

Newsletter of The 11th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair

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Mazvita! Thanks to everyone who supported the 11th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair held at St. Joseph School in Mountain View on Sunday March 28. It was a very successful event with a great deal to celebrate.

FUNDS RAISED: This year's event brought in \$27,000 for the 100 orphans of Makumbi Children's Home in Zimbabwe. These funds are down a bit from \$33,000 in '09. However, \$27,000 is still the third highest amount in the 11 year history of the run. Last year, funds from the Zimbabwe Run paid for school fees, uniforms, food, medicine and construction of a new dormitory for the older boys. This year, Zimbabwe Funds will, again, provide for the daily needs of kids like Tendai and Mike (See below.) *plus* two more items! Father Muller reports that "frequent power cuts and fire wood restrictions make a 60KvA Generator for the Home necessary" and "a green house will boost our garden production." So, congratulations to all! The generator and green house will be a reality soon thanks to **you!**



INDIVIDUAL RECORDS BROKEN and TIED: A total of 316 participants in 11 races trotted (rather) *raced* around the courses at St. Joseph. Records tumbled in the Kindergarten ½ mile race. Sarah Nakhoda of Stratford ran a blistering 3:53 to dip under the 2004 time of 3:55 by Louisa Kishton of St. Joseph. Alexander Shaddock of The Presbyterian Early Learning Center cruised to a 3:32 ½ mile record, four seconds faster than the time of 3:36 by Gabe Harris and James Garlick of St. Joseph in 2009. Giorgio Liantono of Cupertino Middle School set a 7th/8th

grade mile record in 2009 with the fabulous time of 5:11 and then, came back in 2010 to equal 5:11. Only two boys—Chris Reis (formerly of St. Andrew's, now at St. Francis) and Giorgio—have been repeat champions at the 7th/8th Knights of Columbus Mile. It's important to note here that Grace Peterson of St. Andrew's won the 7th/8th girls' mile in 7:00. She is the fourth St. Andrew's runner to win this trophy. Another mile record was tied was by the Zimbabwean runner, Gray Mavhera, in the Men's Post High School Division. Gray ran 4:52 to equal the time of Steve Parry in 2002.

TEAM NEWS and OTHER SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES:

The mighty runners from Stratford School in Sunnyvale coached by Mike Landahl really made their presence known at the Zimbabwe Run. They captured *six* team trophies for girls and boys for these races: —1st/2nd grade; 3rd/4th grade and 5th/6th grade. However, other teams made it a very close competition. Kellie Duran of St. Joseph School in the 5th/6th girls' mile ran an unbelievable 6:28. In fact, her time was the *fastest* for any girl at the meet and her name will be inscribed on the perpetual trophy. St. Joseph was only five points behind Stratford. In the boys' 5th/6th mile, Bryan and Brandon Piña of Sacred Heart Nativity in San Jose went #1 and #2 with times of 5:56 and 6:09. Sacred Heart was only one point behind Stratford. For the 7th/8th girls and boys races, Sacred Heart Nativity took the team trophies in a big way. Flavio Escamilla led his team with a spectacular 5:28.



Kellie Duran of St. Joseph School. Fastest girl of day





Bryan Piña of Sacred Heart, San Jose. Winner 5th/6th. 5:56

EXCITEMENT ABOUNDS IN KATE WAKERLY'S MILE:



There could not have been a more exciting finale to the Zimbabwe Run. St. Francis High School Sophomore, 15-year-old Colin Mack, decided to blast out from the starting line and go after the high school Zim record of Ben Sitler. (Ben ran 4:47 in 2005.) Gray Mavhera— the 40 year old runner from Zimbabwe who drove all the way from L. A. with his family and friend, Mohamed— chased Colin all around the course. During the first 1/4 mile, Gray was in a pack with Colin in the lead but before the 1/2 mile, Gray was securely in 2nd. Gray later said, “I would get closer then **not** closer. It went back & forth. . . but the crowd was really cheering me up! I thought I’d get him down the drive-way but then we came to the u-turn and those young legs just squirted around the cone!” Finally with about 100 yards to go, Gray put on his final kick but so did Colin! The look on Colin’s face shows his determination. Colin’s time of 4:52

ranks #2 on the list (equal to Kevin Chaves in 2002) but, as Gray quickly pointed out, “The most important thing of all was I got to show my family that these people care and support the Zimbabwean people.”



ZIMBABWEAN FAIR GIVES SLF'S MOTTO “WORKING & LEARNING TOGETHER” SPECIAL MEANING:

The year 2010 marked the largest gathering of people devoted to philanthropy ever assembled at The Zim Run! They include: St. Joseph Parish, St. Francis High School, The Chip Sisters and Brothers Running Club, Batsirani Handicrafts, The Day Worker Center, The AVID Program of Los Altos High School, The Los Altos Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy (E3), The Shoe Drive of Nick MacFalls, Tatiana Promessi (our webmaster); long time friends (Connie and Terry Barton) and P. E. teachers (Roger Adams of St. Andrew’s) and The Zimbabwean Community of California including Ross Schibler & his son, Sean (who happened to win the 3rd/4th race) Lorraine and Tony Croft, Girley Tegama and all the folks in the photo with the Zimbabwean flag.



THE ZIMBABWE RUN AND FAIR CAPTURES OUR SENSES AND OUR HEARTS. We are reminded that philanthropy can be downright fun! We'll remember the delicious Sadza buffet by Angela Gora and Priscilla; the music from Chinyakare Ensemble & Sadza; Jessica Coli's flag sculpture; the lemonade stand from two little girls named Samantha and Paige; the Shoe Drive (2600 pair! Teresa Clark ↓)

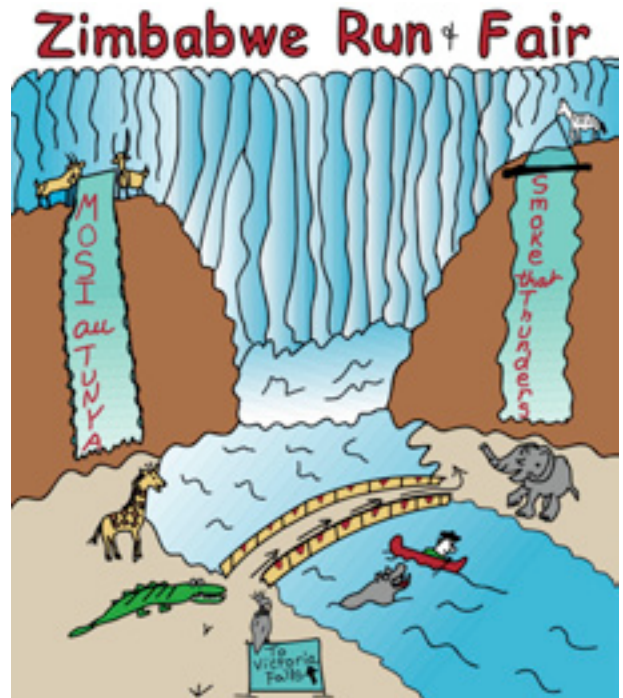


the Baobab Tree Booth (i.e. the Upside Down Tree of Africa) where kids were asked- **not** what gifts you have **given** to Africa, but what gifts you have **received** from Africa; Allison Sturges (CCS champion & Mercury News Athletes of the year for X-Country) and Charley Clark showing up to present trophies; all the animal mascots—from Zim, the elephant, to Shumba, the lion; and last, but certainly not least, all the people who sponsored orphans and ran great little races. We appreciate—beyond all measure— The Wakerly Family Foundation and the good people of St. Joseph Parish for the use of the property and so much more!

We'll definitely see you at the 12th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair next spring! If you can't wait that long, be sure to visit us on the web at www.ZimbabweParaguay.org for all the latest news, photos, results and developments!

Ellen and Bill Clark, Teresa Clark and Dave Ruminski, Will and Kristin Clark, and Dee Gibson

ONE EXTRA IRRESISTABLE PHOTO! BOYS IN 1ST/2ND GRADE SPRINTING FROM THE START! Tenay Menezes (#162) of Stratford goes on to win in 6:56, 3 sec. off the record of Charley Clark



T-SHIRT INFO: We still have Zimbabwe Run T-Shirts. They cost \$10 each and feature a cartoon drawing of Victoria Falls. They are really cute!. Shoot us an e-mail at zpclarks@sbcglobal.net and we'll be sure to get them to you! We have them in all sizes.