graduate of the University of Nebraska. He received a master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts in 1951.

He began his Foreign Service career in 1951 and had early assignments in Africa. He was political officer in Ghana, and served as deputy chief of mission in Lusaka, Zambia, from 1965 to 1969. It was the Zambia connection that brought the Edmondsons to our attention, and Bill and Don-

na joined us at the first meeting of ZOA US in 2000. Bill served as a patron and advisor to ZOA US for many years.

Bill was deputy assistant secretary for African affairs in Washington DC before his appointment as ambassador to South Africa. He retired in 1986 after servicing as senior inspector and deputy inspector general of the State Department.

In retirement, Bill was president of DACOR (Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired) and was a volunteer guide at the Library of Congress.

In 2008, Bill and Donna Edmondson moved from Arlington, Virginia to Prescott, Arizona.

Survivors include Bill's wife of 62 years, Donna Kiechel Edmondson of Prescott, who served as ZOA US Treasurer from 2000 to 2008; two children, Barbara Schneider of Prescott and Paul Edmondson of Washington DC, who is the legal advisor to ZOA US; and four grand children.

On behalf of the Board and members, we express our gratitude to the Edmondsons for their generosity and support to ZOA US. Our deepest sympathies to Donna, Paul and Barbara.