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Upcoming Events

June 27, 2015
7th Annual Golf Tournament

July 2015
Summer Mission Trip

November 5, 2015
9th Annual Gala



 *Ending Extreme Poverty One Child at a Time* 



A Love for Learning



Karen with the children from the Chiange
Sonshine Kidz Klub

In 2013 we launched the Sonshine Kidz Klub which serves as an outreach to vulnerable preschool children in Zambia. In Chiange village, 72 rambunctious children pack the local church where they gather together for prayers, a healthy meal and learning time. Karen, who will graduate seminary in November, serves as the club facilitator. She is a devoted, energetic teacher who is committed to imparting a love for

learning and in doing so, will keep these children from begging in the streets or picking through the trash for their livelihood.



Karen shares her love for
education and Christ

Help support programs like the Sonshine Kidz Klub today!
Visit www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope.



I am Gertrude



Gertrude, far left, with her new family and new brothers and sisters

My name is Gertrude and I am in grade 1 at the AVOH Christian School of Kabulonga, Zambia. I was born on January 11, 2006. When I was 4 years old my mum and daddy died. My daddy died of malaria and I am not sure why my mum died. I didn't understand what was happening to me because I was taken from my home. I went to live with an aunt named Agnes in 2010. Agnes has 9 other children and we live in a 2 room house in Kalikiliki. Agnes' children attend the African Vision of Hope School and that is how I came to learn about the school. Agnes helps us get food to eat each day and also pays house rentals but she did not have enough money to pay school fees. We are so happy that we have



My first day of first grade and I am so excited!

a place to go to school that will help us complete our education. I love teaching the little ones in our home how to write the alphabet and when I get older I want to be a teacher.

Help sponsor a teacher, buy curriculum or send a child to school at

www.africanvisionofhope.org

Together we can end extreme poverty.



Sewing to Lead



Making sweaters for the AVOH students

Every day the women gather at the NEW African Vision of Hope Empowerment/ Tech Center in Kalingalinga village to make beautiful necklaces, purses, school sweaters and school uniforms. They are so excited to have a place that they can learn skills, study God's word together, sing praises and build lasting relationships. These ladies have now learned a trade and yearn to help provide for their families. They are able to sell their items in Zambia and the United States. We want these ladies to realize the joy and dignity of providing for their children,



AVOH Students enjoy learning in the new computer lab

contributing to their communities and empower them to help end extreme poverty. The new computer lab and tech center is also up and running in the same building, with a focus on introducing technology to the students and adults in this community. It is one of the obvious sectors where the country continues to lag behind due to a host of constraints such as neglect of formal education, lack of technical equipment and trainers and brain drain, which has robbed the country of potential inventors and innovators. A special thank you to Brian, Matt, Charles and Chris for working together to build computers and train our leaders on the ground in Zambia, equipping the future generations of Zambia.

Support the Women's Empowerment program by using the enclosed envelope or by visiting www.africanvisionofhope.org

More Than Enough



Meeting Haggai, 14, Eric, 12, and Mutina, 9, who have not attended school for several years

It was an unforgettable day in Kalikiliki, a shanty village where 70% of the children do not go to school. I had the privilege of meeting Haggai, Eric and Mutina at their home and I was having a really bad hair day. I often wonder what these precious children, who don't need hand wipes or protein bars, think when they see a crazy white woman with her flashy orange water bottle and a yoke of essentials hanging around her neck. These innocent little ones are barefoot and carrying items on their heads to sell: greens, fish or maybe charcoal. It's humbling when I find out how many scriptures I have put my twist on. I've been studying Isaiah 58:5-7. (God talking here) *This is the kind of fast I want you to have. Get rid of all that stuff you think is essential, get rid of the MORE in your life and replace it with enough. I want you to do something about the oppressed. You can't just read my Word. You are supposed to be living it. I want you to take your food and give it to the hungry. Give the poor stranger a roof over their head. When you see people with no shoes and shirts, take yours off and put it on them. Do not turn your back on your own flesh and blood.* (God was saying that the poor stranger has the same status as my family?) (Paraphrased) I think I am realizing that God is not interested in what I am against but what I am standing for. Would He be grieved over my dilution of His Word and how I make it fit my lifestyle, blotting out the parts that require a fast for justice, freedom, food for the hungry, clothes for the naked, reduction, pouring out, restraint? I am still self obsessed and need these yokes pried off. He supplies and sustains us with a feast every day. Let's not go back for seconds and thirds. The world is waiting, time is wasting. Together we can end extreme poverty.

Judi Bertels
President/CEO

7th Annual African Vision of Hope Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Registration Begins: 6:15 am
Tee Time: 7:30 am
Lunch and Program: 12:30 pm
Format: 4 Person Scramble

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

Educate ☀ Equip ☀ Empower

Sponsorships available!

Register or sponsor:

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The BIG Problem with a Little Parasite

On a warm morning in March, school children in Chingola sat in their small desks. Clementina, the African Vision of Hope nurse, talked to each class and asked if they had stomach pains and inquired about where they get their water. Although clean water is available at the school, children return to their homes and often fetch water from streams, unclean wells and rivers. Intestinal worms are pervasive in Zambia and can have devastating effects. The blood draining parasites stunt growth physically and mentally. As Clementina teaches each child and teacher about hygiene, sanitation and boiling water, she distributes a chewable pill called Mebendazole that costs 50 cents per child to distribute twice a year. Within a few days they are parasite free and school absenteeism drops. The most important gift we can give to these communities is not only the medicine but the knowledge to know how to avoid, prevent and treat these parasites.

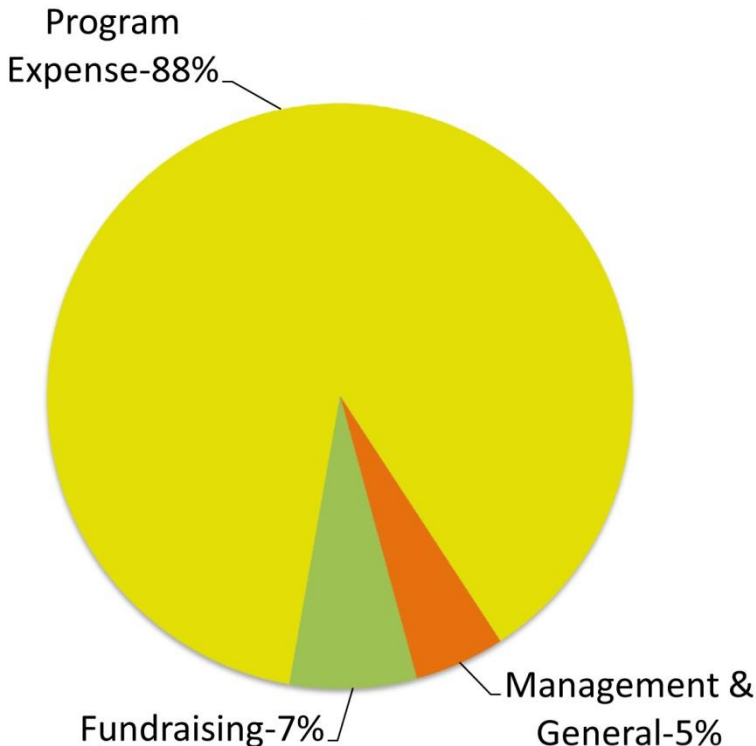


Clementina makes sure each child at AVOH of Chingola chews a tiny pill that will kill parasites

Provide medical care for the communities of Zambia
Visit www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope

Organizational Expenses

We protect the trust between our donors and our work and our commitment to transparency.



African Vision of Hope has achieved the GuideStar Gold Participant status for 2015.

GuideStar aims to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions and encourages charitable giving.

The Big Deal About Farming



Our new sign is ready to hang at the Chikumbi Farm

Summer is over in Zambia and winter is on its way, the maize is being harvested, chickens are being sold and the tunnels are being planted with vegetables. Diversification protects the small scale farmer from economic risks. Integrated farming brings together animals, poultry, vegetables and crop production to take benefits from each activity and leave nothing to waste. Goat and chicken manure become fertilizer, corn is hulled and the residue becomes feed, chilies are dried to become insecticide, vegetables are planted to reduce water run off, water is harvested from rain and beneficial plants and trees are used for canopies, insecticide and disease prevention for animals and humans. Our next



Showing off the new harvest of cabbage

project is the piggery and agricultural training center. The training program involves teaching how to construct buildings, grow and maintain vegetables and learn how to feed and care for animals so that these practices can be copied by local villagers who have little or no capital. By working together we learn from each other so that we move closer towards the goal of eliminating extreme poverty and creating sustainability for families.

**You can be part of the agricultural program by providing tools, training and supplies
Use the enclosed envelope or visit www.africanvisionofhope.org**



The Power of a Bike



Onemus is very thankful for the bike he has received from the AVOH Bicycle Relief Program

My name is Onemus and I am in 12th grade at African Vision of Hope Christian School of Kabulonga. I walk to school every day, which is a 2.5 hour journey each direction. My teacher, Mr. Manda was not happy with me because I continually came in late for the first lesson and was struggling to keep up with my homework. I am so thankful that my teacher took the time to speak with me and understand why I was having challenges. He had a meeting with the staff and a solution was reached through the AVOH bicycle relief program. I now arrive on time to class, ready to learn. I have more time to complete my chores and study when I arrive home in the afternoons.

A reliable bike can transform the future for our students, teachers and leaders. It can improve education, healthcare and economic opportunity.

Visit www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope to support our bicycle relief program



Servant Leadership



Working together with community leaders

Strong leadership starts with serving. Our leaders in Zambia focus on leading by example, speaking when something is wrong, doing what is right when facing difficulties, helping others succeed, not wasting resources and sacrificing for their people. They work to identify the needs of their communities and design solutions to address those needs. We work hand in hand listening to their needs and ideas so that they are able to see themselves as change agents and not passive recipients of aid. Each community leader works to involve the community and local leaders to help plan and design solutions to fight extreme poverty. Over time they are empowered to operate without the dependency on expat staff.

Your gift will provide skills and business training and a lifeline of hope for so many struggling to support themselves. Visit www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope.

Choosing Gratitude—A Story from a Sponsor

Written by Matt S., Atlanta, GA

Zambian mornings are beautiful, and during my early morning prayer time I had been asking God to show me the child that he wanted me to sponsor. Words could never convey the experience of meeting your sponsored child. I heard Robert's story while I was in Zambia last month visiting an AVOH school in Chingola, on the Congo border. As Elliot told me the story, I imagined a boy whose widowed mom had been providing for her family by breaking up rocks with her hands everyday, a typical job for a woman in Zambia. But now cancer and leg problems had kept her from working. Robert was a single orphan so it fell upon him to provide for his family and there was no time for school. As I listened to the story, my heart became broken.

After returning from Chingola, I was given the opportunity to travel to Robert's home in rural Chongwe and meet him and his mother. This was one of the most profound things I have ever experienced, to witness first-hand what life was like for Robert as he was growing up. His home was the size of a large closet. His mother was lying on potato sacks on the floor, which was her bed. Nearby lay his young niece who was barely 2 years old. She was also sick and had been coughing for months. I sat on the floor with his mother and her only words were those of gratitude. Gratitude that someone would care enough for her and her son to take this financial burden off the family so Robert could go to school and focus on his education.

I spent the rest of the day with Robert. He shared about his life in poverty but never spoke about pity or sorrow, only the excitement about his future. He wants to graduate college and become an automotive engineer. Sponsorship changes lives, it changed mine and I know it is changing Robert's.



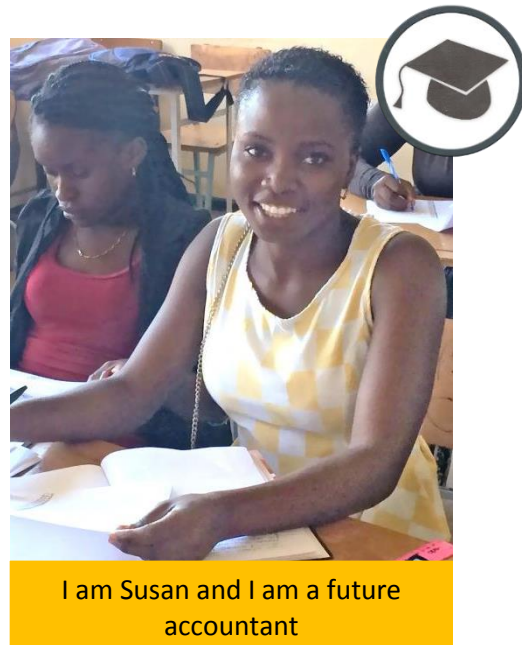
Matt with Robert and his mother, Rosie, at their home in Chongwe

Sponsor a Child and Transform a Life for Eternity
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“Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation” Psalm 68:5

Something Good

My name is Susan Mpundu and I am a double orphan, meaning I don't have any parents. I grew up in a shanty village where orphans and poor families live and I was told "nothing good can come out of that village". When I was 5 years old I began begging for food or going into the fields and picking up what the farmers left, which is how my brother and I survived. My auntie came and took me to live with her but she left my brother behind. I became her housemaid at a young age and was in charge of all the household chores. I went to school off and on and managed to finish my grade 7. I would go sit in a classroom but was chased away because I couldn't pay school fees. In Zambia, school is not free. If you don't pay, you don't go. I was told by my auntie that she could not waste her money on me as I was not her child. When I was 13 years old, she told me that it was time for me to go back to the village and get married. I wanted desperately to go to school so I could remove the poverty in my family. A girl in my village told me that there was a school called African Vision of Hope and that they could help me. I told her I didn't have money but she told me, "They will educate you without having money." I visited the school the following Monday and was enrolled, given my books and situated in a classroom. I couldn't believe this was really happening to me. I graduated in 2013 from 12th grade and now have been given a scholarship from African Vision of Hope to attend college at Lusaka Business where I am doing banking and finance. I want to work as an accountant so I can help others in my community learn how to manage finances. I have been given Hope and in turn I will be able to help others. I love John 3:16 because it has always encouraged me, knowing that God loves me no matter what. He has always been by my side as my Comforter.



I am Susan and I am a future accountant

Help provide scholarships for students like Susan who are forced into child labor, marriage or human trafficking. Give to the education fund at www.africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope.

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 and 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

Following Him into the Margins

In 2003 I sensed God's call to ministry but I felt too poor to be a pastor or a missionary. But God would not give me peace so I enrolled in the seminary in 2008, even though I did not have money for the fees. The step of faith opened my eyes to see that God was already in my future and taking care of the



AVOH Chingola, Zambia where Richard leads the school of 300 children

details through African Vision of Hope. You obeyed and I was the blessed instrument God was preparing. Life at the seminary was tough, but you brought me food, paid my fees and longed to see me. You encouraged me, prayed for me and helped me develop a heart for the vulnerable that I might be equipped for the work of ministry. I graduated in 2011 and am now married and have a daughter. I am a pastor of a church in Kitwe, Zambia and the principal of African Vision of Hope Christian



Pastor Richard with his wife and daughter

School of Chingola. I am very grateful for the great impact you have made in my life and the lives of many people that you will never see. -Your fellow servant, Richard

You can provide a scholarship for a seminary student. Help pave the way for these men to share the Gospel in their country.

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Save the Date

9TH ANNUAL AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE GALA



November 5, 2015

Windows on Washington
St. Louis, MO

5:30 pm

Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks & Silent Auction
Dinner & Live Auction to Follow

Tickets: \$75

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