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You're Writing the Next Chapter For Every Child in Zambia

## Because of You

In 2000, you helped provide the first seminary scholarship through African Vision of Hope. Today, almost 17 years later, 3,000 orphaned and vulnerable children are sitting in a classroom.

In the wake of the AIDS epidemic, over 1 million children are living as orphans in a desperate cycle of hopelessness. When they knock on our door, it is the last stop. There is nowhere else to turn. If we don't open it, they will be destined to a life of child labor, sexual exploitation and abuse.

You have quenched their physical and spiritual thirst, mended their hearts and showed them the love of Christ. This year, because of your support, we will have the largest high school graduation to date - 118 children. Your faithfulness to His calling has saved and transformed thousands of lives, an investment that is changing generations. As each one steps into their future they will be prepared to be leaders in their communities and country.

We are looking forward to the future and to serving with you in the fight to end extreme poverty. We won't stop until all are reached.

"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling." - Psalm 68:5

Serving with you,

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# WE ARE AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE

TOGETHER, WE HAVE INVESTED NEARLY 17 YEARS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST EXTREME POVERTY IN ZAMBIA. WE KNOW THAT EDUCATION PROVIDES REAL AND LASTING CHANGE AND WILL ENABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO OVERCOME POVERTY, CHANGING GENERATIONS FOREVER.

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.

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Then <b>2003</b>	1 school in a rented tavern	23 children in school	5,000 lunches served
Now 2017	5 schools across Zambia	3,000 children in school	700,000 lunches served

Pictured: Blessings, one of 3000 students in a desk because of YOU.



MacRichard grew up a slave. A slave to his surroundings, a slave to his situation, a slave to his circumstances. MacRichard grew up abused by everyone that should have protected him. As a young orphaned child, he become the head of the household, taking care of his elderly grandmother. When she died, he recalls "That is when everything changed, for the worse."

A village family offered him shelter and 1 meal a day. Instead of becoming one of their own, he became their slave. He was beaten with a cattle whip every day and forced to herd livestock from sun up to sun down. "You get used to it because you know, 'I am an orphan, this is how life is.' you don't cry because no one hears you."





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Macrichard ran away and found a job crushing stones, making \$1.50 a day. Why do this? To pay for school fees. Working 7 months would earn enough to pay for 3 months of schooling. Things started looking up when a man told him about a free school that helps children who are vulnerable.

He was accepted into the African Vision of Hope school in Kabulonga and also given a home in the boarding house. "It was the first time I felt love and experienced what love feels like. It was the first time I was treated as a human being. I now understand how much God loves me because of the love shown to me by my peers." Macrichard graduated at the top of his class and received a college scholarship through African Vision of Hope. "The hope that is in me now is like flames. It was lost, and now I have found it." He is studying to be a surgeon and plans to one day save children from extreme poverty, just like him.



## Looking Buck at 2017

BECAUSE YOU TOOK ACTION

700,000 hot lunches served

13,000 volunteer hours performed

**10,000** People provided clean water

3,000

orphaned and vulnerable children provided a free education

## 1,600

school uniforms made through the Women's Empowerment Program

330

children have completed high school

35 graduates are receiving college scholarships

23 life-saving surgeries completed

100





#### INVESTING IN FUTURE GENERATIONS

With the Hope Legacy Partnership, you will make a lasting difference in the fight against extreme poverty that will impact future generations.

We believe that investing in sustainable solutions through education, leadership development, and spiritual discipling will make a lasting change for children and their communities.

With your support, we are committed to:

- Providing access to education for vulnerable children
- Delivering health and hygiene education and treatment
- Conducting leadership and economic training that is community based and sustainable
- Demonstrating and sharing God's love

#### From Poverty to Possibility: 2018-2019 Plans



#### Rescue

Rescue 200 vulnerable children from the street and provide them with a safe home

### **Trained Leaders**

Train and empower local leaders, youth, teachers, principals and pastors to lead and direct communities in the 4 cornerstones: faith-based education, health and hygiene, economic development, and sharing God's love

### Access to Quality Education

Provide access to education for orphaned and vulnerable children, reaching 500 more children by 2019







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#### **EDUCATE**

## n Jesus' Name

**EMPOWER** 

EQUIP

The hope of the Gospel is being declared in Zambia as men, women and youth are dedicating themselves to nurturing and teaching others in their communities to become faithful followers of Christ.

Men and women in Zambia have graduated from seminary through scholarships you helped provide

Communities have been impacted, leading the way for the local church in Zambia

46,000

People have heard the gospel through these local pastors and are being discipled

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2