You're Changing Her Future

Child Bride
Abused
Slave
STUDENT
Building the House of Hope. Leaving a lasting legacy for future generations of abandoned girls.

High school is where students break the chains of poverty. College is where they breakdown the poverty around them.

A family fights against the unspoken AIDS epidemic that is leaving behind a generation of orphans.
Our vision is for every child and family in Zambia to be released from extreme poverty and have the ability to fulfill the purpose that God has for their lives.

Every child has the desire to belong and be accepted into a family.

Sewing brings long-term change that fosters development, not dependence.
Rescuing the most vulnerable from the clutches of poverty and giving them a place to call home.

Pray for the millions of girls who don’t get a chance to be rescued and go to school. They are being used as child laborers or sold into early marriages.
Mary stands outside her house listening to her young life being traded for cows in marriage to a gray-haired man.

When the orphanage is completed Mary will have peace for the first time in her life. She will be able to lay her head down at night and not have to worry about being exploited, sold or beaten.

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“I could not believe there was a place that provided me a free education. I had a place in a classroom but nowhere to sleep and no protection at night. The orphanage is full. I am on the waiting list for the House of Hope Orphanage.”

- Precious
95% of girls in our boarding house have endured child slavery in exchange for a meal.

13 year-olds are being forced into marriage. 10 year-old girls are having to compromise themselves so they can have shelter. 8 year-old AIDS orphans are becoming the heads of the household, left to care for their younger siblings and infants. This is not the life for little girls; a generation of children raising each other.

Your donation will leave a lasting legacy not only for this generation of abandoned girls but for generations that follow.

The House of Hope Orphanage will:
- Rescue 50 girls from their survival situation and give them a life changing sanctuary
- Provide counsel through “house parents” who will mentor the young girls to achieve their dreams
- Empower each girl to reach their fullest God-given potential through primary and secondary education
First in Their Class

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“I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” - Psalm 16: 8

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Meet the Semu family. Their grandmother, Annie, is raising her 9 grandchildren after their parents died from AIDS. They are the first in their village to attend school. These children attend the most rural African Vision of Hope School in Chongwe. They will be equipped to go into their community ready to work hard, pursue college, or have a career; changing the future of their village and Zambia.

Iwell, an African Vision of Hope college scholarship recipient, is the first in his family to complete high school and is studying business administration at the University of Lusaka.

Iwell wants to use his degree to open an orphanage for underprivileged children. “Just like what African Vision of Hope did for me, I want to be able to do for others.”

Pray for more sponsorships and scholarships to help students like Iwell and the Semu family become the future leaders of Zambia.
Child sponsorship takes a child from Poverty to Possibility

Put a pencil in their hand, a nutritious meal in their stomach, and the love of Jesus in their heart and they can change the world.

Only $1 a day can make a difference in the life of a child.

100% of your child sponsorship donation goes directly to supporting orphans and vulnerable children.

Sponsor a child at: africanvisionofhope.org
Every child deserves access to medical care, the best chance for a successful future. Today nearly 18,000 children under age 5 will die of mostly preventable causes, such as diarrhea, malaria, and pneumonia. African Vision of Hope focuses on promoting health and nutrition practices and preventing major causes of disease through education and medical intervention.

Every day children and families have access to clean water, toilets, and hand washing stations throughout the African Vision of Hope programs. With your help children’s lives have been saved and they are growing up healthy and thriving.
Zambia in Peril

1 in 5
Children die from diarrhea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation

1000
Parasitic worms often reside in poor children’s bodies at any time due to drinking unclean water

46%
Of people in Zambia do not have access to safe drinking water
Florence is like every mother. She prays that her children are healthy. She weeps just like you when her children suffer. She works tirelessly to provide food, shelter and a better future. But Florence looks beyond her own children and sees the suffering in her village. The AIDS epidemic has left a generation of orphans. Zambia has one of the highest AIDS prevalence rates in the world.

“Here you are either infected or affected by AIDS. Because of the pandemic children are left alone to care for themselves.”

Florence is a lot like you. It hurts to watch beautiful children being forgotten, erased from society.

That is why Florence and her husband started taking in street children and welcoming them into their family as their own. In addition to taking in AIDS orphans, they are breaking the silence of the AIDS epidemic by educating others in their village about how the disease is spread and can be prevented. The subject has been taboo. Although everyone is affected, no one is talking about it. Because of the epidemic, children are left to care for themselves.

Yvonne was just 12 year’s old and was about to be sold into marriage when Florence met her. Just as any mother would, she thought of her own young daughter and could not bear to see such a fate fall on such a young girl. Florence and her husband were poor in possessions but rich in God’s love and knew they had to do something.
When you educate a girl about AIDS, you educate a community.

It doesn’t take a village to raise a child, it takes a woman to raise a village. They pass on their knowledge.”

- Florence

They took in Yvonne and gave her something she never had before; a childhood. Mary was left to care for her 4 siblings when her mother died from AIDS. As head of her household Mary did the best she could. They slept under anything that had a covering. She collected rain water from puddles and searched through trash for food scraps. Florence knew that young girls often prostitute in exchange for food. Although she and her growing family were struggling, as a mother Florence could not stand by and watch. Mary became the newest member of Florence’s family.

“Without African Vision of Hope, we would not have managed to take care of our 5 children. They are providing a future for us.”

Because of you, her children are able to go to school, something that 90% of kids in their village cannot afford to do. Education is the first step in breaking the silence of the AIDS killer and in eliminating the elephant in the room.
“Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

2 Corinthians 9:10
To The Ends of The Earth

“I can’t believe where I have gotten to today because of the background I come from. God has taken me from the challenges I had into His perfect will.”

“We planted a church where people are really suffering from hunger and do not know God. I invest time and try to build lasting relationships within the community. I learn their struggles, their hopes and I pray with them.”

- Charles Sakala, African Vision of Hope sponsored Seminary Graduate and Pastor

African Vision of Hope is committed to educate, equip and empower indigenous pastors who have a heart and vision to reach their own people and become spiritual leaders in the community and nation. They know the history of the community and its needs. They are willing to go to remote places, and are able to reach people in their native tongue.

Your partnership has provided scholarships for 42 seminary graduates since 2003. By coming alongside them you extend the arms of Jesus from your local churches into the churches of Zambia.

Tech Team Serving Up Pi

A computer-based curriculum is boosting math and science education for African Vision of Hope students. Palm-sized computers called “Raspberry Pi’s” were installed to be able to tolerate the rolling power outages, dust, and high heat.

With 9 computer stations this tech lab is in high demand with our high school and college students. The lab gives them technology skills that will give them an edge in their African communities. Computers were also implemented at four other African Vision of Hope schools.

“The key challenge for Africa is figuring out how to give our kids the skills and opportunities to be competitive around the world. When they have access to information they have access to possibilities they didn’t have before.”

What’s Next: The tech team will be expanding the technology program to a 20 seat computer lab. Technology is vital to the development of all societies. Building a workforce of doctors, engineers, lawyers and entrepreneurs requires diverse and flexible learning programs that go beyond addressing basic literacy.
What happens when you combine two separate problems? You come up with a solution. African Vision of Hope has five schools full of children that need school uniforms and there are village women who desire jobs to provide for their needs.

The solution is community-driven and sustainable. The women enter into our African Vision of Hope empowerment training program where they are trained to make school uniforms and other items they are able to sell at the market. The children each receive a uniform and the women graduate through the program proficient at sewing and capable of continuing seamstress work to provide for their families.

The empowerment training center is a place of refuge, learning, fellowship and encouragement. Women walk every day for miles to gather in this busy little center. They know that without education or job skills they will be scavenging or begging for food. Today these woman are learning skills that will empower them into a future full of hope.

**What's Next?** African Vision of Hope is working on a partnership to provide microloans to our empowerment training program graduates. With a microloan, they will have the ability to start their own business and break the cycle of poverty.

"I have struggled to survive day by day. My aim is to learn to sew, knit and make crafts so I can have my own small business. This program has restored my future and has given me an opportunity to learn."

- Dolly

**Long-term change that fosters development, not dependence.**
39% of Zambians are illiterate because they cannot afford an education

Most Zambians live on less than $1.25 a day

46% of the workforce are children between 10-14 years old

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The average Zambian child attends school for less than 7 years.

54% of children under age 5 are malnourished

5% of girls graduate from 12th grade due to forced marriages

1.2 million Zambian children are AIDS orphans

Access to Education
African Vision of Hope is 100% committed to serving the most vulnerable children. We serve in one of the cruelest places to be a child, the rural and shanty towns of Zambia. There are over 2,500 children in African Vision of Hope’s 5 schools.

Nutrition, Water, Medical
Each school provides a nutritious meal and clean water to children every day. We focus on child health through healthcare and education of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and sanitation. We tackle the causes of poverty, not just the symptoms, that bring lasting change.

Integrity of Teachers
African Vision of Hope staff are local leaders who long to see students exceed the expectations of the slums where they live. They know each child and their story. Our students see their teachers as a trusted counselor, mentor, and model of someone who has succeeded in their same situation.
What will your legacy be?

Become a Hope Legacy Partner and make a lasting difference in the fight against extreme poverty.

Your monthly gift helps to ensure that children are able to find a place in a classroom, a nutritious meal and life-sustaining care.

Become part of the legacy, visit: africanvisionofhope.org/hopelegacy

Our Strategy

Building Zambia’s Future

- Orphan Care
- Economic Development
- Spiritual Mentoring
- Discipling & Leadership
- Quality Education
- Food & Medical Care

Ending extreme poverty, one child at a time.
A Note from Judi

Everyone wants to be accepted. Every child in the African Vision of Hope ministry has had a dark journey before they walk through our doors. They all have a common thread, the desire to belong and be accepted into a family. Orphans and vulnerable children are considered a burden to society in Zambia.

Can you imagine being a child and no one ever wants to touch you? Most children do not know their birthday, their real name or anyone that they are related to. As they enter our door they know that their chances of finding hope are running out; this is their last chance. In their little hearts they just want someone, anyone, to listen to them and to love them. They want to belong.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. - Galatians 3:26

Across African Vision of Hope’s ministry in Zambia, more than 2500 children are no longer on the outside looking in. Your sacrifice has been turned into love, you can see it in their eyes and in their faces. As an African Vision of Hope student they have inherited committed teachers, pastors, leaders, sponsors and mentors who lend ears to listen, hands to hold and hearts to understand. We continue to press on with the vision God has given to us “to release children from extreme poverty so they can fulfill the purpose God has for their lives.” There is much to do; we are plan A, there is no plan B.

Serving with you,

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