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Upcoming Events

November 13, 2014

Passport to Hope
8th Annual Gala

January 2015

Shipping Container

June 27, 2015

7th Annual Golf Tournament

July 2015

Mission Trip



Educate ☀️ *Equip* ☀️ *Empower*

Passport to Hope-8th Annual Gala
Windows on Washington
St. Louis, MO

November 13, 2014

5:30 pm

Tickets: \$75

To Register or Donate:

africanvisionofhope.org or 618.288.7695



Waiting for Hope



Hope, age 9, is a student at the AVOH School of Kabulonga

Hope is 9 years old. He is funny and smart and more importantly, a child of the King. His mother, Lilian, is part of the African Vision of Hope sewing team and his father, Alfred, is studying to be a pastor. Hope was born with a severe cleft palette and could not close his eyes or mouth. Every time he ate, his food would come out of his nose. Hope's parents were praying for a miracle knowing that there are no surgeons in Zambia that could perform the surgery. On August 24, after years of waiting, his prayers for a miracle were answered. African Vision of Hope was able



Hope after receiving his life changing cleft palette surgery

to partner with a group of surgeons that came from Kenya. Waiting is not an easy thing to do, especially when there is suffering but sometimes that is exactly what you need to do so that His strength accomplishes the inconceivable. Thank you for putting a smile on Hope's face. You help make miracles like this possible. Your gifts to the AVOH medial program save lives.

"But those who hope (wait) in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Help Us Pack Our Container to Send to Zambia!

What We Need:

- Blackberry Phones
- Farming and Gardening Tools
- Chicken Feeders/Drinkers
- File Cabinets
- Garden Hoses, Weed Sprayers, Sprinklers
- Rubber Boots
- Foldable Tables
- Log Chains
- Bookshelves
- School Supplies (contact us for a complete list)
- Medical Supplies (contact us for a complete list)
- Flat Screen Monitors
- Calculators
- Welding Goggles & Face Shields
- Leather Shoes or Good Tennis Shoes (No canvas, please)
- Twin Sets of Bed Sheets
- Plastic Tubs and Containers
- Watering Cans
- Buckets/Large Plastic Drums
- Pocket Dictionaries
- Devotionals/Bibles

****Items needed by December 15**

What Can I Do?

Attend the Gala: Join us for a beautiful evening at Windows on Washington to support the AVOH ministry

Meet Basic Needs: Your monthly recurring gift of sponsorship helps provide school supplies, food, emergency medical needs, leadership and life skills

Fund a Project: Join hands with other supporters to help with large projects

Honorary Gift: Give a gift to African Vision of Hope in honor of someone special

Volunteer: Share your time and talents by volunteering at the AVOH office

Events: Serve on a committee or help plan a fundraiser

Mission Trip: Join us on a mission trip to Africa

Matching Gifts: Double you gifts to AVOH through your employer's matching gift program

Be an Advocate: Share about child sponsorship with your small group, work place or church

Pray: Commit to being a prayer partner for African Vision of Hope



You're Worth More Than Gold

Mapenzi was in 7th grade when her world changed. Her priority of getting educated was overshadowed by her need to have food. She found herself begging in the streets with her mother. In a country where exploitation and gender based inequality is accepted, girls and women are willing to do "anything" to secure enough food and get an education. They are often forced to marry by age 14 as part of the dowry system or the need for parents to lessen the

amount of mouths they feed. Their lives become haunted with violence or dying during childbirth, and the cycle of poverty continues. Mapenzi gave birth to a little girl named Bridget. "A teacher from the African Vision of Hope School found me and helped me enroll in school and I am now in grade 9. I never thought I would be able to continue my education."

African Vision of Hope works to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and girls by providing programs that help promote education, trafficking awareness, women's health, HIV training and vocational training. These women and girls need to have their voices heard in their country and around the world. They need to know they are "worth more than gold". **President/CEO Judi Bertels**



Mapenzi (back left) with her mother, two siblings and daughter, Bridget (front)



Mapenzi ready to attend her 9th grade classes

Rescue a Child in Need

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Farm manager, Foliad Mwanza, with the maize crop

Rooted in Farming

Farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa grapple with drought, unpredictable rainfall and depletion of soil nutrients. While the challenge is so great, so is the opportunity. Simple changes in farming techniques can significantly boost food production. The African Vision of Hope Conservation Farm teaches impoverished farmers how to make changes in as simple way as possible so it can be duplicated with as little capital as possible: no plough, integrated farming with livestock for fertilizer and feed, composting and mulching and growing natural insecticides. The training center at the farm will soon be finished and hundreds of rural families will be trained to grow, operate and run their own small farms. Food, access to healthcare and education will now be

something these families can afford. This farm will also continue to provide food for the African Vision of Hope Schools.



Growing tomatoes "Farming God's Way"

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No Secrets Know Truth

Reaching youth and families with the facts on HIV/AIDS has been an ongoing mission for AVOH. This year our new HIV/AIDS curriculum was implemented. It focuses on dispelling cultural



Violet, teacher and HIV coordinator, teaching the Leading the Way curriculum



Ladies in the women's ministry program reviewing the AVOH hygiene kits

myths that keep the disease rampant and taking the lives of Africa's future. Our goal is to impart truth which will bring lifestyle changes. Violet Moonga, teacher and HIV coordinator, works to train teachers and peer educators and has already trained 45 teachers and hundreds of youth. Yet the greatest work lies ahead. We must press on as a constant force of truth to get the word out in rural areas. Zambia has one of the highest rates of HIV and women and girls suffer a higher rate of infection than men. "My father died of AIDS in 2008 and I nursed my mother until she died in 2009," says Natasha tearfully. "I was 12 and had no one to support me. I am excited to be back in school and have a safe place to stay with my AVOH family in the boarding house."

The disease has left over 1 million orphans in a country already plagued with extreme poverty. There is hope with an entire generation committed to ending the spread of HIV/AIDS and achieving their dreams.

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A Word From One of Our AVOH Sponsors



Nina preparing for her graduation day

"We have been honored to sponsor two children through AVOH since 2007. We initially chose them because they were the same age as our own two children and we wanted them to 'grow up together'. We have seen that sponsorship changes a child's life forever. My daughter, Rebecca, and I visited our two children and saw the excellent education, caring teachers, biblical teaching, nutritious food and healthcare that they were receiving every day. That made us so excited to be part of the African Vision of Hope sponsorship program. \$30 a month can take a vulnerable child off the streets and transport them to a life of hope and the reality of a future and even college. We enjoy getting letters from our children and writing back to them. It is a personal connection that lets them know they are loved and prayed for. This year

Nina, our sponsored child, will graduate from high school along with 43 other thrilled graduates who now look forward to a bright future. We have been with her along this 7 year journey and we know that for most girls in Zambia, this is just a dream. We are overjoyed that God has allowed us to play a role in making this happen. While we can't change the entire world, we know we have changed the world for Nina and are excited to see what God has planned for her after graduation."

-Nancy S., Troy, IL



Nancy and Rebecca with Nina and her family in 2007

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