



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



Aid for Africa Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

RISE is a member charity of [Aid for Africa](#), an organization that brings together US registered charities working with partners to make a difference in Sub-Saharan Africa. We are eligible to participate in the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign, the largest workplace giving campaign in the world, soliciting and collecting contributions from federal employees in their workplace. Donations are accepted from September through December 2009.

For more information, click on the Aid for Africa link above.
Reference CFC code #23149.

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RISE Summer Team

A team of 15 traveled to Angola for three weeks, many for the first time. Each stepped away from what is known and comfortable, to a broader way of seeing the world, and our desire was to offer hope, encouragement and partnership, working together in a small way to rebuild lives and communities. The team held workshops for teachers and leaders in three provinces, visited schools, joined in the dedication celebration of a RISE school at Unguengue, and shared life with our Angolan friends and with one another.

[Pilgrimage of Service 2009](#)

Message from Lynn

Greetings!
We hope that you find our new eNewsletters informative and inspiring. Amazing things continue to happen, with added opportunities, partnerships and



Containers

Two shipping containers, one from Tucson and another from New Trier, arrived in Angola in July. There have been many challenges in the process and several from the July team traveled to the port to meet with authorities with a hope to facilitate their release. As we drove alongside the walls of shipping containers, atop the pile was the one sent from New Trier's campus--beautifully painted, standing out from all the rest! We saw it in Winnetka and now in the port in Angola, 7,500 miles away--amazing!

RISE has shipped many containers which have had a huge impact, both here and in Angola. They have provided a tangible way to be involved, but costs have continued to rise as have the challenges involved. In an attempt to constantly assess and evaluate what we do, the Board has decided to send no additional containers for the present time. There are many other worthy organizations that would benefit from your donation of clothing and school supplies. Thank you for your support over the years.

[RISE Container Program](#)



Support Team RISE

**Bank of America Chicago Marathon
October 11, 2009**

For the first time, RISE is an Associated Charity Organization in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 11th. Marathons are a huge personal challenge, requiring discipline, training and perseverance. A core of individuals, from Willow Creek North Shore and beyond, have taken the challenge for reasons bigger than themselves, using their effort and time to help children in Angola, to raise \$80,000 to build a school! Most of us may not be running, but we can be a part of Team RISE, giving to help kids and cheering the runners! Volunteer for Team RISE at the Marathon--contact the office or website for upcoming details.

[Support a Team RISE Runner](#)



Annual RISE Benefit - Spend Yourself

**Saturday, November 7, 2009
Christian Heritage Academy, Northfield, IL**

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a family-friendly evening. Experience an Angolan meal of chicken, corn meal mush and beans. Be challenged to spend yourself in new ways. Help bring hope through education to Angola's children.

[Register by October 30](#)



Hope for the Future - School at Lixeira

Thanks to the incredible response of our donors to the Spring Appeal, we reached our goal to fund a new U-shaped school in the province of Benguela. Building is underway in the village of Lixeira Kandimba, where there are over 3000 children without a school. The children and community welcomed RISE's July 2009 Team with overwhelming enthusiasm and gratitude.

[Schools for Angola - 2009 Update](#)

participation! Thanks for your support and partnership--together we can do what we could never do alone!



RISE embraced a dream to impact Angola through education -- one child, one classroom, one school at a time.

Quick Links

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RISE is now on Facebook...

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It Takes Courage! Radio Pilot Project

In an effort to educate about the prevention of AIDS, and build on the success and enthusiastic reception of the *ITC!* curriculum and training, RISE, Willow Creek Community Church and Kerus Global Education have added Trans World Radio to our partnership, launching a Radio Pilot Project, Grandma's Village, as a strategy to

layer and reinforce concepts of character and courage community wide.

[It Takes Courage! Training Overview](#)

Tracking Our Progress

- 121 schools - 115 in session, 6 under construction
- 50,000+ children in school
- 924 teachers, leaders and pastors certified to teach *ITC!* Curriculum
- 1000+ teachers and leaders trained in RISE workshops
- 20 containers shipped
- 22 Pilgrimage of Service Teams, including over 200 participants

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Bank of America Chicago Marathon: October 11, 2009 - Support a runner and impact lives
Volunteer for Team RISE at the Marathon - contact the office or website for upcoming details
Annual RISE Benefit: Saturday, November 7, 2009, 6:30pm - Christian Heritage Academy

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