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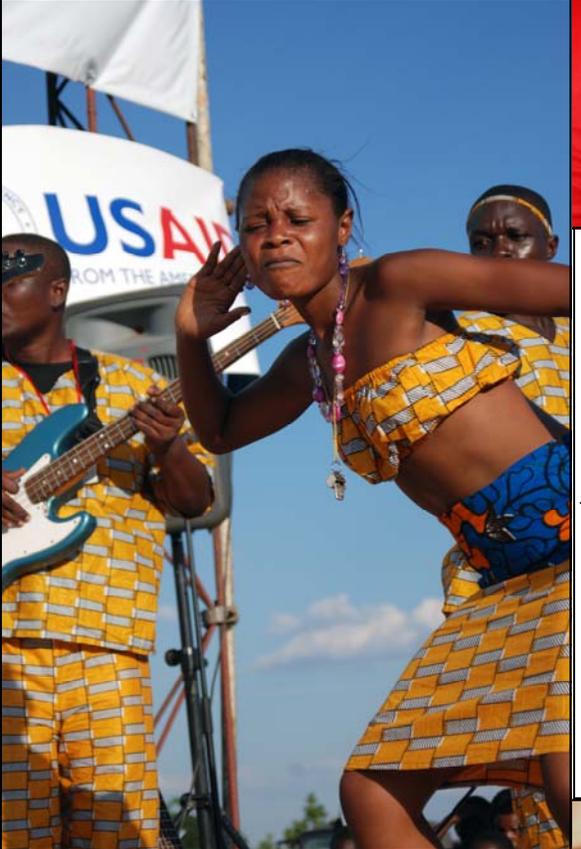
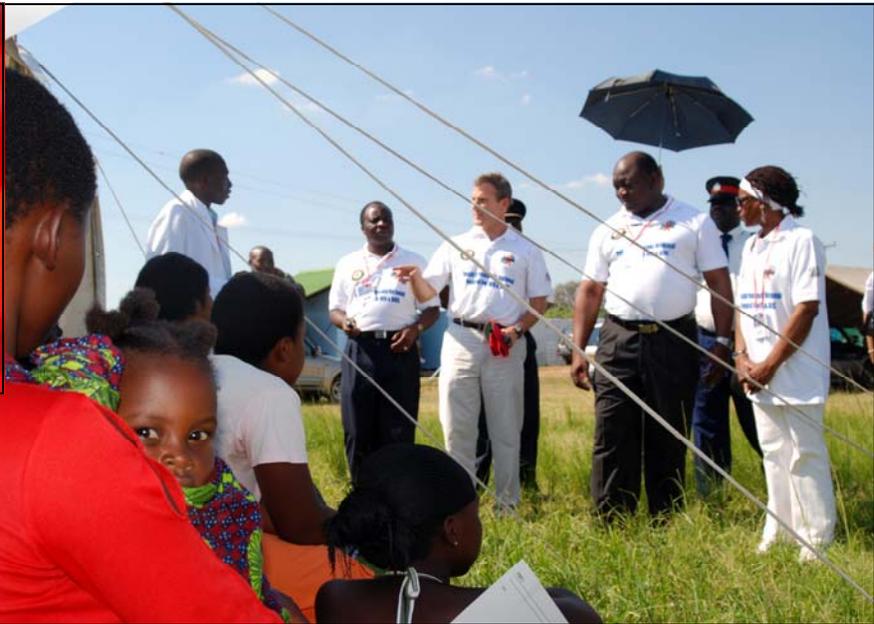
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365 Days...and almost as many programs! Clockwise from top left: U.S. First Lady Laura Bush and Zambian President Levi Mwanawasa—the First Lady’s visit in June highlighted numerous excellent health and education programs going on in Zambia; Ambassador Carmen Martinez and coffee farmer Colin Street tour his Terranova Estate—a USAID program has helped Terranova become an exclusive supplier to U.S. coffeehouse giant Starbucks; A young scholar enjoys a tribute to Dr. Seuss at the American Center; Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Koplovsky and Commerce, Trade and Industry Minister Felix Mutati celebrate the opening of Ndola’s Patent’s and Companies Registration Office; U.S. Marine Security Guards Cpl. Craig Soltvedt and Sgt. Justin Swanie at the U.S. Independence Day celebration in July; U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Carol Thompson and Lands Minister Bradford Machila open a new training center for the Ministry of Lands—the center is part of Zambia’s Millennium Challenge Threshold Account; Public Affairs Officer Christopher Wurst on the set of *Kwacha Good Morning Zambia*; A Zambian battalion leader salutes the U.S. Ambassador at the completion of the U.S.-sponsored African Contingency Operations Training and Assistance (ACOTA) peacekeeping program in August; Workers sort peppers at a farm in Livingstone—a U.S. Government program has helped chili farmers find U.S. markets and Zambian chilies are now a key ingredient in the popular American condiment Tabasco sauce (the chilies also serve as a natural repellent for area elephants, thus serving as an effective and eco-friendly protection for vital food crops); Ambassador Martinez enjoys a candid moment with Chieftainess Bedyango of the Toka Leya people in Livingstone—the Toka Leya Chieftainess is a regular supporter of U.S. Government programs.





24 Hours in Livingstone: On November 10, the U.S. Government was the major sponsor for the Crossroads HIV/AIDS Benefit Concert (“One 4 One”), which highlighted the vital need for people to know their HIV status. USAID partner SHARE organized the event. *Clockwise from top left:* Gospel star Mathew Ngosa inside a VCT tent—Mr. Ngosa led by example, literally jumping off the main stage and leading a crowd of fans to the nearest VCT tent; National AIDS Commission Chairman Dr. Ben Chirwa, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Koplovsky, Southern Province Minister Josph Mulyata and SHARE Chief Muka Chikuba tour the VCT clinics on the concert grounds; A performer plays a homemade guitar; Local Livingstone legend Glycerin entertains the crowd; Livingstone Mayor Grace Sharfick gets tested for HIV during the concert; Mathew Ngosa performs; A young fan enjoys the show; A girl from Linda compound gets a concert poster; “Moonlight VCT” in the Dambwa neighborhood—over 1000 people were tested during the weeklong festivities; Members of Sunga Umukoshi perform. *Right:* Mr. Koplovsky performs on the Lozi-language *Gama Cuulu* program—an AIDS-education radio serial sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, through the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.









Working Together. Clockwise from top left: The February launch of the Corridors of Hope II project in Kazungula—the project aims to reduce unsafe sexual practices among people living along transit routes and border towns, in high-HIV prevalence communities; Ambassador Martinez at the launch of the U.S. Government-sponsored book *My Mum has HIV*; First Lady Laura Bush speaks at Regiment Basic School in Lusaka as the Ambassador looks on; Ambassador Martinez and Zambian First Lady Maureen Mwanawasa at the launch of the “Real Man, Real Woman” campaign aimed at encouraging Zambian girls to delay their sexual debut; MC Wabwino and a sister at the Lubosi Orphanage in Livingstone, during the events leading up to a U.S.-sponsored HIV/AIDS benefit concert in June; USAID Mission Director Melissa Williams and children at the Simonga Basic School outside Livingstone; Deputy Chief of Mission Michael Koplovsky greets children at the Batoka Bindi Wing at Livingstone General Hospital—pediatric care at the hospital has been greatly aided by U.S. Government support through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Youth enjoying the Children’s Play Park, a U.S. Government-funded project at Livingstone General Hospital; Ambassador Martinez is welcomed by children at Simonga; Mr. Koplovsky and Zambian Health Minister Brian Chituwa prepare to demonstrate indoor residual spraying to help fight malaria—the U.S. Government spends millions of dollars to fight malaria, Zambia’s number one killer. Middle left: Three-time Team USA basketball gold medalist Dawn Staley conducts a clinic with Lusaka girls during a June visit to Zambia.





A Message from Ambassador Carmen Martinez



Wow! 2007 was an amazing year. We can be truly proud of all of the work that the U.S. Mission accomplished throughout Zambia. So many people have worked tirelessly—in partnership with elected Zambian officials, business and civil society leaders, passionate health care professionals, dedicated educators and concerned citizens—to promote economic growth and prosperity, to improve health care and nutrition (including significant sustained efforts to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other serious illnesses), to increase access to and improve the quality of education for all Zambians, and to continue to promote good governance, democracy and human rights.

In June, we had the honor of showing off amazing health and education projects to First Lady Laura Bush, and throughout the year we proudly showcased Zambia to numerous visiting policy makers, journalists, athletes, artists, military trainers, educators, businesspeople and many others—all of whom left with a great appreciation for this wonderful country and a sense of amazement at the amount of work being done here.

I have been continuously impressed by the dedication and commitment that Americans and Zambians share to make Zambia better. It is incredibly gratifying to know that our efforts are resulting in lives saved and lives improved. Each month we highlight a small fraction of our efforts right here in *Tiyende Pamodzi* (and each month we run out of space too quickly!). Looking at this year-end collection of photos, I am astounded by the scope of our activities and the seemingly bottomless energy of my colleagues. I am also reminded of the strong friendships and partnerships we have made and strengthened this past year—*working together* indeed!

I offer all Zambians “Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!” and the promise that 2008 will be even better yet!