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African Vision of Hope

Report

You're the Bridge
From Despair
To Hope

Thank YOU!

Today, there are 1.2 million orphans in Zambia. These children are forced into child marriage, the streets, slavery, and a life of hopelessness. This number may seem daunting, but this year YOU have shown us that fighting extreme poverty is not only possible but is happening.

You started this rescue mission by providing the first seminary scholarship in the year 2000. Nineteen years later, 546 children have graduated high school and 3,105 children are sitting in desks anticipating the moment they get to toss their cap in the air.

Education is one of the most powerful tools to lift a child out of extreme poverty.

Because of you, their bellies have been filled, their health restored, their dreams ignited, and their hearts healed. As students step into their future, they are prepared to be Godly leaders for their families, communities, and country.

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

In these pages you will catch a glimpse of how you've impacted thousands of lives to end extreme poverty in Zambia.

"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,"

Nahum 1:7

Serving with you,



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(Pictured above)
Michael, Chris, and David
are students at African Vision of
Hope because of YOU.





WE ARE AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE

Our mission is to bring immediate and lasting solutions to children and families living in extreme poverty. We confront the root causes of poverty by providing opportunities to be educated, grow up healthy, develop leadership and economic skills and learn about God's love.

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.

When you provide a child with a quality Christian education, you lift them out of extreme poverty. In Zambia, 50% of the population is under the age of 15. Together, we have the opportunity to raise up Zambia's next generation on a solid foundation.

			
Then 2003	1 school in a rented tavern	23 children in school	5,000 lunches served
Now 2019	5 schools across Zambia	3,105 children in school	885,131 lunches served

In 2018, you gave more than

\$1.1 MILLION



to transform the lives of

76,670 PEOPLE

*See page 11 for details



Haward: the Boy from the Jungle

Trading his slingshot for a science degree

“There’s a way in the jungle, a way you kill, a way you smell. You wear skins and cover yourself in plants so you do not smell good to predators. If you are in the bush you must be wearing a knife, spear, and sling shot. It is kill or be killed. I have watched many of my friends die, one by one, from wild animals.”

Do you know the best way to defend yourself against a gorilla? How about the best time of day to go fetch water from a river filled with crocodiles, or the way to kill a python without damaging the valuable skin? Haward does.





“When you live in the jungle you can only think about what is right in front of you, you cannot think about the future. Now, my life has a much bigger purpose.”

-Haward



Haward was born in the deep jungle of Zambia. His father was a hunter and his mother farmed a small plot. His family of 10 lived in a 1-room mud hut. There was never enough food. “I remember my mother going without food so my siblings and I could eat. This hurt me the most.”

At 8 years old, Haward decided to stop being a burden and help change their desperate situation. He left home and went into the jungle to hunt. With his slingshot, he defended himself against gorillas and hyenas. Haward returned home with mice and birds to eat, and the joy on his mother’s face when he returned is what motivated him to continue hunting. His trips would last months.

While living in the bush he ate crocodile eggs, monkeys, and grasshoppers to survive. When asked if it tasted good, he replied, “Everything is good. You don’t eat for the taste, you eat to live to tomorrow.”

Haward dreamed of going to school but could never move beyond daily survival. Education was only a dream.

When he wasn’t hunting, Haward was working as a shepherd and guarding the neighbor’s garden. He stored his money in a “special bank” where no one could steal it - under an eagle’s nest. With his earnings, Haward was able to purchase a special tool - a shovel. With his new shovel, he earned 5 cents a day loading sand onto trucks. There he met a man named Joseph who helped him find his way to the African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga.



Haward working with the students at African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga

This is when you changed Haward’s life forever.

You provided him a place in a classroom, a bed in the boarding house, and his very first pillow and blanket. Haward joined the praise and worship team at school, and as he sang he was reminded of how God had always been with him. He graduated high school in 2016 and learned how to repair sewing machines. Haward used this skill serving with the African Vision of Hope Empowerment Ministry.

Today, Haward is serving on the African Vision of Hope Child Rescue Team. He is keenly aware of how important it is to find children who have gone missing from school, rescue them, and bring them back to the classroom. He knows there is a sense of urgency because lives hang in the balance. He understands the pain of struggling to survive, performing hard labor, and living every day wondering if he will make it to the next. He knows what it is like to feel hopeless.

“We work as a team in the African Vision of Hope office. When we see the children we serve, we see ourselves. It is not a job; it is God’s calling.”

Haward shares his tiny home with other boys in the area who are homeless; he ministers to them and helps them understand God’s Word and His purpose for their lives. He is attending night school to study computer science.

“I never could have dreamed that this is how my life would go. When you live in the jungle you can only think about what is right in front of you, you cannot think about the future. Now, my life has a much bigger purpose.”

Not only have you rescued and educated Haward, but you have also given him a career, put a roof over his head, and food on his table. Because of you, he can attack life’s challenges with more than a spear and a slingshot. He is armed with an education that will allow him to overcome life’s toughest battles.



BECAUSE YOU TOOK

Action:

885,131

hot lunches were served in 2018

12,000

people are provided clean water every day

3,105

children are provided an education every day

546

students have completed high school to date

110

graduates have received college scholarships to date

12,058

volunteer hours were performed in 2018

Thank You!



With Your Continued Support

Every child has the right to an education.

Building upon the impact of your generous giving, we have established four priorities to advance the number of children that are rescued and educated in Zambia.

From Poverty to Possibility: 2019 and Beyond



1. Pursuing Excellence and Providing Access

Deliver academic excellence by training teachers to reach spiritual, physical, and intellectual maturity. Provide classrooms that are equipped with desks, curriculum, and learning aids so children are given the tools they need to learn. Build additional classrooms to accommodate the orphaned and vulnerable children who are being denied an education because of finances.



2. Cultivating Innovation through Science, Technology, and Math

Engage qualified math, science, and technology teachers as well as provide science labs and equipment. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) instruction is lacking in Zambia, which is creating an educational gap and holding back youth and the country from job opportunities, innovation, and future growth.



3. Participate and Sustain

Continue to grow and develop leadership within African Vision of Hope in Zambia. Expand development of the African Vision of Hope Conservation Farm so yields can increase and provide more crops used to feed and sustain students. Expand the Farm program to share knowledge and tools with local communities to improve food security and create sustainability for small farmers.



4. Restore and Disciple

Train teachers in a global partnership program so they are able to develop Christian curriculum that teaches a Biblical world-view. Disciple students to become Godly leaders for their schools, communities, families, and country. Provide opportunities for Bible study, counseling, servant leadership, college, and vocational training.

A child carries her sister through Kalikiliki, a compound where many African Vision of Hope students live.



Family First

As a parent, you hope and pray that your children grow up to be smart, kind, and full of wisdom. This is one of the reasons Charity, a single mother of nine, brought her children to the African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga.

“I came here because I cannot afford to pay for my children’s school fees at other schools. At African Vision of Hope, they teach the word of God so that the children grow up to be honorable people. I know education is their only hope of escaping poverty and having a better life.”

Charity is the sole provider for her family. She has a small business where she buys a sack of cornmeal used to make Nshima, the staple food in Zambia, and then divides it into smaller bags. She sells these bags for about \$0.11 each. In the shanty towns where Charity conducts business, families can only afford to buy a day’s worth of food at a time. This bag is just enough to make a small meal for a few people.

A family is considered to live in poverty if they live on less than \$2.00 per day, but Charity’s family lives on much less.

Without you, her children would have no hope of receiving an education. Charity has peace knowing that the burden of educating her children has been lifted.

Your impact goes far beyond the students in school. It reaches families and impacts entire communities. Generations will be rescued because of you!

Transforming Lives

You are tackling the root causes of extreme poverty in Zambia by providing vulnerable children access to a quality Christian education.



From Poverty...

Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Zambia



Quality Christian Education



... to Possibility

Entering the Workforce or Higher Education

Clean Water & Sanitation

Orphan Care

Medical Care & Nutritious Meals

Caring Teachers & Staff

Christian Counseling & Discipleship



Building Leaders for a Better Zambia



You are building a new generation of leaders. By investing in training, support, and quality professional development, teachers can continually better themselves. These necessary ingredients ensure students are learning effectively, especially in critical subject areas like literacy and numeracy. African Vision of Hope invests your support in the cultivation of local leaders who display character and integrity.

This year, the head teachers and all Zambian leadership staff at African Vision of Hope in Zambia took part in leadership training and development. Part of the training focused on developing the pillars of the ministry and values for the schools. Pictured to the left is Esther, one of the teachers who benefited from the training. She is a fourth-grade teacher at the African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga.

Science & Technology

Equipping the Next Generation



Above, members of the new Robotics Club build a remote-controlled robot.

“It was really fun to teach robotics to the students and to see how excited they were to learn! They have bright futures ahead of them and will really be able to make a difference.” - Luke, a mission team member.

This year, a robotics program was introduced and a robotics club was started at African Vision of Hope schools to further the student’s education in subjects like math and science. Mission team members introduced high school classes and teachers to computers, technology, and robotics. The students saw robots for the first time and watched with fascination as team members taught them how to assemble and maneuver these machines, giving them practical knowledge in math, science, and computer programming.

There are not enough scientists in Africa, leading to a lack of development opportunities, innovation, and proper healthcare. Using donated lab equipment, classes at African Vision of Hope schools can watch the lessons learned in class come to life in front of their eyes.

Investing in math and science education is one step towards creating a sustainable future for Zambia; a future that provides economic security, good careers, and contributes to Africa’s social and economic development.

When you educate these young men and women in subjects like math and science, they will go into Zambia’s workplace as diverse candidates who are ahead of the curve and ready to become leaders in their fields.



Above, a few 11th grade students conduct experiments in science class.

Science, technology, and innovation play a critical role in achieving sustainable development.

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

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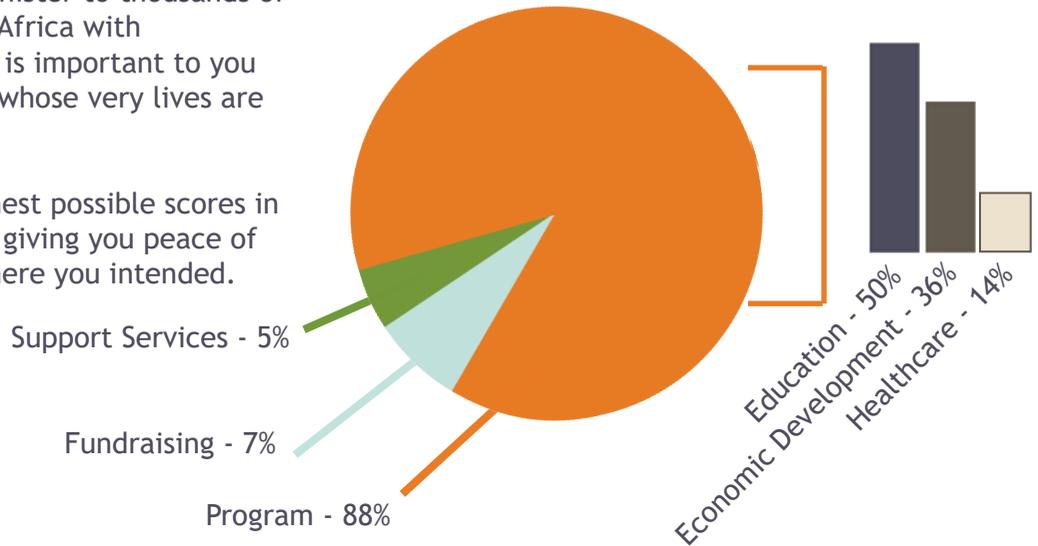
FINANCIAL INTEGRITY IS PARAMOUNT TO THIS MINISTRY.

With your love, prayers and unfailing support, African Vision of Hope is privileged to minister to thousands of children and families in Zambia, Africa with life-changing results. We know it is important to you that your donation gets to those whose very lives are depending on your generosity.

We work hard to receive the highest possible scores in accountability and transparency, giving you peace of mind that your gifts are going where you intended.



2018 EXPENSE MIX



2018 Statement of Activities (Audited)		
Gifts in Kind \$80,855.35	Matching Gifts \$33,893.20	Total Giving \$1,195,428.71
Communities Impacted 598	Individuals Provided Education and Life-Saving Services 76,670	

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EDUCATE



EQUIP



EMPOWER

Equipping the Called

Through your generosity, the hope of Christ is being shared across Zambia as men, women and youth are committing themselves to nurturing and teaching others in their communities to become faithful followers of Christ.

54

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

263

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

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

