



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



### Global Activism Expo

Lynn Cole was interviewed on Chicago Public Radio's Worldview by Jerome McDonnell as part of their Global Activism series, highlighting people with Chicago ties who work to improve the world through grassroots efforts. RISE also had the privilege of participating in the Global Activism Expo on April 25 which 3,250 people

attended!

[Radio Interview: Global Activism - Building Schools in Angola](#)

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### RISE / New Trier Container

This marks the 8th year that New Trier has partnered with RISE to fill and send a shipping container of school supplies and clothing, along with sponsoring a Walk for Angola, selling Hackneyburgers and t-shirts. Many individuals, churches, groups and schools joined the effort including Orrington Elementary, Wheeling High

School, Willow Creek Community Church North Shore, His Wheels International and West Chicago Community High School, who sold enough suckers to buy and fill 1000 backpacks with school supplies.

[New Trier Container 2009 Photos](#)

### Message from Lynn

Greetings!

This is our third eNewsletter--having shifted at the end of 2008 to reflect the times, maximize greater use of the internet, save cost and share news quickly and efficiently. Amazing things continue to happen, with added opportunities, partnerships and participation! We've highlighted a few and hope you will be inspired by the many efforts, will celebrate the progress and will be challenged to get involved and make a difference! Thanks for



### Walk Through Africa

Interact with Africa

Serving our community. Serving our world.

Interact with Africa, a Rotary

sponsored Wheeling High School service club, seeks to impact their community and the world. Having raised funds to build one of the original schools in Angola in 2004, as well as one of the new classrooms, the club sponsored a "Walk Through Africa" week in which they used the banners and adapted the booklet from the RISE Benefit to give students the experience of what it is like in Angola, why millions of children are not

in school, and how education changes lives. Interact with Africa also partnered with Wheeling Rotary to host a steak dinner fundraiser at Outback Steak House, splitting the profits between funding a RISE school and Rotary's eradication of polio campaign.

[See photos and read more...](#)



## It Takes Courage!

### Training in Angola

The impact of the ITC! Training in Angola continues to multiply. Using the RISE network of schools and churches, the National Angolan Team completed their 4th training in May, holding two conferences. Salomon Soares, our country coordinator, wrote: "The surprise of the week was that of the 140 teachers participating, 7 declared openly their HIV status but that they are living healthy lives. Of the 125 church leaders, pastors and health workers at a second training, 12 women declared their HIV status and gave testimony as to how it feels to live with HIV. The two weeks were so emotional for many of us because it was the first time to see people living with HIV--much has to be done because many do not know about HIV or their status. The lessons on character and forgiveness were powerful, and the ITC! curriculum is opening minds and changing paradigms on how the church and leaders should view the pandemic, dealing with character in the life of people, as it reflects on life issues and the heart condition."

[Read more about In-country trainings...](#)



## RISE Summer Team

A team of 15 will be heading to Angola, July 2 through 24, on a Pilgrimage of Service. The team will be leading teacher training workshops, attending a dedication of a RISE school and spending time with the people in the communities RISE serves. This powerful demonstration of partnership and commitment strengthens relationships as we work together to rebuild lives and communities.

[Read more about the team...](#)



## Hope for the Future!

Thank you for your generous support of our spring appeal! You are part of an incredible response, many joining together to build a school for children in Angola. With the matching gift, we are nearing our goal and will begin building a school in the village of Lixeira Kandimba. The children and community are ready and anxious to start and look forward to the opportunity to go to school -- thanks to you, and what we can do when we work together!

[Spring Appeal Letter](#)

## Tracking Our Progress

- 121 schools - 114 in session, 7 under construction
- 50,000 children in school
- 924 teachers, leaders and pastors certified to teach *ITC!* Curriculum
- 800 teachers and leaders trained in RISE workshops
- 19 containers shipped
- 21 Pilgrimage of Service Teams, including over 200 participants

## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Summer 2009 Pilgrimage of Service: July 2 - 24, 2009

Bank of America Chicago Marathon: October 11, 2009 - Support a runner and impact lives

Annual RISE Benefit: Saturday, November 7, 2009

## Contact Information

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



*"Education is the window through which the light can shine into lives enveloped in a dark night of suffering."*

Andrew Cole

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