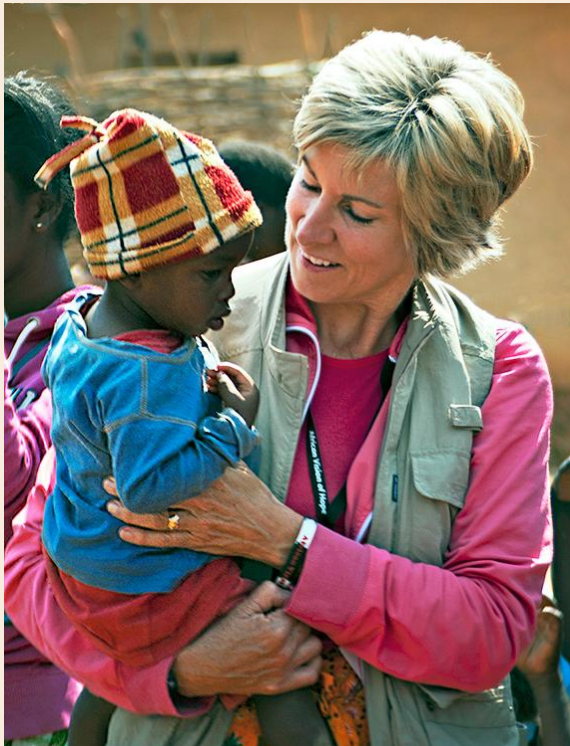


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Dear ,

Greetings from Zambia! Our mission team is currently on the other side of the world and blessed beyond measure. We have been hugging all of your kiddos for you and reading your glorious words of encouragement to all your sponsored children. Thank you for loving them, thank you for encouraging them, and thank you for taking them into your hearts and families.

Serving with You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judi Bertels".

Judi Bertels, CEO/President

**Love Is Boiling Over
for Zambia**

Have you ever put a Mentos mint



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into a bottle of soda and watched as it explodes like a volcano? This type of explosive energy also takes place through our Love Squared Child Sponsorship program. In both instances this explosive phenomenon is about multiplication.

With the Mentos and soda, carbon dioxide increases and bubbles with such force that it explodes out of the bottle. With Love Squared, dedicated sponsors are multiplying God's love on behalf of children living in extreme poverty in Zambia and we are seeing explosive results!

***Just this past week we had
7 children sponsored over
the course of one
weekend!***

You are sharing your testimonies and children's lives are shifting away from poverty and toward plenty.

When you sponsor, you don't just touch the life of one child, you empower the generations to come after them as well. The effects of a commitment to sponsorship will last beyond your lifetime. Thanks for daring to be a part of something bigger than yourself. Want to be a Mentos in a soda? Take the Love Squared challenge!

Thank you for showing love that knows no borders!

Learn Zambian

I'm happy.....Ndeneusensa

My friend.....Umunandi

Stay well.....Tsalani bwino

You Ask, We Answer

Q: "What animals do you see walking around the schools? Are there elephants or any wild animals nearby?"

A: No there is no wild game (elephants, lions, zebra) near any of our schools. There are however snakes; Puff Adder, Black Mamba and Spitting Cobra are all common to the region. Most snakes will flee at the mere vibrations of a human footstep which is great because we don't want to alarm them!

Keep the questions coming! Do you have a question? Feel free to email us anything you want to know and we can answer it in one of our upcoming Child sponsorship newsletters.

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The Opposite of Poverty Isn't Rich

At African Vision of Hope we often talk about breaking the cycle of poverty. Let's take a peek into what that looks like, not living in poverty anymore.

First we must be able to understand what poverty really is.

There is spiritual poverty

... having no access to the gospel or never hearing about our Savior, Jesus Christ. The opposite of spiritual poverty is having access to the gospel. It means knowing who Jesus is and how much He wants a relationship with everyone.

There is educational poverty.

In Zambia, education is a luxury many cannot afford. Lack of education creates a lack of options and difficulty in finding employment. The opposite of educational poverty is the opportunity for advancement, learning and practical training.

There is health poverty.

It may sound foreign, but there are many people who don't even know the importance of brushing their teeth, washing their hands or making sure the water they drink is clean. We teach kids how to care for their bodies. The opposite of health poverty may be the opportunity to get basic medical and health needs taken care of. It means the ability to learn how to take care of your own body.

There is environmental poverty.

We have walked mile after mile seeing where families live in destitute situations. Children gathered together living in the trash dump where sewage trenches trickle outside next to their sleeping area. Not every person in the world is blessed with a 2,000 square foot carpeted home but every person should have safe shelter. That's the opposite of environmental poverty.

And, of course, there's economic poverty.

Can you imagine bending over a rock pile for 8 hours breaking up large rocks into smaller rocks? The pain in your back so intense that it would hurt more to stand upright than it would to stay hunched over. At the end of your painful day you receive \$2 pay. How can you feed a family on that kind of money? You can't. But the opposite of economic poverty isn't for each of these people to suddenly become wealthy. The opposite of economic poverty is to have **enough**.

Enough. That's hardly too much to ask. We're not called to make the poor become rich living in paradise. We're called to make sure they have enough in each of these categories. So the opposite of poverty isn't wealth.

It's simply ... enough.

Help Break the Cycle of Poverty

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

-Proverbs 3:3

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