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Dear ,

It has been said, "It takes a whole village to raise a child." Well, God is using a [village of children](#) to continually break my heart and raise me into the child He wants me to be. I pray God will continue to break my heart for what breaks His, and I praise Him for His love that overflows from my heart to each of the students. Thank you for being part of the "village" and for loving these kids and welcoming them into your family.

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Serving with You,

Judi Bertels, CEO/President

Can I Call You Mom?

As a sponsor, I know your heart aches for your sponsored child. You may hang their picture on your refrigerator. You may scour the craft store looking for just the right sticker pack, pencil or craft to fit into an envelope to help express your care, and want for them to smile and enjoy your letter.

Your sponsorship is a way of taking in a child

on the other side of the world.

You want to protect them, you pray for them, and your sponsorship helps to provide for them. If you were living in Zambia I'm sure you would scoop as many as you could fit in your house and want to take care of each and every one of them. That is just what one widow is doing in Zambia.

Meet Elizabeth Phiri, a "mother" to 9 orphans in her three room house. All of the children lost both of their parents and had nowhere else to turn. Elizabeth took them in; a set of siblings at first and then she heard of more children that are young, alone and in need so she opened her doors to them.



All of the children Elizabeth took in are students at our African Vision of Hope Kabulonga school. The students are Dalisto Daka, Matias Daka, Elizabeth Tembo, Esther Tembo, Leya Tembo, Mary Tembo, Daniel Tembo, Elizabeth Tembo, and Veronice Ngwele.

Elizabeth buys second hand clothes and ladies' bags and modifies them to sell to the surrounding community. With the money she is able to provide a second meal to the children on top of the meal they are provided at school.

When asked why she took the



The home Elizabeth shares with her children--they painted Psalm 105:15 on the door

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children in, her response was simple.

"These children had a need and I was able to help provide for them."

Simple as that. A need was taken care of. There are so many children in Zambia that have needs. A need for love. For food. For shelter. For education. Thank you for providing for each of those needs through your sponsorship!

You Ask, We Answer

Q: What is netball?

A: A game with seven players on a side, similar to basketball except that a player receiving the ball must stand still until they have passed it to another player.

Q: How do the students make a soccer ball?

A: They create their own makeshift balls out of things they have on hand - things like socks, rubber bands, plastic bags, strips of cloth, and string. The DIY balls may be difficult to use and ugly in appearance, but



Hopscotch in the dirt



A makeshift soccer ball is a true treasure.

each one is a treasured possession of its owner.

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.

Email: info@africanvisionofhope.org



The girls love Double Dutch!

Learn Zambian

See you later

Tionana

I'm sorry

Pepani

My name is _____

Dzina langa ndi _____

Zambian Customs

- A greeting is always exchanged before any conversation.
- If a person approaches you, you should always offer the first greeting.
- A man should withhold his hand in greeting until the woman offers hers.

Psalm 68:5 says, "Father of the fatherless and protector of widows, is God in his holy habitation."



Love Squared

Multiplying Love Through Child Sponsorships...
Ending Extreme Poverty

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New students have been sponsored since we started the Love Squared Campaign.

GREAT JOB!

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Sponsorship Kit and transform
the lives of waiting children!***

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Annual
GOLF
TOURNAMENT
JUNE 25

Summer
MISSION
TRIP
JULY 30 - AUG. 10

10th Annual
GALA
NOVEMBER 3

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