



OUR TRIP TO NAMIBIA

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Contrary to the article "To Go or Not To Go," featured in [Kachere 28](#), our recent trip to Namibia fortunately lived up to our expectations and then some.

Over eleven days we got enough of a glimpse of that country to entertain the possibility of a return trip, if there were not so many other places on this continent that we also want to see. We were struck by dramatic contrasts, from deserts and wide open spaces to mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, from gravel roads to four lane highways, from tiny shacks in the middle of nowhere to a modern capital city with all the conveniences and infrastructure (Windhoek).

It was to that city's airport that we flew, after the obligatory stop-over in Johannesburg, and from that airport we were transported to a car rental establishment where we boarded the Toyota Corolla that would transport us over many kilometers, beginning with the westward trip to Swakopmund (referred to in one guidebook as "more German than Germany").

While there we took a three-hour boat trip into the bay (Mali Mali Tours), seeing lots of seals, dolphins, and pelicans. The latter flew next to the boat at top speed, and whenever we slowed down a couple of seals climbed aboard and entertained us (they were tame because the tour boat operators had "rescued" them from fishing nets growing ever tighter around their bodies). We didn't have

time to see the massive dune fields south of Walvis Bay, but we did manage to climb Dune 7.

From there we headed northeast toward Etosha, traveling over dusty

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washboard gravel roads for hours on end, seeing almost no other vehicles or human beings, and spending one night (again in the middle of nowhere), at a resort called Brandberg White Lady Lodge.

Then it was on to Etosha the next morning, entering on the western end and working our way across with three overnight stops (Okaukuego and Halali Rest Camps and Mokuti Lodge). Unlike South Luangwa, experiencing Etosha is self-drive only (no walking safaris, and no night safaris), but we saw lots of animals in this desert-like environment dotted by thousands of stones and only occasional water holes. Our final night just outside Etosha (Mokuti) was particularly special, with a wonderful brai and every side dish imaginable.

Then we began our return trip toward Windhoek, with a two day stop at Okonjima, home of Africat Foundation, a "rescue and release/relocation program" for cheetahs and leopards (and a few lions, hyenas, wild dogs and caracac as well), many of which came there orphaned or injured. It was a moving experience to track these magnificent animals and see them up close and personal.

Back in Windhoek, based at a lovely B and B called Casa Piccolo, we enjoyed more delicious food (including Joe's Beer House, Namibia's equivalent of Nairobi's Carnivore) and great shopping (a fine craft market and excellent department, grocery and specialty stores). It was while having coffee on a rooftop with some friends that

we saw a Zambian flag flying half mast (presumably over the Zambian Embassy), our initial awareness of the death of President Mwanawasa.

Needless to say, it was a trip that we would readily recommend, along with the following observations / pieces of advice:

- While our little car managed all the road conditions with no difficulty, a 4 x 4 would have been more comfortable, though at least twice the cost.

- We would definitely take care of all of our money exchange in Windhoek upon arrival, for while the tour books indicate that US dollars and travelers' checks are honored all over the country, that simply was not the case (especially at gas stations).

- We used Cardboard Box in Windhoek as our travel agent, with mixed reviews.

- Three days in Etosha was just about a perfect timeframe; we saw all the major animals we hoped to see (including black rhino) except for cheetah and leopard, and those we saw at Africat.

Feel free to ask questions; we have hundreds of pictures and video clips, and perhaps a few Namibian dollars left. ■



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Numbers:

Post 1
250-955 ext. 2221

Care for Business Hospital
254-398

Duty Officer
0966-864-030

GSO/FM Duty Officer
0966-864-027

RSO Duty Officer
0966-864-009

Nurse's Office
250-955 ext. 2238 or 0966-864-039

CFB Appts & Urgent Care Needs
252-917

Hours:

Medical Unit
0930-1230 (Mon - Fri) Walk ins
1300-1700 (Mon - Thurs) By appt

Commissary
0900 - 1300 (Mon - Thurs)
1500 - 1800 (Mon & Wed)
0900 - 1600 (Fri)

CLO
0600 - 1500 (Mon & Wed)
0700 - 1600 (Tues & Thurs)
0700 - 1200 (Fri)

Voyagers Travel
0900 - 1200 (Mon - Fri)
1400 - 1530 (Mon - Thurs)

Citibank
1100 - 1300 (Mon - Thurs)
1030 - 1230 (Fri)

Embassy Gas Pump
0730 - 1230; 1400 - 1730 (Mon - Thurs)
0730 - 1300; 1400 - 17:00 (Fri)

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EMBASSY BULLETIN

DUTCH REFORMED MARKET: The Dutch Reformed Market will be postponed from this Saturday and is going to be held on September 6.

CRAFT EXHIBITION: One Day Only! The U.S. Embassy's Small Grants Office and MATEP (Market Access Trade and Enabling Policies) have teamed up to showcase an array of Zambian goods and products by Zambian manufacturers and artisans for sale at the U.S. Embassy. Don't miss this event - Embassy Conference Room, Wednesday, Sept. 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is open to embassy badge holders only. Vendors will include: Fallsway Timber, Peco Ltd, Savanna Wood, African Spices/Elephant Pepper, Muali Cofee, Hipego Limited, Enviro-Flor, Nangaunozwe Fashions, Kamano Seed, Zamseed, Zamshu, African Joy Ltd, Capital Fisheries Ltd, Freshpikt, Savanna Beef, Choice Nuts, Ubuchi, Dzithandizeni Trade School, Zengo stoves, and APTERS.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES:

Monday

18:00 - Volleyball at Marine House. Bring I.D.
17:30-19:00 - Yoga with Terry Henning
0977273324

Tuesday

Cub Scouts - contact Tim McVey for details
(262-236)
18:00-19:00 - Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Françoise)

Wednesday

18:00 - Basketball at Marine House

Thursday

08:00-9:30 - Yoga with Terry Henning
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18:00 - Volleyball at Marine House. Bring ID
18:00-19:00 Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Françoise)
19:00 - Biodanza classes - 0979 594 330 /
email: biodanzazambia@gmail.com /
www.biodanza.co.za/zambia

Saturday

10:30 - 13:00 Ultimate Frisbee at AIS upper field
10:00-11:00 - Yoga at French School (behind Alliance Françoise)
13:00-18:00 - Social Tennis at the Lusaka Sport Club. K15,000. Mixed doubles
16:00-17:30 - Yoga with Terry Henning
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www.biodanza.co.za/zambia

Sunday

6:30 - Running group. Contact Debi Philpot at debipot@hotmai.com

Alcoholics Anonymous - Meets every Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm at Kara Counseling Resource Center, Bukavu Road, Thorn Park. Friday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at Kalemba Hall, St. Ignatius Church. Info: 0977-400-633 or 095-400-926

Biodanza, will reconnect you with joy through fabulous music, non-choreographed movement and emotion. Biodanza is about feeling the fullness of every moment and awakening our passion for life. It works by opening your sense of joy, self-esteem and self-confidence, which matures with regular classes. Adult classes every Thursday evening at 7pm in Long Acres. Youth classes (6 to 12 yrs) Moms/Dads & classes (babies to 5 yrs) every second Saturday at 10am and 3pm respectively. Call Michelle at 0979 594 330 / email: biodanzazambia@gmail.com / www.biodanza.co.za/zambia for more info.

Chilanga Hackers Golf Society - Peter Manibach 290-818 or Kevin Birch 09777-790-900

Diplomatic Spouses Association (DSA) meets the last Tuesday of every month. Jill Penny 0977-770-094

Family cruises on the Kafue Queen Only 50 km from Lusaka. Transport available. Bar and BBQ on board. Info: Ian 0977-232-949, 0955-913-984, 01-216-016 (evenings), finot@zamnet.zm

Happy Mums and Toddlers International Group All moms with 3, 4, and 5 year olds are welcome to join the group. Conny 293-363, 0977-766-955, dizaco@uudial.zm

Jane Austen Book Club - Kini 0966-637-764

Karate and Self Defense Classes for Children, Men, and Women Shotokan karate. 0977-789-389, 095-704-540, 286-388

Ladies' Beginner Golf Lessons- Chainama Hills Golf Club (264-694)

Ladies Squash - Mulungushi Village Squash Club - Sue 0977-326-381, Jeff 0966-680-696

Lusaka Bridge Club - 250-409, 264-432, money@coppernet.zm

Lusaka Hash House Harriers - Lothario 0977-790-808, Boy Blue 0966-766-249, Jerry Mouse 0977-471-764, pgwhite@coppernet.zm or lusaka.hash@zambia.co.zm

Lusaka Kennel Club - 260-081

Lusaka Road Bikers - Ginty Melvill 0966-766-896, GintyM@seedco.co.zm or Len Ware 095-580-1954, murryfieldfarm@zamtel.zm or Andy Legg 0966-858-733, mcrop@zamnet.zm. The Road Bikers group is a recognized section of the Lusaka Motor Cycle Club.

Martial Arts for Children and Adults - 0977-783-537

NHL Club - street hockey - Mike 0977-376-450

Power Yoga - 097-779-0825, 0977-789-680

Tennis - Lusaka Club - 0977-964-121, lusakatennis@yahoo.com

Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia (WECSZ) - Meets once a month for ecological talks and lectures led by experienced conservationists - 251-630, wecsz@zamnet.zm

Zambia Basketball Association - mini basketball skills for children between 5 and 13 - Mwembe Kaona 0966-752-797

Zambia Ornithological Society - meets once a month for a bird walk in the countryside. Guida Bell-Cross 235-949, www.wattledcrane.com

Zambia Tae-Kwon-Do Association - 254-090

Zambia Universal Skydiving Club - learn to skydive. Dave 0966-860-306, Julius 0977-791-256, Gary 0977-337-153



Weekly Update

August 27, 2008

New FSI Distance Learning Language Courses and Fall Offerings

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) has launched several new distance learning language courses this fall: Dari Express, Introductory Persian (Farsi) II, Spanish Listening Comprehension, Arabic Express III, and Russian Reading Maintenance B – a new offering for advanced Russian students.

FSI has also developed a new self-guided study resource: Alphabet Aid (for Arabic, Dari and Persian (Farsi)).

Other FSI mentored distance language learning courses to be offered this fall include:

Express (similar to FAST) courses in Arabic (I, II), Chinese (Mandarin), German, Greek, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, sub-Saharan French, and Spanish

Introductory (BASIC) courses in Korean and Persian (Farsi)

Intermediate courses in French and Spanish (for participants at speaking level 1)

French Listening Comprehension course (for participants at speaking level 2 or higher)

Russian Consular Tradecraft (for participants at speaking level 2 or higher)

Language Conversion courses (for participants at level 3 or higher in source language and beginners in the closely related target language) in Spanish to Portuguese, Russian to Slovak, and Russian to Polish

Reading Maintenance courses (for participants who have had a reading level of 3 or higher) in Arabic,

Chinese (Mandarin), French, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish

Most courses begin September 15, 2008.

For more information about the courses, scheduled start dates, and links to apply online please visit OpenNet at <http://fsi.state.gov/rd.asp?ID=25>. New courses will be listed on

the FSI's Registrar's website **after September 1st** so please keep checking the page for more information on enrollment. Applications should be submitted and approved at least 7 days prior to course start.

Course materials are delivered on the Internet-based FSI LearnCenter (FSI's learning management system) or on CD-ROMs, allowing participants to work with course materials at any time. Participants are guided by an FSI mentor, communicating via e-mail and an online forum. Weekly telephone mentoring is additionally required for several of the courses (where participants may be required to place the calls).

Please e-mail questions concerning distance language instruction to OnlineLanguage@state.gov, or phone 703-302-6771.

FSYF: President Wanted!

The Board of Directors of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) is seeking a President. The FSYF President is the chair of the Board and of the Executive Committee, guiding Board actions with respect to organization priorities. The President provides leadership and governance guidance to the Board of Directors.

He/she works collaboratively with the Family Liaison Office, the Overseas Briefing Center, the Foreign Service Institute and the Office of Overseas Schools. Foreign Service Officers, family members and retirees living in or returning to the Washington, DC area are invited to apply to for this position. Experience with non-profit board leadership, management and fundraising is strongly recommended.

A board application is available at www.fsyf.org (click on board information). For a full job description, email Melanie Newhouse, Executive Director, at fsyf@fsyf.org/301-404-6655.

Weekly Update is a compilation of news and information from the Family Liaison Office, Department of State for any American U.S. government employee who is serving, has served, or will be serving under Chief of Mission Authority and their family members or Members of Household . For more on any of the following items or for information on the many programs and resources FLO has available please visit FLO: on the Internet at: <http://www.state.gov/m/dghr/flo> or, for those who have access, the Intranet at: <http://hrweb.hr.state.gov/prd/hrweb/flo/index.cfm>; or, Email FLO at: flo@state.gov. You can also call us at: 202-647-1076 or 1-800-440-0397. We look forward to hearing from you.

classifieds

Submit ads to kacherelusaka@yahoo.com by noon on Tuesday. Ads will run for three issues and can be renewed. If the ad is obsolete before the three issues are up, please notify the editor as soon as possible. Thanks!

AUTOMOBILES

SECOND NOTICE For Sale 1994 Toyota RAV4 2-doors, 90,000 km, only 1 year in Zambia, duty paid, great condition, new shocks, available end of September, \$9000 OBO, call 097 9 592294

THIRD NOTICE 2005 Land Rover Defender 110: Diesel 300 TDI Engine, air conditioning, custom leather exmoor trim and trakkers seating for seven (including two forward-facing folding third row seats), Alpine stereo system (6 speakers and subwoofer), Benbar bull bars and overhead luggage rack w/ladder, 5 BF Goodrich Mud-Terrain tires and alloy wheels (w/locking lugs), 1 Michelin XCR 7.5x16 and steel wheel spare on overhead luggage rack, Safari Snorkel, Additional interior rubber mats for noise reduction, Alarm/auto door locks, Purchased Duty Free (duty must be paid by non-diplomatic buyers) Available mid-October 2008. U.S. \$42,000. Call: 0966-594-337

THIRD NOTICE Lady driven Mercedes Benz Saloon car, 1999 model A class 160. Price negotiable contact Charity on +260-0977-138408.

FOR SALE

FIRST NOTICE Recreation/sports equipment : Basketball hoop, backboard and pole - ZMK 160,000
Fuseball table - ZMK 20,000
Polocrosse sticks - round head and square head
Stilts for children - ZMK 20,000
Classic red wagon - ZMK 20,000
Junior tennis rackets - ZMK 20,000
Diving fins and masks - adult large size - ZMK 20,000
Other assorted toys - cheap
SMS me if you are interested - and I'll call you back. 0977 740 553.

SECOND NOTICE Train board -Thomas the Tank Engine (K175,000),

Kid's Plastic Kitchen set with accessories (K300,000), Ladies long rain/trench coat (K150,000), Men's windbreaker jacket (K75,000), Land Rover Defender spare parts almost new: 2 rear bench seats (K200,000 each) Call: 0966-594-337.

THIRD NOTICE Brand new Deuter Kid Comfort 111 Child Carrier - USD \$249. Carry your newborn to toddler in this stylish back pack carrier- Max weight of 48.5 lb. It adjusts quickly to fit parents torso length and child's height. Has a five point harness system, central tensioning system and much more. Also, new ear plugs for sale, each for \$2.50. Contact 0976645369.

MISC

SECOND NOTICE Zenzi McCord, 14, is available to babysit evenings and weekends and during school holidays. She is in 9th grade at AIS and is a mature and responsible young lady. She is great with kids and is always a favorite with the younger crowd! If interested, please telephone 0978770096 to make arrangements.

THIRD NOTICE Threading available! If anyone is interested of getting their eyebrows or full face threaded, please call 097 664 5369 to make an appointment.

STAFF

THIRD NOTICE Chrispine Shawba is an excellent gardener who has kept our yard looking incredibly neat and well manicured as well as taking good care of our pool and growing a large garden overflowing with tomatoes, cabbages, greens, onions and more. Chrispine has been honest and reliable and will be available to work in September. Anyone who is interested may phone James Wholters at 0966864016 or 250-955 Ext. 2304 for a reference and may arrange to see our yard at any time. Chrispine's work speaks for itself.

WANTED

SECOND NOTICE The McCord family is looking for a part time driver to run errands and manage the family schedule! Applicants must have at least 2 years of excellent driving experience with an American or expatriate family; must have an up-to-date Zambian license and a clean driving record. Please deliver your letter of interest and any recommendations to Judith McCord at PATH on 1210 Addis Ababa Road by Monday, September 8 at noon.

employment

PEACE CORPS PROGRAM & TRAINING SPECIALIST

Opening Date: April 4th

Location: Lusaka

Closing Date: until filled

Salary Range: FSN 8 (ZK 91,737,900 to 144,616,878 per annum)

Basic Function:

The Program & Training Specialist provides backstopping support to the Associate Peace Corps Director of Rural Education Development. This includes: Coordination and facilitation of the technical component of Pre-Service Training (PST); assistance during Volunteer In-Service Trainings; providing support to Volunteers in the field; liaising with Host Country Counterparts (e.g. MOE Officials) and other organizations; volunteer site identification and development; participation in project planning and implementation activities; management of world wide schools program; and secretarial support as needed. The position requires an energetic Zambian citizen with expertise in basic education, the Ministry of Education structure, designing and delivering training in an intercultural setting, as well as a desire to work with and support American volunteers, among other qualifications. It also involves frequent travel to the field and administrative/secretarial duties.

Mandatory Qualifications:

In order to be selected for this position, the applicant must be a Zambian Citizen, must not have been employed in intelligence-related activities, and must submit an application that clearly documents how they meet each of the following mandatory requirements:

- Applicants must have at least two years of substantive experience in activities noted in the Basic Function,
- Must have completed secondary school,
- Must have a good working knowledge of the English language (spoken and written),
- Must have a demonstrated ability to work with other staff as a team,
- Must have a demonstrated ability to work in a multi-cultural setting,
- Must have proficiency in working with computers (word processing & spread sheet).

Desired Qualifications:

- Although the following are not mandatory for selection, highly competitive applicants will have experience/education in the following.
- Three to five years of experience in training and programing support,
- Expertise in grass roots development methodologies,
- Three to five years experience working in the field of Education in Zambia
- Conference and meeting facilitation skills,
- An advanced diploma in education or related field of study (Possessing a degree in these fields will be an added advantage).

To apply, submit an application letter that addresses the Mandatory and Desired Qualifications, CV and list three references. Applications accepted until filled. Only short-listed candidates will be notified and no telephone inquiries will be entertained.

Address applications to:

The Program & Training Officer

PTS Education Position

Peace Corps Zambia

Plot 71A Kabulonga Rd., Kabulonga

PO Box 50707

Lusaka, Zambia

COMMISSARY SALES CLERK

Starting Date: As soon as possible

Immediate Supervisor: AMCA General Manager

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The Sales Clerk is responsible to the AMCA General Manager for helping with all aspects of the store's operations. The Sales Clerk will function as cashier and clerk during hours the store is open, assist with the monthly inventory, billing and collection of customers' accounts, monitor TDY accounts including setting up of account, charging TDY fees and receiving of payments, account for all cash received from customers. The Sales Clerk has responsibility for the routine duties involved in the display of perishable and non-perishable merchandise, cleanliness, and the safety and security of all Association property under his/her control. The Sales Clerk is also responsible for maintaining complete and accurate records and preparing forms and month-end reports concerning store operations. The Sales Clerk position is based in approx. 35 hours per week.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Sales Clerk is charged with the responsibility to:

- Conduct cashier and clerking duties at the commissary store in a professional and businesslike manner.
- Maintain the DVD library.
- The Sales Clerk will assist with monthly inventories, customer billing and collection.
- The Sales Clerk will be responsible for maintaining complete and accurate records of DVD rentals, fuel coupons, stamps and stamps.
- She/He will be responsible for ordering all local purchases, such as meat, cheese, flowers, etc.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- Report to work in a timely manner to ensure that the store is ready to open, perform duties of cashier during hours of store operation, properly close out the register after close of business, and remain until the goods are properly secure before locking up.
- Maintain a high standard of interpersonal skills with customers, suppliers, and AMCA staff.
- Ensure optimal orderliness, effective display, cleanliness, and organization of store.

- Properly record all customer account information including sales, payments, travellers check commissions, DVD rentals, postage stamp sales and gas coupons sales.
- Accurately record and post all customer payments of cash or checks.
- With General Manager's approval, accurately record store write-offs and damaged or consumed goods.
- Manage the input of accurate inventory data into the computerized inventory control system. Assist with the periodic physical inventory of stock to verify the accuracy of the computerized records.
- Assist with off-loading, inventory and receiving of imported goods (4 times a year).
- Receive and control of all locally purchased goods, including determining cost and sale prices as well as receiving into stocks.
- Prepare orders with local suppliers for weekly consumer needs.
- Supervise 2 employees (stockmen) to ensure a) correct stock levels, b) that stock is sold on a first in first out basis, and c) rotate stock as needed in order to achieve highest possible turnover rate.

REQUIREMENTS: Spouse of U.S. Direct-Hire employee or USAID Contractor, who is a member of AMCA. Must be at least 18 years of age.

APPLICATION: To apply, please submit a resume to the AMCA General Manager at the AMCA office. Please be specific when listing your computer skills and experience.

CVs must be received in the AMCA office by COB September 5, 2008.

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Wednesday, September 10th



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Other: Access only for embassy badge holders

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VISA APPLICATIONS

The Consular Section would like to remind other agencies and sections of the Mission that the application process for a U.S. nonimmigrant (tourist) visa is straight-forward and simple. MGT POLICY 10/2008

Information on the visa application process, the required forms, and our online appointment management system can be found at the Embassy website:

<http://zambia.usembassy.gov>. All applicants must use the website to complete their application forms. When printed, the form will have a bar-code in the middle of the final page. Unless the applicant is eligible for an official or diplomatic visa category, applicants must also book their interview online. To do this, applicants need to return to the website, follow the link to the appointment calendar, and enter the barcode number to schedule the date and time of their appointment.

For the convenience of our applicants, we allow applicants to schedule appointments as much as three – six months in advance. At present, the consular section conducts non-

immigrant visas on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings between 7:30 and 10:30 AM. As of 16 June 2008, the online appointment calendar lists all available interview slots through December 2008.

To avoid frustration and make traveling easier, we encourage applicants to make their appointments several weeks in advance of their travel. As we are entering a particularly busy time of year, please advise your colleagues and contacts who might be traveling to the United States to make their interview appointment as soon as they realize that they will be traveling. Please also remind your colleagues and contacts that the consular section requires 24 hours to process a visa application. An applicant who fails to book an appointment at least one day before their planned departure will not receive a visa in time to travel.

Answers to most questions on visa application can be found at the Embassy website: <http://zambia.usembassy.gov> or at the main Department of State website: <http://travel.state.gov>. For other questions, the Consular Section's Public Inquiry hours are 1400-1600, Monday through Thursday.