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Upcoming Events

June 21, 2014
6th Annual Golf Tournament

July 2014
Summer Mission Trip

September 27, 2014
4th Annual Trivia Night

November 13, 2014
Passport to Hope
8th Annual Gala



Educate ☀️ *Equip* ☀️ *Empower*



Great Expectations



Nancy with her siblings in front of their home in Kabulonga

Nancy Muke is one of 11 children and the first person in her family to have the opportunity to attend college. She attended the African Vision of Hope Christian School of Kabulonga and graduated in 2012. Her mother sells vegetables in the market and many days there is only enough money for one meal a day. "I am in college now, studying hospitality and food productions. I have grown spiritually, mentally and physically because of the things I have learned. I have reached this far because of what you have put into my life. Thank you for everything you have done for me and other vulnerable children and

orphans. May God give back to you from where you have sacrificed for my life." Nancy is attending Lusaka Business and Technical College and hopes to graduate in 2016.



Nancy at the Lusaka Business and Technical College where she studies Hospitality and Food Productions

Sponsorship gives new life to families and communities! Sponsor a college student today at www.africanvisionofhope.org

Learning How to Read and Write



"We love learning!"



Students stand in front of their new school building in Kafue



"And we love our new desks!"

The new African Vision of Hope School in Kafue, Zambia has opened its doors and the classrooms are pulsating with children who are anxious to learn to read and write. They are also learning about nutrition, hygiene, how to prevent AIDS and how they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Education is a gift in Zambia, particularly in rural communities like Kafue where schools are too far away to reach by foot or require fees that families cannot pay. Without this gift, their potential to make a difference in their country is lost. These children have stories that are miracles, lives that are changed forever. It all starts with a simple yes! Yes, I will sponsor a child. Yes, I will go. Yes, I will give. God turns our yes's into His story. Help write your story in the African Vision of Hope story book today.

Help sponsor a classroom, curriculum, or desks for the African Vision of Hope Schools at www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope



Putting Our Into It



Simon, following his surgery in February

Simon is 16 months old and was born with a hole in his heart that would not heal. His parents' hearts were broken when they learned about Simon's prognosis. There was no surgery available for Simon in Zambia. They prayed for a miracle as time ticked away. On December 24, 2013 news came that Simon had been accepted into a partnership program with African Vision of Hope to travel abroad for surgery. He received his operation on February 4th in India.



Japhet Sausande and son, Simon in March

His father shared his joy, "Our son has new life. Each time we see Simon smiling we don't just see him but we see you, our brothers and sisters. Who knows, maybe Simon was allowed to go through this challenge so that many children can access help."

Join us as we mend more hearts and give new life to children who need life-saving surgery. Give to our medical programs using the enclosed envelope or by visiting www.africanvisionofhope.org

What are You Waiting For?

President/CEO Judi Bertels



My head tends to think where my feet are planted. Each of us has a worldview shaped by race, economic status, gender, health and family. Human suffering makes me uncomfortable. It is challenging to hold the truths of God's Word about the poor in one hand and Cardinals tickets in another, especially when I am called to do something about it. I have a nice house and children and grandchildren that are provided for. We have food, water and medical service. We can work out, take vacations, eat delicious food and read any book ever written. We struggle with these first world choices at our house. It's great to escape from the ugliness I see or know about in the world and this escape is open to everyone, as long as you are born in the right country. Children are the same all over: they want to be loved and they want to laugh. They need books and pencils and opportunities to

become teachers, bankers, mothers and surgeons. They have sorrows and pains that most of us could not bear to hear. They have been sexually abused, treated as slaves, hungry, without shelter and stripped of dignity. We have to feed them, care for them and show them what love looks like. God does not ask us to step out and do things only if they are easy or safe, convenient or comfortable. He has called us to have compassion, seek justice, restore hope and share His love. My dear friend, our lives are a mission, not for a day, or a week's journey to another country, or for an event, it is life. What are you waiting for?



Tackling the Elephant in the Room



AVOH students and teachers bury their beloved science teacher, Jacob, who died of HIV/AIDS

Lusaka, Zambia has an HIV prevalence rate of 20%, the highest in Zambia. It is the silent epidemic that has spread like fire in Sub-Saharan Africa, wiping out skilled workers, teachers, nurses and parents. As the epidemic deepens, it is leaving behind economic devastation and millions of orphans. Culturally it has been unacceptable to discuss the elephant that is clearly visible but never openly challenged. Education is the key to prevention. African Vision of Hope has implemented a new HIV/AIDS curriculum that focuses on opening discussions, dispelling myths and teaching truths, compassion and a biblical response that will change the future of the next generation of adults.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped write and produce these teaching materials that will benefit thousands of students and families.

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Beading Poverty



Women learning to make school sweaters using the new knitting machine



Knitting and bead making



Training with the AVOH sewing team

One of our favorite things about the women’s empowerment programs is seeing the joy and dignity these women experience in being able to provide for their families and develop meaningful relationships with other women. Many of these women are widows and have been neglected, abused and left to do harmful jobs such as trash picking and alcohol brewing. Literacy, health education and skills training provided through AVOH teaches women to develop sustainable businesses and become voices in their communities.

Be part of our women’s empowerment programs at www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope

“Here We Grow”



- African Vision of Hope Christian Schools
 - Kabulonga-520 students
 - Chongwe-362 students
 - Chingola-260 students
 - Kafue-160 students
 - Kasama-260 students
- Orphanage-56 Students
- ★ Capital of Zambia, Africa
- 🚜 AVOH Chikumbi Conservation Farm
- ☀️ Sunshine Kids Klubs-serve 150 children (Sponsored by AVOH)



Meet Mulikelela



Mulikelela with his classmates in Kasama

"My name is Mulikelela and I am currently in grade 3 at the African Vision of Hope of Kasama. I have been crippled in both legs since birth. I am very thankful that I have a wheelchair that I use to get to school. People use to carry me everywhere or I had to crawl. I love school. I want to be a lawyer when I graduate from college. I will work very hard. The sky is my only limit. I had an accident this month in my home. A candle caught my shirt on fire. It was difficult to remove it by myself. I was burned and have been healing. I missed school the last month and look forward to



Mulikelela sits on the floor as he learns in the classroom

getting back before long. Your prayers have helped me heal quickly."

It is estimated that 98% of children with physical disabilities in developing countries do not attend school and most are quarantined at home. Their livelihood is at the mercy of others. We are thankful for our principals, pastors and teachers for reaching out and giving hope and dignity to these children.

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6th Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 21, 2014

Registration Begins: 6:15 a.m.
Tee Time: 7:30 a.m.
Lunch and Program: 12:30 a.m.
Format: 4 Person Scramble

Belk Park Golf Course
Wood River, IL 62095

Contact Byron Heape (618-558-5360), Sharon Brogdon (618-978-7971) or the AVOH Office (618-288-7695) for more information

"One Beautiful Day to Make a Difference for a Lifetime!"
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On the Border



Jackson Phiri, director for the Sonshine Kidz Klub in Luangwe, Zambia

“My name is Jackson Phiri and I am the director for the Sonshine Kidz Klub in Luangwe on the border of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. I know what it is like to be an orphan. I had to stop school many times because I had no one to help buy me a uniform or pay my school fees. I was kicked like a ball from one guardian to another. I started a small business in grade 11 and found shelter with a brother-in-law. I had to walk ten miles round trip each day to school. I was then sponsored by AVOH for my seminary degree.

Whenever I see these vulnerable children, I am reminded of how far God has brought me and the needs that they have. James is one of the children in our Sonshine Kidz Klub sponsored by AVOH. He has lost his father and sister in the last 2 years and now his mother’s health is failing. This program is the practical hope that God has provided for James. I hope to be there for James and many others like him. I will love and serve others because I have been loved.”

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34-35



James (6th child from the left) with other children who attend the Sonshine Kidz Klub in Luangwe, Zambia

What is the Sonshine Kidz Klub?

Every Saturday the children in each Sonshine Kidz Klub gather for worship, a hot lunch, study time and relationship building. It is also a time to address personal, medical and social issues that the children are having. Each child, along with mentors, are encouraged by this time and equipped for the week ahead.

From Surviving to Thriving



Farm manager, Foliad Mwanza holding our newest kid

We are excited to be harvesting the maize and soybeans on the AVOH farm in Chikumbi. Some of this harvest will go to our schools and some will be ground in our new hammer mill and sold. Agriculture is the backbone for Sub-Saharan Africa. Most farmers are reliant on their small plots of land to provide for their family’s education and food. Farming God’s Way teaches them how to increase their yields by using proper fertilization, land preparation, weeding and crop conditioning. It also teaches animal husbandry. This year we will be expanding the farm to include piggeries, broiler houses for chickens and development of the additional acreage for planting and harvesting.

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What Can I Do?

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

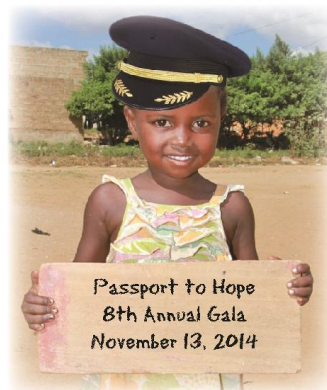
Mission Trip: Join us on a mission trip to Africa

Matching Gifts: Double your 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

Thursday, November 13, 2014 Passport to Hope 8th Annual Gala



Windows on Washington
1601 Washington Ave., St. Louis

5:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks & Silent Auction

Dinner & Live Auction to Follow

Ticket Price: \$75

Visit www.africanvisionofhope.org or
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On Mission

“My name is Alfred Sichela and I am 40 years old. I am married to Lilian and we have 3 children: Manesseh, Salifyanji and Suwulanji, the youngest, whose name means hope. Suwukanji was born with a cleft palette and it has been a struggle to find a way for him to receive surgery. I am enrolled in a program for my Bachelors of Theology and this is my first year. My mission is to become a leader in the community, a tool that can be used to reach many people with the truth, love and encouragement of God. My heart is crying with thanks for this opportunity. You have transferred the passion and sacrifice that you have shown me. I did not apply to seminary using pen and paper, but only prayer. You are the hand of God which has lifted me and my mission is to be an extension of this hand, touching lives throughout Zambia and beyond. I am always in prayer and thankfulness for your obedience.”



Front Row (Left to Right): Suwulanji and Salifyanji; Back Row (Left to Right): Alfred, Lilian and Manesseh at the seminary

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by Standing Still

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- Medical care
- The opportunity to hear about God's love

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