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Hello Everyone,

It's been awhile, and as we enter the New Year, and I am almost through finals, I wanted to update you on my Eagle Scout project of sending a computer classroom and school supplies to Children's Town AIDS orphanage in Zambia

We have made some real progress since the last time I wrote:

--Thanks to the contribution of Mr. John Doerr and his family, I now have a forty foot shipping container, and the carrier I need for moving it between Sunnyvale and the Port of Oakland.

--Instant Storage Service in Campbell has been a great help with the Logistics of this project. They have a container ready for pickup when we are ready, and they have guided me to shipping and logistics companies.

--Thanks to the donation of twenty-three used iMac computers from Mrs. Pam Shukait and Mrs. Anne Crowley at Resurrection School, and the hard work of several scouts in my troop, who diligently did clean-up and diagnostics on the computers, I now have the heart of the computer classroom.

--Out of the blue, my grandfather and my aunt have stepped forward with cash donations, to be added to Ms. Pat House's contribution, to help pay for the shipping cost.

-- Sister Georgi of Resurrection School has offered to place the container for a month on the driveway in the back of the school for us to gather donations. Meanwhile, both Resurrection Parish and Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church next door, have offered to hand out flyers to all of their members, with a list of the items needed.

--Finally, Scott Budman of KNTV/NBC11 television has offered to prepare a special feature report on the project at the time it is shipped.

All of this has been very exciting, and now we're heading into the main event. My current plan is to have the container delivered to Resurrection School in early February, where it will sit for thirty days. In the meantime, scouts in my troop will finish preparing and checking the computers. Volunteers from Apple will network them to a server. Resurrection Parish and Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church will hand out the flyers containing a list of desired items, delivery dates, and times. Scouts from the troop, will man the container throughout the month, receiving and inventorying the donations.

At the end of the thirty days, the container will be transported to Oakland for shipping to Dar es Salaam, and from there via train or truck, to Children's Town in Zambia. Moses Zulu will be prepared to receive it, and there will be an official opening featuring the Zambian Minister of education.

That's were things currently stand. I will be asking donors for a wide range of basic school supplies, farm tools, and hardware. In the mean time, there are a few major items that I'm going to pursue. If you would like to help with any of them, or know anyone who might be interested, they include the following.

- 300 meters of armored cable.
- 5000 meters of high tensions electrical cable.
- 850 meters of three-phase armored cable.

[These, and a number of other electrical items, including couplings and transformers, will enable Children's Town to expand its farm and make it self-supporting for the first time]

- School Textbooks (all grades)
- Sewing Machines
- Grinding and Welding Machines
- Sports equipment
- Electric Water Pump
- Pickup truck (Mr. Joe DiNucci is working on this one)
- Cell Phone station and repeaters (Mr. Tom Hayes is working on this one)

I also estimate that it will take an additional \$4,500, to complete the cost of the shipping—A small amount given on how far we've come.

I have been in regular contact with Mr. Zulu at Children's Town, and that he and the students are very excited. This will truly change their lives—I want to thank you all for helping to do so.

Have a happy New Year, and I look forward to talking with all of you in the soon.

Sincerely,

Tad Malone