

Dear Friends,

Two years ago, I could not imagine I'd return to Africa, as I was so impaired with multiple sclerosis. Now, –having passed through the sacred illness of MS -- it's clear that it completed my original initiation in Zimbabwe.

I am looking for 10 people to go back to the beloved Motherland with me for ritual initiation into the *ngoma* of the water spirits with Mandaza Kademwa. The *ngoma* tradition lies at the headwaters of what became African-American culture. It is the tradition of peacemaking and healing over a large portion of southern Africa.

January 29 to February 9 with a day after initiation for transition. I'm very available for dialogue and ritual work in preparation.

The Bulawayo Dare' is the mother of the Dare's in North America.

Each initiate is responsible for booking their transport to and from Bulawayo.

From CheapOAir:

New York to Bulawayo: \$1253  
Los Angeles to Bulawayo: \$1255  
San Francisco to Bulawayo: \$1190

But plane fares are forever changing.

I'd place land costs in Zimbabwe at \$1,000.

American dollars are now official currency in Zimbabwe, as inflation has made the local currency worthless.

Also, \$750 for Mandaza (tax deductible) and \$750 for myself are part of expenses.

\$1,000 deposit is required by October 15; – refundable until December 1.

Email me at [michaelortizhill@verizon.net](mailto:michaelortizhill@verizon.net) if you are interested.

Please forward this e-mail to anyone in your community whom you think might be interested.

Blessings upon blessing,

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