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Greetings to you from Delene in Zimbabwe and the ZRF Board!

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NEWS from DELENE in ZIMBABWE:

"It was exciting driving back to Eden Children's Village, Doma, in the north east of Zimbabwe with Elinata (my co-worker). It was my second visit and my soul was on fire again for the whole concept of the holistic approach to human well-being. All the activities there link together; the herbal gardens and clinic, the permaculture, the fresh vegetables and fruit to feed the children, the chickens supplying eggs and meat, the cows supplying milk, butter and beef and last but not least the Biblically-based ACE education programme for the orphans who live there.



Delene and others preparing for ACE certification.

As usual we were warmly welcomed by Kevin and Susan Fry and their competent team. We arrived fairly late so there wasn't much time for exploration as I had to get ready for the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Teacher Training workshop early the following morning.

I always understood ACE to be a home-schooling programme but it is a very well thought out, organized, structured, goal-orientated program. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that it works brilliantly in a group/classroom setting. In our conventional schools in Zimbabwe children are constantly under pressure to perform but in the current situation - with the shortage of text books, equipment, difficulty paying school fees and

despondent, uncommitted teachers - the children receive very little in the way of meaningful education.

I am passionate about the ACE system and I would like to start a program for 3 and 4 year olds. To this end I have already consulted with Fr Kaseke who has always wanted a Christian Education programme at our church. We are fortunate that we have three classrooms and a hall at the church which would be ideal. First this has to be presented the Parish Council and thereafter approved by the Bishop. There is further ground work to be covered. It would be my aim to include both fee paying children and some of the destitute/orphans in the area for whom we would like to offer scholarships. My target would be ten scholarships for ten children."

DELENE'S VISIT TO COLORADO IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER:

We are pleased to announce that Delene will be coming to the States this summer! In addition to attending a wedding, she will be available to visit churches, small groups, and other gatherings to share her vision and raise funds for the programs in Zimbabwe. We would like to meet with as many supporters as possible, so please look at your calendars and contact Edi King [303-691-2122 or kingidaho@gmail.com] to schedule a gathering. Delene's calendar is open from August 16th thru September 18th.

FUNDRAISING CRUISE for ZRF:



*You are invited to set sail with
DELENE THOMAS and your ZRF Board for a 7
night Caribbean cruise beginning*

Saturday, September 1st, 2012.

*Open your hearts and purse-strings for Education in
Zimbabwe.*

*Cruise for charity on Royal Caribbean's
OASIS OF THE SEAS, and join RCCL, Travel
Plus Int'l and your fellow cruisers in supporting
Delene's work in Zimbabwe.*

*Reservations for staterooms will open on Monday,
August 1st, 2011*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We depend on the Lord for guidance and grace and therefore ask you to pray with us for the following:

- Delene needs a new visa to travel abroad. This requires a trip to Harare. Please pray for favor in getting the visa and traveling mercies.
- Delene's brother, Neill, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- ZRF Board member, Ken Berry, has been recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

We are looking for a donation of air miles to get Delene from and to NYC. If you are in a position to help, please contact Greg Hanna at gjhanna@msn.com. Thanks!

Please note new address for ZRF below!

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Greg Hanna, President
Ken Berry
Pat Cottrell
Edi King

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