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NEWS



Celebrating
20 Years
Together

An aerial photograph of a large group of children standing on a dirt field, forming a large heart shape. The children are wearing colorful clothing and have their arms raised in celebration. The word "Celebrating" is written in a large, white, cursive font over the left side of the image.

Celebrating

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” - Ephesians 3:20

OUR MISSION

African Vision of Hope is a Christian organization committed to bringing 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.



AFRICAN
VISION of HOPE
Celebrating 20 years

Years

with Gratitude

OUR VISION

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.



*Names of children and families in this publication have been changed to protect their privacy.

Note from Judi

Twenty Years Later

In Matthew 15 Jesus says, “Come”. Twenty Years ago, we had no idea a moment would turn into a lifetime and we are in awe of all the work God has done through each of you. This journey has required more than we ever thought possible yet He has been faithful in providing devoted servants here and across the globe.

He has brought teams, volunteers, and committed donors who have taken up the fight and are part of the army charging against darkness. Together we have seen lives changed forever as children have been rescued from the streets, the jungles, and the hands of abusers. They have been placed in the loving hands of our global team who help them walk their new journey. Children are transformed and are taking up the baton as they become the godly disciples and leaders their country needs.

Throughout this magazine you will meet a few of the people whose lives you have changed. We know that we ourselves cannot change Zambia, but seeds planted and grown by God will change the world.

We are looking forward to continuing this journey with you. Will you reach out for their hand and step out of the boat?

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Serving with you,

Judi Bertels

Judi Bertels
President/CEO

Two Continents, One Team

You are part of a global team that works together to tackle the root causes of extreme poverty. Every day we work hard to collaborate on sustainable solutions for the children and families we serve in Zambia. Your global teammates are teachers, counselors, pastors, nurses, doctors, cooks, tutors, leaders, donors, child sponsors, and volunteers.

The African Vision of Hope team in Zambia is over 135 staff members strong. Meet the Zambian leadership team who is on the ground every day, working tirelessly to rescue children and find solutions to their country’s greatest setbacks.



Kennedy
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Child Protection
Officer



Leah
Child Rescue Team



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Sewing Team Leader



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Superintendent of
Schools



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House of Hope
Matron



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Child Sponsorship
Coordinator



Foliad
Director of Missions
and Evangelism



Clementina
School Nurse



Mwala
Farm Manager

Transforming Lives

through a Christ-centered education.



From Poverty...

Orphans and
Vulnerable Children in
Zambia



... to Possibility

Empowering students to
live Christ-centered lives.



Investing in Future Generations

African Vision of Hope students receive life-saving support through a Christ-centered education. This transforms their lives from sickness to health, broken to whole, hunger to plenty, powerless to leader, and poverty to possibility.



Medical Care

Medical staff and partners provide education on topics like clean water, sanitation, HIV/AIDS, healthy behaviors, and hygiene. They also treat illnesses that can become life-threatening such as malaria, worms, malnutrition and TB.

Clean Water

African Vision of Hope school campuses are equipped with clean water sources and sanitation measures to ensure students stay healthy and in school. Their communities and families have access to these clean water wells.

Biblical Discipleship & Counseling

Every program at African Vision of Hope, whether education, vocational training, medical care, or community-oriented program emphasizes a biblical worldview. Students are equipped with the tools needed to live a Christ-centered life.

Nutrition

Each week over 17,000 nutritious, vitamin-fortified meals are served to hungry children. This is lifting the burden of parents and guardians who are unable to buy or access food and is keeping children in school instead of working to eat.

Caring Teachers & Staff

Our teachers model physical, intellectual, and spiritual maturity by leading with integrity, compassion and wisdom. We desire each student to embody virtue, character, good judgment, moral and ethical behavior, wisdom, and a desire to follow Jesus Christ.

African Vision of Hope's 20-Year Journey

In 1998, Bob and Judi Bertels said “yes” to a need. They raised their hands to help a young boy who was brought to the States to sing to raise money for school fees and found himself trapped in human trafficking. He was abandoned, homeless, and in need of an advocate in the United States.

In 2000, they began providing a scholarship for a seminary student in Zambia and the mission of African Vision of Hope began. In 2003, the first African Vision of Hope school started with 23 children in a rented tavern. Now, 3,250 students attend five schools across Zambia. The last 20 years have brought incredible waves of change in the lives of thousands of children. Generations have been impacted and poverty has been fought head-on.

2000

The Bertels started sponsoring their first seminary student in Zambia. African Vision of Hope was established and became a nonprofit organization.

2005-2008

Shool lunch program begins.

Enrollment reached **250** students and the first African Vision of Hope School is constructed.

Child Sponsorship Program was started and the first boarding home was built for 25 boys.

Second African Vision of Hope school was planted under a tree in the rural village of Chongwe.



Judi Bertels, CEO, and husband Bob

2003

First African Vision of Hope school started with **23** students in a rented tavern in the slum village of Kalikiliki.



2009-2010

Empowerment Sewing Ministry begins to train men and women with skills to earn sustainable income, while also making uniforms for our students. Currently, the Empowerment Sewing Ministry has made 15,000 school uniforms.

Third school opens in Chingola, Zambia, on the Congo border. Total enrollment is now **625** students.

Conservation Farm is started to teach and train small scale farmers and to provide nutritious food for the school lunch programs.

2021-2022

2014 - 2018

First computer/tech center for training students is started.

African Vision of Hope's first college students graduate.



Girls House of Hope is completed to rescue 120 vulnerable girls.

- Construct a STEM High School to prepare the next generation for global innovation.
- Establish a long-term food security program for African Vision of Hope schools.
- Provide science and technology classrooms on all African Vision of Hope campuses.
- Create a safe home for African Vision of Hope students who are without parents or an extended support system.
- Implement a sustainable vocational training program for carpentry, welding, and sewing for African Vision of Hope graduates.

2011 - 2013

Fourth African Vision of Hope School is planted in Kafue, Zambia, an area with one of the highest AIDS prevalence rates in the world.

First African Vision of Hope High School graduation is held and twelve students graduate.

Fifth school is constructed in Kasama, Zambia, bringing the total number of students across all 5 schools to 1,377.



2019 - 2020

The first robotics teams are formed at two African Vision of Hope schools.

Teachers complete training on how to teach with a biblical worldview.



Chongwe campus is expanded to create classroom space for 350 additional children to have access to education. Enrollment for all 5 schools has reached 3,250; total high school graduates are 667.

10 new classrooms are completed.

African Vision of Hope celebrates 20 years of serving in Zambia.

BECAUSE YOU TOOK

Action:

885,131

hot lunches were
served in 2019

8,000

people are provided
clean water every day

3,250

children are provided
an education every day

667

students have completed
high school to date

140

graduates have received college
scholarships to date

11,373

hours were donated by
volunteers in 2019

Thank You!



Esther, an African Vision of Hope teacher, and
her first grade students Blessings and Irene.

Education is the Solution to Extreme Poverty

Education is every child's right. In Zambia, vulnerable children do not have access to a free education. Today, 60 million children of primary age are sitting out of school and more than half of those live in sub-Saharan Africa. They find themselves sitting on the sidelines and not benefiting from learning that is vital to their social and intellectual development.

- ☀ Education equips children with math, literacy, and skills their countries need to generate jobs, innovation, and economic growth for future generations.
- ☀ Studies show that a single year of primary school increases the wages earned by 5-15% for boys and even more for girls. A single year of secondary school increases wages by 15-25%.
- ☀ In Africa, children whose mothers received an elementary education are 40% less likely to die before the age of 5.
- ☀ A proven way to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS is education. In Zambia, AIDS spreads twice as fast among uneducated girls.
- ☀ When people can read and write, they can use their voice to get involved in their communities and government.
- ☀ Fertility rates in sub-Saharan Africa are the highest in the world, five children per woman. If girls are educated and complete at least secondary school, they marry later, choose to have fewer children, and invest more into the health and education of each child. This bolsters the fight to end poverty.
- ☀ Education provides the social, emotional, and intellectual development necessary for problem solving and critical decision making.



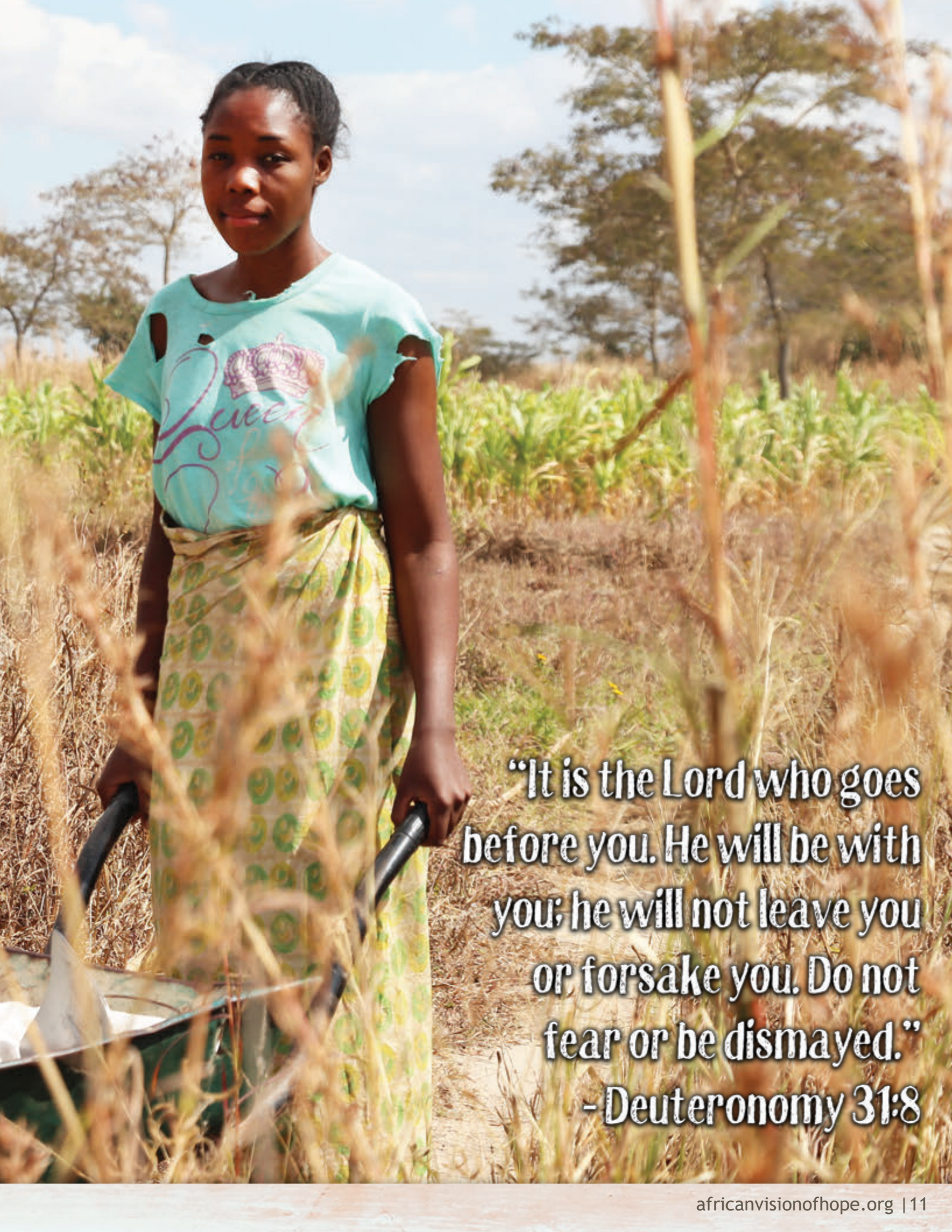
Mary in her 2nd grade Social Studies class at African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga.

From Forsaken to Loved

"I never thought I would finish school," remembers Noreen. "I felt neglected. I felt unloved. Why was I born like this?"

Before you stepped in, Noreen (pictured) had little hope of ever escaping the rural village where she grew up. Her sisters had been sold into marriage, and she feared she would suffer the same fate.

Now, she is a high school graduate on her way to becoming a nurse. You rescued her from extreme poverty and transformed her life from forsaken to loved.



**“It is the Lord who goes
before you. He will be with
you; he will not leave you
or forsake you. Do not
fear or be dismayed.”
- Deuteronomy 31:8**

From Forsaken to Loved

Noreen's Story

"Thank you for thinking of me, a Zambian child, and thinking that I deserve a better life. That I deserve to be educated. That I deserve hope and happiness." - Noreen



Children who are not enrolled in school are among the most vulnerable and hardest to reach in the world. They come from the poorest households and often have to work to help support their families. They feel forgotten and invisible, and most often they are girls.



Noreen, as a child, at her family's home in rural Zambia.

Families living in extreme poverty are more likely to keep their children out of school, giving them a greater risk of remaining in poverty. However, through education, doors can be opened to jobs, resources, and skills that a family needs to not just survive, but thrive. Access to high-quality education is a globally-recognized solution to the cycle of poverty.

140

African Vision of Hope graduates have received college scholarships to date



Noreen at Eden University where she is studying to become a nurse.

When Noreen was a child, her father was poisoned by a family member and passed away.

Her mother moved Noreen and her five siblings to a rural village and they became farmers. The nearest well was a 30-minute walk from her home and most of Noreen's day was spent traveling back and forth fetching water.

"I was enrolled in school, but it was very far away, and many times I was so tired from farming that I could not attend."

Her mother became frail from years of hard labor and could no longer farm. They would go days without eating. *"I never thought I would finish school,"* remembers Noreen. *"I felt neglected. I felt unloved. Why was I born like this?"* God provided a way when there seemed to be no way. A friend told her about African Vision of Hope.

Noreen was given a place in the Girls House of Hope, a free Christian education, daily nutritious meals, clean water, medical care, and was taught about God's love.

"I felt love through my teachers. They taught me that 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)'," says Noreen.

Because of you, Noreen graduated in 2017 and is a beneficiary of the college scholarship program. She is studying nursing because she wants to help others just as she has been helped. Her family will be able to escape extreme poverty, and generations will be rescued, because she is educated. It's because of you!

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David, grade 4 student at African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga, in his family's home.

3,250 children are attending 5
African Vision of Hope campuses across Zambia.





From Despair to Hope

David's Story

Until recently, David lived with his grandmother and twelve siblings in a one-room home in the slums. Their home lacked electricity and running water. This year, his grandmother passed away and the siblings were split up.

David went to live with his father who does not have an income. David is the sole provider for his family through washing people's clothes and selling charcoal, tomatoes, and homemade brooms. He does not own a pair of shoes, bathes once a week if there is enough water, and eats one meal a day. If he does not work, he does not eat. If he must pay school fees, his family cannot afford housing.

This is how extreme poverty robs a child of their future. You are breaking down the barriers for children like David who are waiting for their opportunity to go to school, regardless of their ability to pay.

The Child Protection Team visited David's home and helped enroll him in school. Today, he is in the 4th grade and is dreaming of the day that he will graduate and be able to help others. He has hope and knows his life is being transformed mentally, spiritually, and physically. He will be equipped with the skills he needs to impact his family and country.



David in his grade 4 classroom.

Because Children Can't Wait.

Education is critical in building a foundation for future success in the life of a child.

When you sponsor a child through African Vision of Hope you are:

- ☀ Teaching them about the love and redemption of Jesus Christ
- ☀ Granting them an opportunity to receive a quality Christ-centered education
- ☀ Giving them access to medical care and clean water
- ☀ Providing needed nutrition

100%

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

Sponsor a child at:

africanvisionofhope.org/child-sponsorship

Yvonne (green skirt) and her siblings in front of their home.

Rescue and Restoration

Yvonne's Story



Please pray for the children, like Yvonne, who are being sold, abused, and trafficked across the globe and do not have anyone to advocate for them.

Yvonne is 12 years old, and she is pregnant with her stepfather's child.

At 7 years old, her stepfather began abusing her. She never understood why the man she called “dad” was so cruel and why he would beat her and her mother. “He abused us a lot, but I had no rights so I kept quiet. Everyone was afraid of him.”

She was in the 2nd grade this spring when schools closed due to the Coronavirus. That is when her stepfather raped her. Her mother is now a single parent, and their family is facing punishing hardships. The pandemic has brought extreme economic strain and she cannot find work to pay for food or shelter.

“I am seven months pregnant now and am afraid about everything happening in my life. I am traumatized and can't think straight. Every night I cry and don't know what to do or what will come next for me. Life has stopped moving for me and my mother. I am twelve.

I don't know what it means to be pregnant. I feel like my life ended the day he raped me. I can't even play with my friends or go back to school. I don't know what will happen to me, but all I know is that I want to go back to school.” - Yvonne

This little girl's pain is unimaginable. Yvonne lives miles from a road, and when it comes time to give birth, her family will load her into a wheelbarrow and hope they make it to the clinic in time. There will be no pain medication, postpartum care, or maternity leave. Once she has her baby, going back to school will be a big mountain to climb.

Recently, the Child Protection Team learned about Yvonne's critical circumstance and they stepped in. Teachers and counselors have worked together to help Yvonne with medical care, counseling, food, and a plan for her future. Her perpetrator has been arrested and is in jail. Justice is being demanded. Yvonne will have a better tomorrow and the opportunity to finish school. Fortunately, her story is still being written.



Esther and her housemates at the Girls House of Hope.

From Broken to Whole

Esther's Story

Girls are the most vulnerable members of Zambia's society. In Zambia, 4 out of 10 girls will be sold into marriage between the ages of 14-18. Every year of education reduces this risk.

Esther is a double orphan, meaning she has lost both of her parents. She and twelve other family members lived in a 3-room house, with no electricity or running water, and all slept in the same room. They would sleep on top of their grandmother's clothes because they did not have blankets.

"Eating was a struggle. When the food would run out, we would have to wait until my uncle got paid at the end of the month to buy more. Sometimes he would not get paid at all. Most times the only meal I would eat was at school." - Esther

Esther knew she would soon be sold into marriage to help her family buy food. Her life changed forever when she was rescued and began living at the Girls House of Hope.

"I met new friends who love me and have become my family. They share about God's blessings with me. I have a real bathroom and a real bed to sleep in. We do small chores like cleaning our rooms and around the House, but we do not have to work jobs to pay for food or shelter. I can focus on my studies, unlike where I was staying before."

During the pandemic when schools were closed and everyone went home, Esther told Chance, the house mother, *"I don't want to go back because this is my home now."* Esther is so thankful for the House of Hope and for the opportunity to be educated. When she grows up, she wants to go into law enforcement.

The African Vision of Hope Girls House of Hope is home to 37 at-risk and vulnerable girls like Esther. These young women are empowered to fulfill their potential and exercise their human rights.



Above: Esther in her room at the Girls House of Hope.



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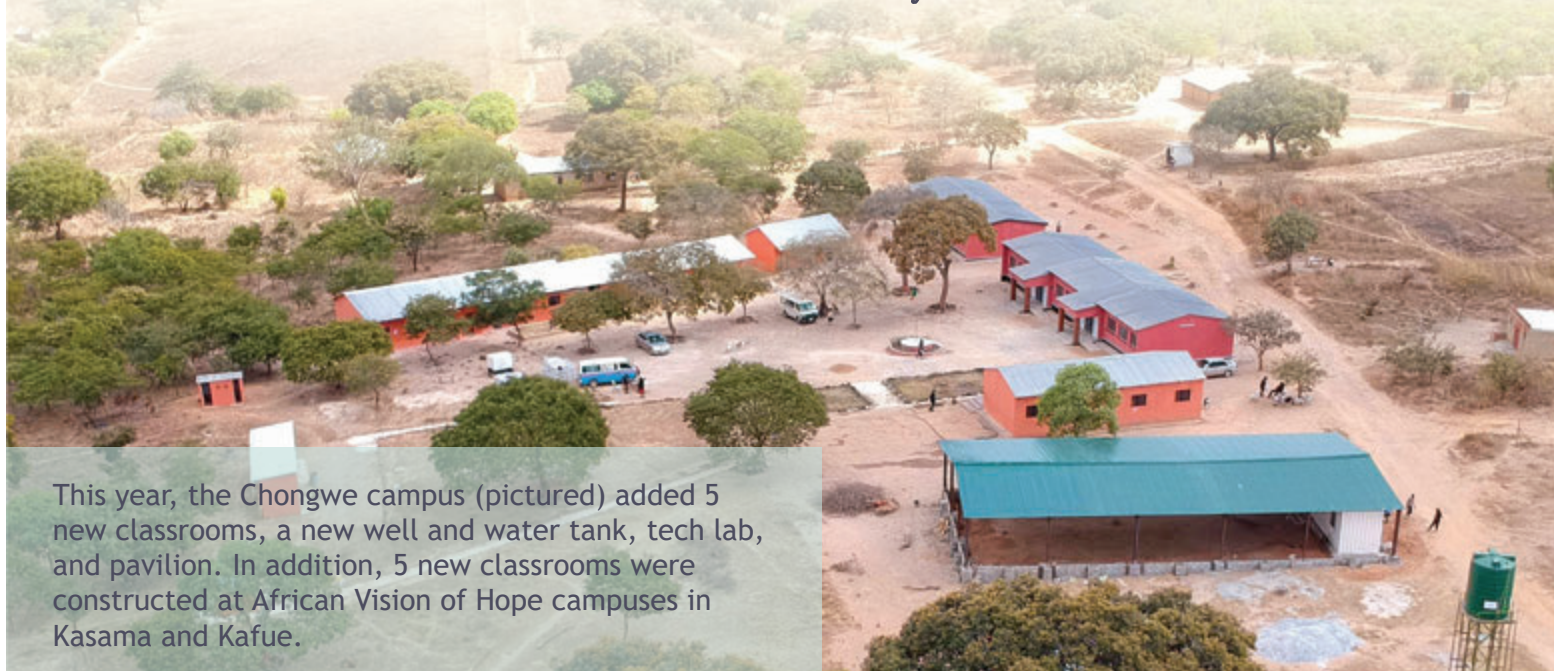
Because of You

Because of your generous giving, across Zambia we have:



5 campuses with 47 classrooms

3,250 students in attendance each day



This year, the Chongwe campus (pictured) added 5 new classrooms, a new well and water tank, tech lab, and pavilion. In addition, 5 new classrooms were constructed at African Vision of Hope campuses in Kasama and Kafue.



Cultivating Innovation

Coming in 2021-2022

African Vision of Hope STEM High School



A look inside





The Next Steps: Passing the Baton

2020 and Beyond

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." - Ephesians 3:20

Building upon the impact of generous giving we have established 5 priorities for the next three years to advance the number of lives being transformed in Zambia.



Access to Christ-Centered Education

- ☀️ Deliver academic excellence with highly trained teachers in spiritual, physical and intellectual material.
- ☀️ Add additional classrooms by 2022 to provide placement for 300 children who are being denied education due to lack of classrooms and finances.



Cultivate Innovation

- ☀️ Provide science and lab equipment/classrooms for all five African Vision of Hope campuses.
- ☀️ Engage qualified math, science and technology teachers and ongoing training/partnerships with USA schools for continued development.
- ☀️ Train African Vision of Hope teachers for Phase 2 Robotics. Create inter-school youth teams for competition and provide equipment needed for the long term growth of this program.
- ☀️ Build an African Vision of Hope STEM high school. Absence of STEM programs is holding back youth and the country from job opportunities, innovation, and future growth.



African Vision of Hope School in Kabulonga's graduating class of 2019



Nutrition and Clean Water

- ☀️ Expand clean water projects and toilets for all schools to handle increased student growth.
- ☀️ Establish long term food security program with a warehouse, food supplies, and distribution strategy.
- ☀️ Develop remaining African Vision of Hope farm land to provide food for African Vision of Hope School lunch programs.



Restore and Disciple

- ☀️ Disciple students to become godly leaders for their schools, communities, families, and country through bible study, mentoring programs, chapel, character development, and student leadership programs.
- ☀️ Partner with community leaders and parents to strengthen policies to prevent child marriage for girls.
- ☀️ Train Child Protection Officers to identify and rescue children who are forced into child labor, abuse, and human trafficking in the communities we serve. Resolve and work with local authorities to identify these abuses. Provide a safe home for children without parents or a support system.
- ☀️ Expand Missions and Evangelism team as they take the gospel to Zambia by providing teachers with biblical world view training, cultivating relationships with rural churches to provide training and supplies, and offering scholarships for men and women at theological seminaries. Partner with local churches to give African Vision of Hope students opportunities to serve and disciple.



Train and Sustain

- ☀️ Teach and train skills in the vocational areas of sewing, small scale farming, welding and carpentry to harness economic development and reduce poverty. This creates transformational attitudes in youths who would not have considered these areas of employment.
- ☀️ Create a sustainable income for African Vision of Hope to provide jobs through vocational programs such as carpentry, welding, and sewing. Equip graduates with the skills needed to produce their own food, uniforms, desks, school supplies, and meet future needs.

Moving Forward, Giving Back

Iwell's Story

When Iwell's father passed away, his family moved from the countryside of Zambia to the city so his mother could find work as a maid. She could not support their family and also pay for his school fees. Fortunately, a friend told him about African Vision of Hope and his life was changed. "I finally had hope that I could become something in life. I am the first in my family to graduate high school and the first to earn a bachelor's degree."

Iwell graduated college in 2019 with a degree in Business Administration through an African Vision of Hope scholarship. Since then, he completed an internship with the Ministry of Health and, during the pandemic, has been tutoring high school and college students. Iwell now plans to open his own learning center using the skills he learned. He loves tutoring because it helps himself, his family, and his community. Iwell's goal is to become a university professor.



Iwell tutoring African Vision of Hope high school students.

"I want you to know how grateful I am for the education you have provided me, and all of the opportunities it has allowed me. I pray more Zambians will be educated and move our society forward, ending corruption and finding solutions to our country's problems." - Iwell

Iwell is one of 140 graduates to receive an African Vision of Hope scholarship. He joins a group of young men and women who are becoming teachers, preachers, scientists, businessmen and women, doctors, nurses, pharmacists, accountants, engineers, and the list goes on. They are Zambia's change-makers, using the gift of education to make an impact that will be felt for generations to come.

Community Builders

You are providing training to men and women in areas such as carpentry, sewing and knitting, and farming; relevant job skills that can be used to start their own businesses and support their families and communities.



Mwala, the Conservation Farm Manager, installed an irrigation system that made it possible to harvest 3,000 heads of hand-planted cabbage and 100,000 onions this year.

This will feed and sustain African Vision of Hope students. Rural farmers have been taught and trained on improving inputs, soil content, agriculture assessments, and using tools to increase yields.



This year, Sophia, Edward, and the sewing team have made 1,500 uniforms for African Vision of Hope students! Additionally, they were hired by the Zambian Ministry of Health to make 4,000 face masks. The team is able to use their skills to earn a sustainable living to support themselves and their families.



Moses is an African Vision of Hope graduate who is busy making teacher and student desks, lab tables, and cabinets for chemistry equipment. The carpentry team is a new area of vocational training that began this year.

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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.

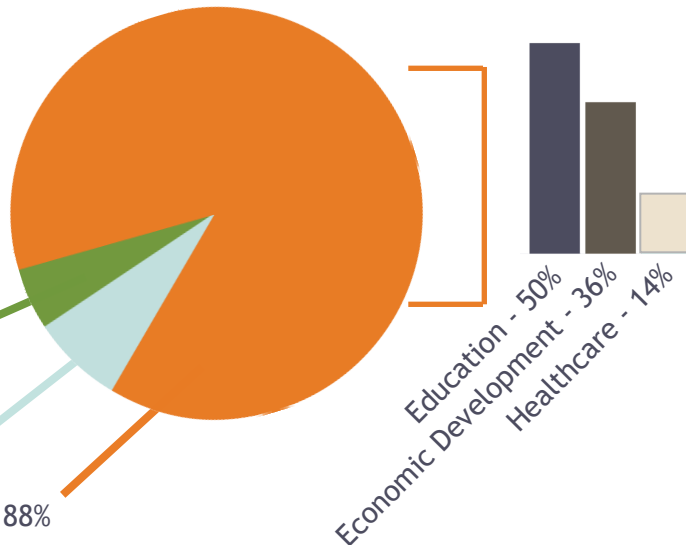


Support Services - 5%

Fundraising - 7%

Program - 88%

2019 EXPENSE MIX



2019 Statement of Activities (Audited)

Gifts in Kind \$157,143.00	Total Giving \$1,603,710.00
Communities Impacted 598	Individuals Provided Education and Life-Saving Services 76,670

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"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:27

