

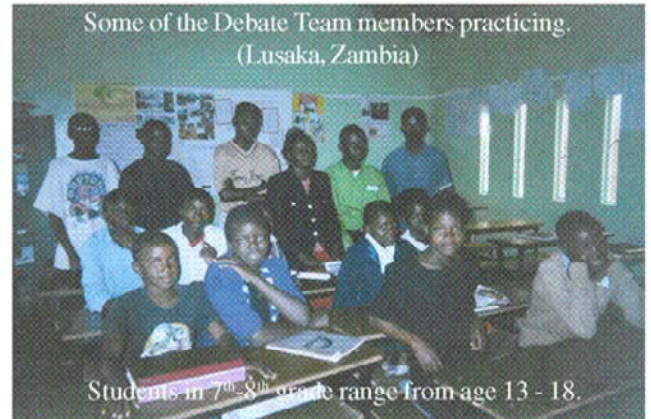


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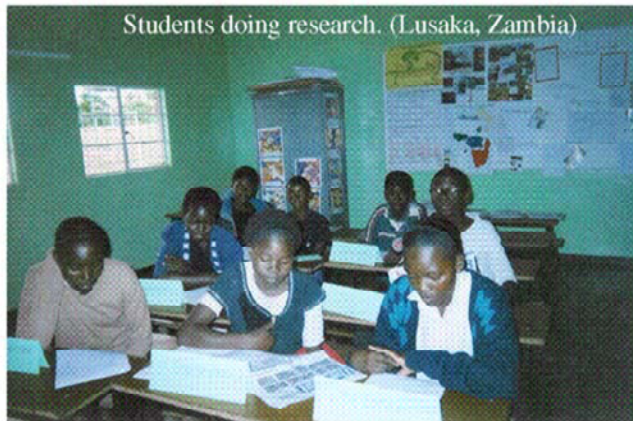
Mary Furlong is a former (1st Diamond NFL) coach at Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, (PA), which is part of the Valley Forge NFL District.

I have just returned from Lusaka, Zambia where I served for over two years as a volunteer Educational Advisor for training teachers in a two-year weekend course.



Some of the Debate Team members practicing. (Lusaka, Zambia)

Students in 7th-8th grade range from age 13 - 18.



Students doing research. (Lusaka, Zambia)

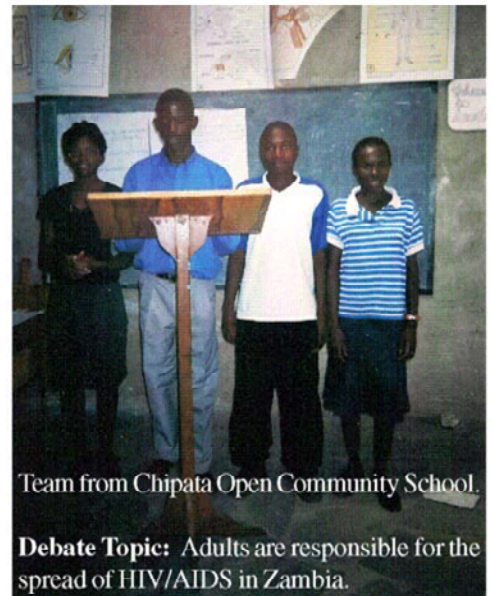
Because the number of teachers who graduate from college each year are outnumbered by the number of teachers who die from HIV/AIDS, there is a program to recruit and train teachers.

In early 2002, I was asked to join the newly formed National Debate Council and ended up serving as National Secretary until my return in August. We organized a regular league for secondary schools in Lusaka, the capital of the country. There are future plans in 2004 to take the program to four other provinces and the remaining four in 2005.

In July, 2003, one of my personal joys was recruiting community school teachers in organizing a debate tournament for 7th and 8th grade students from 20 community schools (community schools are for children who come from extreme poverty and whose families can't afford to send the children to the government schools that charge fees and require uniforms). With few materials other than local newspapers and the Bible, the students researched, organized and spoke eloquently on the impact of AIDS on the younger generation.

In 1995, I had a Fulbright in Malaysia and judged several debates at the college level. Debate is alive and well in many parts of the world.

With Care,
Mary Furlong



Team from Chipata Open Community School.

Debate Topic: Adults are responsible for the spread of HIV/AIDS in Zambia.

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