



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



Run for RISE - October, 2009

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

RISE is an approved charity for the 2009 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. This is a great opportunity for those of you who are runners, or would like to be...you can run, or support a runner and make a difference, helping kids in Angola! Our

goal is to enlist 50 runners, with sponsorships of \$1000 each---enough to build a primary school! Go to www.riseinternational.org for instructions on signing up and for further updates. Don't delay--it is expected the marathon will reach their 45,000 runner limit in April and registration will close.

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Message from Lynn

Greetings!

We have shifted to eNewsletters, 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.



Tucson 2009 Container

Loaded March 7th - report by Lora Pirzynski

This year's Angola Project in Tucson has been a wonderful experience--people are eager to help when given an opportunity, and it's been a huge collaborative effort with donations coming from churches, schools, soccer teams, businesses and enthusiastic individuals.

An article in the newspaper inspired calls with offers of help--a local pizza shop owner brought 15 pizzas on the day of the event, thanking the volunteers for their efforts; the Lion's Club donated 6000 pairs of sunglasses and readers; a businessman an hour away offered all remaining clothing items in his recently closed store; Home Depot donated all paint and supplies. Perhaps most moving was the overwhelming contribution of a small church on the south side of Tucson that responded generously despite difficult circumstances---those with the least still found a way to give to those in greater need. Individuals in Tucson truly did rise up to do something that matters for those in Angola.



"It Takes Courage!"

Prevention through education is critical as the *It Takes Courage!* curriculum continues to be taught in schools and churches. The Angolan National Team held two trainings, in September '08 and February '09.

Salomon, our country coordinator wrote, "In spite of all the challenges the impact of the curriculum was huge. Every session taught challenged many participants to the point of shaking their character and bringing them to reflect deeply on new ways of life and how it should be lived. Every day after the closing, people would remain behind contacting the trainers, sharing their testimonies, life experiences and how *ITC!* is impacting them."



School Supplies Needed

Start collecting now!

Another container will be loaded with school supplies and clothing in the Chicago area in May. Make a tangible difference in the lives of kids in Angola by collecting basic school supplies. Goods in the container are given to schools that have little or none---

imagine school with no paper, pens, pencils! At RISE school dedications each student receives new supplies for the first time in their lives, a day they will never forget!

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Tracking Our Progress

- 120 schools - 114 in session, 6 under construction
- 50,000 children in school
- 643 teachers and leaders certified to teach *ITC!* Curriculum
- 800 teachers and leaders trained in RISE workshops
- 17 containers shipped
- 21 Pilgrimage of Service Teams, including over 200 participants

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Shipping container drop-off at New Trier: May 2009 - exact dates to be determined
Summer 2009 Pilgrimage of Service: July 2 - 24, 2009
Bank of America Chicago Marathon: October 11, 2009 - Register, run and impact lives
Annual RISE Benefit: Saturday, November 7, 2009

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