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California Woman Visits 6-Year-Old Sponsored Child in Zambia

Richmond, Va. – Oct. 20, 2008 – Hollister, Calif., resident Glynis Crabb has seen cultural dances on an ancient mountain top in the Galapagos Island and has visited the Taj Mahal in India. She has traveled the world visiting Ethiopia, Mexico, India and Ecuador.

Earlier this year, she traveled to Zambia as part of a Christian Children's Fund Study Tour to meet her 6-year-old sponsored child, Tisanke. CCF offers the Study Tours as an opportunity for donors and sponsors to experience different cultures as they meet their sponsored child.

Crabb immediately connected with Tisanke and her family. Tisanke's nickname, Tisa bears a striking resemblance to Crabb's granddaughter's name – Tessa. There also was a family entrepreneurship connection – Crabb owns a horse farm while Tisa's father is a farmer.

During the Sponsor Day, Crabb presented Tisa with a few gifts. Tisa received a sweater and a doll with a matching sweater. Crabb also gave her a backpack and a knitted quilt for her bed with Tisanke's favorite colors – red and green.

“After talking for a while, we started to play on the swings and slide and also with the skipping rope that I took her. The shyness disappeared and she became a typical energetic 6-year-old,” said Crabb.

“More than six hundred sponsors have participated in CCF Study Tours since the program began in 2002,” said CCF Assistant Director of Marketing Gary Duncan. “We have taken participants to more than 17 countries throughout the world. Some sponsors have gone on multiple tours and we see their commitment to the mission of Christian Children's Fund continue to expand after each Study Tour.”

CCF has helped deprived, vulnerable and excluded children since 1938. Crabb has been a CCF sponsor for about 12 years. She currently sponsors five children in Kenya, Ethiopia, India, Ecuador and Zambia. Throughout the years, she has sponsored a total of seven children and has been on five different Study Tours.



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During the recent Study Tour, Crabb observed the harsh conditions for Zambian children in poverty. The schools lack in facilities and supplies. There are not enough teachers to educate children. Transportation options are few and the roads are in bad condition. It also is expensive to get adequate health care in Zambia, in part because of a lack of trained personnel to provide good health care.

Despite those problems, Crabb saw CCF community projects that were created to solve many problems. Pig and chicken farming projects and women selling cooked foods at the local market provided families with sustainable livelihoods. Men taught boys carpentry skills.

“All the Study Tours have been different and memorable in their own special ways,” said Crabb. “One thing that is common to all of them is that the families of the children are just trying to do the best with what they have. The children in every country are the future of the world and they deserve the best that we can give them.”



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