

Dear all

## IntroZambia 2012

### PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO OTHERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED

Laura Tilling and I have started planning our 2012 IntroZambia trip - for those of you who don't know, this is a visit to Mufulira/Ndola, which combines the needs of teachers who are on linking grants, with other people from all walks of life, who want to experience everyday life in Zambia, meet ordinary people, maybe look at a particular interest of theirs, and maybe undertake an exciting trip to the Victoria Falls or to a remote village and/or game viewing at the South Luangwa National Park.

At the moment nothing is in tablets of stone, but the core dates for teachers are very likely to be:

- fly out overnight on Friday 23 March, arriving in Ndola/Mufulira on Saturday 24th
- returning on a daytime flight on either Saturday 7 April, or possibly a couple of days later if you choose the Eastern Province trip.

Teachers may want to note that Worcestershire and Somerset schools break up on Friday 30th March, so the visit means a week of school missed, and a week of holiday. Good Friday is 6 April.

The basic trip to Ndola (where Pershore has several links with school and community groups) and Mufulira (which is similarly linked with Castle Cary, in Somerset) costs the air fare plus about £350, including in-country travel, food, and staying at a comfortable hostel/guesthouse. Obviously the actual cost depends on numbers, activities etc. You need to add significant additional costs for the Livingstone or Eastern Province trip. Lots of people have been before on our IntroZambia visits and I am sure would be happy to give you unbiased accounts of what it is like - let me know if you would like to be put in touch with such a person.

As usual we are holding a first planning day which we encourage everyone who is interested to come to, even if they haven't made their mind up - there is no commitment until you have really had a chance to find out what it is all about. The first planning day will be on **Sunday 27th November**, so do put that date in your diary if you are interested.

If you want to express a possible interest, please reply to me [steve.curtis@classresource.co.uk](mailto:steve.curtis@classresource.co.uk) giving your name, email address and phone number, and what your interest in coming is - is your school or church linked or wanting to link, are you a member of an organisation which is interested in global issues or world development, are you wanting to go as an individual to find out what life in a country like Zambia is all about?

I attach a brochure about the visits which explains what we do.

Laura and I organise these visits not as travel agents, but as volunteers who want other people to enjoy and learn from visits to Zambia as we do, and we also want to support the concept of school and community linking in whatever way we can. We have set up "IntroZambia" as a not for profit organisation.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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