



Insight



RISE eNewsletter

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"... if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness..." Isaiah 58:10



Annual RISE Benefit: November 8, 2008

Our Annual Benefit, *RISE UP!*, featuring the Soul Children of Chicago, was a wonderful evening held at Christian Heritage Academy with over 400 in attendance. Guests were touched by the walk-thru experience "School or No School?" following the path of a child from Angola, and gained a deeper understanding of life in this war-torn country. People were impacted as stories were shared by some of the many "rising up" to do something, by the powerful program and videos. Together, we can make a difference!

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Giving Opportunities: A gift with lasting meaning...

Much has been accomplished with over 100 schools built and tens of thousands of children attending classes. Still much remains to be done, for there are many more that need a school! Our goal is to impact an additional 100,000 children over the next 7 years. In the midst of the holiday season, consider helping give a child the opportunity to go to school by giving a gift in honor of a teacher, friend or family member. [More giving opportunities...](#)

Message from Lynn

We want to welcome you! This is our first eNewsletter--we are shifting to this form of communication, reflecting the times, maximizing greater use of the internet, saving cost and sharing news quickly and efficiently. The goal will be to highlight opportunities and some of the amazing things happening so you can get involved and celebrate with us! Thanks for your partnership!



Schools for Angola: 2008 Year-end Update

Since the end of 2007, there have been 13 schools built or funded bringing the total number of RISE schools to 119, with over 47,000 students in attendance. We are in a prototype phase, carefully tracking costs, and

constantly assessing how to most efficiently build. The new schools are stronger, quality driven, have more classrooms and can be expanded to meet the needs of even more children. The real joy is seeing lives impacted, the tangible benefit of education--children excited and engaged in learning, and teachers involved and interacting with their students. There is hope for the future!

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AIDS Awareness Walk: Take a Step. Save a Life. December 6, 2008

RISE partnered with Willow Creek North Shore and World Vision to sponsor a World AIDS Day Awareness Walk--over 400 participants took 6000 steps in honor of the 6000 children that lose a parent to AIDS **every** day.

Princess Kasune Zulu, a Zambian woman with a courageous story, led the way, and a delightful concert by the African Children's Choir followed. We can take steps to speak for those that do not have a voice!



Community High School: WeGo 2 Africa - Taking Action

CHS community leadership class in West Chicago kicked off their WeGo fundraising campaign with an awareness week highlighting the need for schools in Angola. They hope to raise enough money through creative fundraising projects to build a school in rural

Angola. "We have a lofty goal...but it's definitely achievable," according to teacher Mary Ellen Daneels. She has traveled to Angola with RISE to see first hand the enormous need and the impact RISE is having there.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Angola Trip - Oversight and Development: January 1 - 18, 2009

Information Meeting - Summer 2009 Pilgrimage of Service: Saturday, January 24, 2009 - 8:30am at the RISE office

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