



We started this newsletter in November of 2006 with a promise of an issue every two months. If you were keeping track you'll know we did not make it! This is not because we have been sitting down, but quite the contrary.

Since November 2006

Since November of last year both Makhosazana and I have finished "back to college" goals. Makhosazana graduated May 19 with a B.A. in Psychology and I will graduate in July with a masters in Liberal Studies with a focus on the use of stories for healing and growth. Both of us are grateful for the knowledge gained.

New CD of Stories

We have a new CD out called *Whispering Waves*. It has 6 stories on it with music. The choice of stories was focused on healing and growth. The CD is available from the Gentle Place website (<http://gentleplace.com/products.html>).

Delta Stories

Also as a direct result of the research done for my thesis we created a new standard for short stories called "Delta Stories." We hope this will encourage others to write similar stories that encourage healing and growth in these troubled times. The website for Delta Stories is <http://deltastories.org/>. Please take a look and let us know what you think.

Articles and Papers

Since the last newsletter we have written a chapter for an author in Canada who is writing a book about spiritual education. We will share details when it is published. There is also a probability that a non-profit organization in Los Angeles will incorporate a few of our stories into a curriculum they are building.

Radio Air Time

In March a story from *Ocean Dreams* was aired on KSVY 91.3 FM in Sonoma, California.

Martin Luther King Jr. Event

One of the highlights of the last few months was participating in a commemoration event in Sonora

in January 2007. There were several hundred people present and the program from start to finish was spectacular. (The committee won a local award for the presentation.) There were essay and art contest award winner presentations, lots of wonderful music by the Pine Cone Singers, a moving talk by Dr. Eddie Moore Jr. and at the end we read the story "Graduation" from *Still Reflections: Stories of the Heart*. The story was mixed with music from the Pine Cone Singers and at the end (as in the story) the whole audience stood up, held hands and sang "We Shall Overcome."

Travels

Makhosazana is traveling at this moment in Swaziland. Among other things she is undertaking a fact-finding mission for a new non-profit we started in March. The organization is called Micro Steps and you can read about it's goals and objectives at <http://microsteps.org/>. Makhosazana will also distribute some materials to help preschools in Swaziland while she is there.

Steven has received an invitation to go back to China. Pending consultation, he will probably travel there in August 2007.

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