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Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Trivia Night
September 28, 2013

7th Annual Gala
November 7, 2013

Opening New School in Kafue
January 2014



Educate. Encourage. Empower.

African Vision of Hope Annual Gala

*November 7, 2013
5:30 pm*



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

*Windows on Washington
1601 Washington Ave
St. Louis, MO 63103*

*To purchase tickets or donate:
africanvisionofhope.org or 618.288.7695*

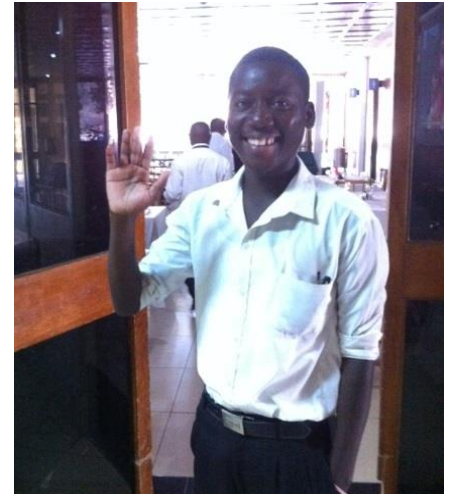
See enclosed card to RSVP

Meet Our Graduates



Agnes wearing her work shirt from Zambia's phone company, Zamtel

Agnes Mulenga and Mischeck Mumba were part of the first African Vision of Hope graduating class this year. Agnes, who came to AVOH as an orphan, has now secured a job working for Zambia's phone company, Zamtel. She will be applying to the university to continue her education. Mischeck is working for the International Convention Center in Lusaka and is also applying to the university. They both shared how being a high school graduate was the only way they could get a job. They believe a major factor in obtaining their job was their ability to read, write and speak English. Please pray for our graduates and those who will be graduating soon.



Mischeck at the International Convention Center in Lusaka

**To Help Support African Vision of Hope's Leadership Program
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HIV/AIDS Curriculum Can Save Lives

Education also has a huge impact on the risk of contracting HIV. Having an 8th grade education drives down this risk by 50%. The fact remains that young people need the opportunity to go to school and learn, understand about HIV/AIDS and take action against the epidemic that is stealing the future of Zambia.

African Vision of Hope is committed to the next generation of leaders in Africa. We are initiating a curriculum aimed at HIV/AIDS education and purity for the AVOH schools. The curriculum, written by teachers in the US, will target youth in Africa. If behavior is to be changed, young people must be a priority. These youth offer their nation a "window of Hope" and they are eager to learn. The HIV prevalence rate in Lusaka, Zambia is still over 20% with women and girls at the forefront as they suffer inequality and abuse. The impact on the economy and families is devastating as thousands of children are left behind to beg, steal and prostitute to survive.



Two of the students at Kabulonga who have completed the Passport to Purity program

**To Help Sponsor a Student at the African Vision of Hope School
visit www.africanvisionofhope.org/sponsorship**

The Golden Pin

President/CEO Judi Bertels



Everyone fears something. Losing our job, losing our spouse, our children going astray, public speaking, being abandoned, traveling to a foreign land. Fear paralyzes you, holds you back and keeps you from fulfilling your purpose in life. When we allow fear to creep in, we miss out on the purpose of our lives.

For the hungry, the oppressed and the hopeless, no rescue can come soon enough. One of my favorite movies is Schindler's List and one of the most powerful scenes of all time is in this movie. Schindler, a Gentile businessman in Nazi Germany saved the lives of more than a thousand Jews by breaking the law to keep them

working. He risked his life everyday. At the end of the movie he is being thanked by those he rescued. The rescued Jews give him a ring which is inscribed with a saying "Whoever saves one life, saves the entire world". But Schindler breaks down emotionally and says, "I could have rescued more." He then takes off a golden pin from his lapel, overcome by the realization that the pin was apparently worth more to him than the lives of two more people he could have rescued. I am wondering for each of us, what is the golden pin in our lives? What is it that we hold onto that we are unwilling to surrender? Who isn't being rescued because we fear stepping out? Is it a homeless mother, the broken teenager, the orphaned child, the lost neighbor, the CEO, the addict? Or have we forgotten what it is like to be lost because now we are comfortable? Do you have a golden pin in your life and if so, what will it take to let it go?

"Here I am, Lord. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Meet the Semu Family

In a small village called Kapuka, African Vision of Hope is restoring hope for the families that live there, including the Semu family. Five of the children in this family attend the African Vision of Hope School of Chongwe. African Vision of Hope began to work here five years ago with the help of a leader, Patson Zulu, who was trained through our partnership program in Zambia. This rural community with over 300 families has seen the benefit of having a well and a school that enrolls 320 students in grades 1-8.

Workshops on hygiene and nutrition programs for school aged children have reduced the morality rate for this school to zero. A spacious garden and goat program are teaching these rural families how to improve yields and lift themselves out of poverty. The Semu children lost their parents in 2009 and are dependent on their elderly grandmother, Emma, to care for them.

Please continue to pray for this community and that families will continue to realize their God given potential.

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



Get Involved

- Partner with Us
- Create your Own Fundraiser
- Volunteer at an Event
- Hold a Sponsorship Event
- Engage your Church or Small Group
- Go on a Mission Trip
- Request a Speaker
- Pray for AVOH
- Make a Donation
- Volunteer a Professional Service



From left to right: Grandmother, Emma, Sumili (Grade 2), John (Grade 5), Phillis (Grade 7), Naomi (Grade 4) and Catherine (Grade 6)

Tackling Illiteracy-AVOH Christian School of Kasama

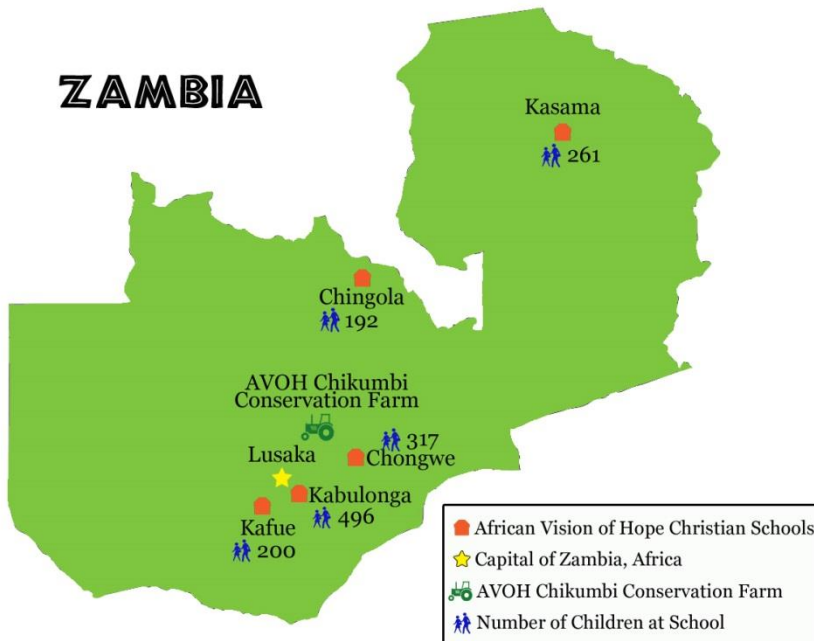


Lawrence Mwanza with his adult literacy class in Kasama, Zambia

Illiteracy is directly linked to poverty and keeps children, women and families chained to ignorance, inaction and exploitation. In Zambia illiteracy among women can run as high as 70% and in Kasama, Zambia it is 80-90%. Principal Lawrence Mwanza is helping adults learn to read and write by conducting after school literacy classes each day. When the 261 students finish their day at the AVOH Kasama School, the doors are opened to adults who need to learn the same thing the children are learning.

The inability to read and write has an impact on all areas of life including health, the ability to earn income, the ability to understand life skills, the age a girl gets married and their decision making power.

Where We Serve



The African Vision of Hope School in Kasama, Zambia has 261 children in grades 1-4.

To help bring education to the communities in Zambia, visit africanvisionofhope.org, call our office at 618-288-7695 or use the enclosed envelope.

The Dirty Truth About Water

The African Vision of Hope Christian School in Chongwe has something that everyone in the village needs: the well! When it breaks down, like it did last week, everything changes for everyone. The 15 minute stretch to get water suddenly takes over an hour each way. What does this village do? The village men, trained in well repair, come together and work as a team. Within hours the water is flowing and the race to the watering station is once again under way. Providing sanitation along with clean water and hygiene training is foundational to community development. All three are equally needed! Most villages do not have access to toilets. Each African Vision of Hope School will meet the challenge of providing basic sanitation by 2014, providing more than 1500 children and thousands of families with the combination of clean water, hygiene training and sanitation facilities. Together they fight poverty, hunger, child deaths and provide dignity for those we serve.



Village men preparing the well



Hand washing station at the AVOH School in Chongwe



Women getting their water after the well repairs

Help provide clean water and sanitation facilities to the communities in Zambia at africanvisionofhope.org or use the enclosed envelope.

A New Life for Mavis



Mavis in her room at the AVOH Orphanage at Kabulonga

My name is Mavis Nachambu. I am in grade 8 and am 16 years old. I attend the African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga, Zambia. I am a double orphan, meaning that I do not have a mother or father. My father died when I was born and my mother died when I was three. I tried to stay with an aunt but because she had so many children to care for she sent me to the street to live. I lived in the streets for several years, picking through trash to survive. I was abused, raped and became a slave. A fellow student saw me and took me to the AVOH School to get enrolled. I am now living in the boarding school and my teachers and mentors have become my family. Without school I would still be in the streets without hope. By God's grace, He has picked me up and lifted my life. Someday I hope to become a doctor. Thank you for sponsoring me as a student and allowing me to become your daughter.

From the Begging Bowl to the Breadbasket



Africa is a continent rich in natural resources but it is the most poverty stricken. Farming in Africa uses very substandard agricultural techniques resulting in severe crop failure and minimal yields. Farming God's Way is a simple tool of equipping the poor to help themselves, changing Africa from the begging bowl to the breadbasket and breaking the yoke of poverty.

The 45 acre African Vision of Hope Conservation Farm in Chikumbi, Zambia is run by Pastor Foliad Mwanza. He is already training others with the knowledge he has acquired. Farming God's Way is not just a technique but a well balanced biblical management and technological solution. Farmers are taught to plant on time, with minimal waste. There is also no plowing and 100% mulch cover. We believe that transferring skills to small scale farmers will allow them to drastically improve yields, crop variety and profitability.



Farm Manager,
Foliad Mwanza



Water tanks on the AVOH farm that will bring irrigation during the dry season

Recent Progress

- First harvest of maize
- Electricity
- Irrigation allowing year round growth and harvest
- Planting a variety of native crops
- Goats producing offspring and milk
- Chickens providing meat and eggs
- Ability to teach and train men, women and youth to use skills to provide for their families' futures

Next Steps

- Greenhouse
- Planting various fruit trees
- Chicken houses
- Pigery
- Hammer mill building to assist corn production
- Farm Truck

"[s not this the kind of fasting] have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?" Isaiah 58:6



First crop of maize



The goats are starting to multiply and will provide meat and milk



Teaching others to improve their farming skills on the Chikumbi Farm

Help support the African Vision of Hope Farm Project at www.africanvisionofhope.org

Vitamin Angels



AVOH nurse, Clementina, distributes vitamins to the children in Kabulonga

For millions of children around the world reaching their full potential is hindered by malnutrition. African Vision of Hope has received a grant of Vitamin A and multivitamins from Vitamin Angels. These supplements help at risk populations in need, specially pregnant women, new mothers and children under five. The first shipment of Vitamin A is already being distributed and will reduce cases of anemia and measles and protects eyes and eyesight of children under the age of 5. We also will be helping pregnant and lactating women with multiple vitamins to support a healthy immune system, improve birth weight and promote physical and cognitive development in their children.

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Planting Seeds

“My name is Jackson Phiri and I am 38 years old. I am married to Beatrice and I have 3 children: Jackson, Joyce and Justina. We lost our daughter Joana in 2012. We are also raising a nephew, Pensulo. I am enrolled in a program for my Bachelors in Theology. My mission is to glorify God by being a tool through whom He will reach the world. After graduation I have been called to serve in Luangwa, located on the border of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. From the depth of my heart I wish to say that AVOH is the hand of God in my life, family and ministry. We have a saying in my tribe which says ‘If you want to stop someone from knocking at your door, give him a seed to plant.’ You have planted a seed in me by sponsoring me in my theological education and the harvest will be the impact of ministry in these three countries. You are the hand of God in my life and I am the extension of your ministry. All you know is Jackson Phiri but be assured that beyond Jackson, God is touching and changing lives. May God bless you richly so that together we can partner with God in His ministry in which we plunder hell and populate heaven. I always thank God for your obedience. Thank you.”



Front Row (Left to Right): Joyce, Justina and Jackson
Back Row (Left to Right): Pensulo, Beatrice and Jackson

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With your sponsorship you provide...

- An education that will allow your child to walk away with the ability to make wise future life decisions
- A nutritious meal to help your child focus in school and grow to their full physical potential
- Clean water from a well, provided by African Vision of Hope, in the surrounding communities
- Basic medical care that has life saving results
- The opportunity for your child to hear and learn about Jesus Christ and how a personal relationship with him makes an eternal difference in their lives
- An invitation for your child to become a part of your family

Help make a difference in the life of a child. Sponsor today!

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