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African Vision of Hope

REPORT



You are
Letting Their Light Shine

(Pictured below)
Faith, Ezra, and Martha are
in school because of YOU.



THEY WANT TO SAY

THANK YOU

Last year, you gave more than

\$1.1 MILLION

to transform the lives of

67,580 PEOPLE

*See page 11 for details

YOU!

WE ARE

AFRICAN VISION OF HOPE

Our mission 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.

Over the last 18 years, you have helped rescue some of the most vulnerable and voiceless children in Zambia. An education, which seemed like an impossibility, is now turning lives into miraculous transformations. Children once living in the street, caught up in trafficking, or working as slaves are becoming beacons of light, hope and change for their country. They are healing, going to school, and learning to dream again.

Their stolen childhoods are being redeemed.

Every day more than **70** African Vision of Hope teachers walk to **5** different campuses to teach. They provide a listening ear, a hug, and immeasurable love. Cooks serve hot meals, guards protect the campuses, counselors heal hearts, and pastors and leaders guide children into the next generation. This is what generosity looks like in the lives of **3,000** children.

In these pages, you will catch a glimpse of how you have helped thousands of children find light in the darkness.


Their bold hope displays the power of God, even in the most difficult circumstances. Thank you for being their champion.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5



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“God answered the
prayers of my heart.”
– Tabu

RESCUED

In a country where 40% of girls are sold into marriage between the ages of 14 and 18, the House of Hope Home will be a beacon of safety and freedom for 120 girls trapped in sexual violence or slavery. Girls like Tabu.

TABU'S TRANSFORMATION

HER STORY COULD HAVE BEEN TRAGIC.

Tabu entered the world alone. Her father died before she was born and her mother passed away during childbirth. She was given the name Tabu (pronounced "Taboo") because she was considered cursed. The grandmother who cared for her also died, leaving Tabu alone once again. She went to live with her uncles, hoping they would love and provide for her. Instead, she was made to be their slave, working jobs to buy food and to avoid beatings or being thrown out. Every night she hid in her room, afraid of being raped or sold into marriage or prostitution. Tabu was living in a constant state of fear.

"My life became a living nightmare. I was beaten and faced exploitation and sexual abuse. I was forced to work and was often refused shelter or food. I had to quit school because I could not afford the fees. My uncles bought beer with the money I had saved for school."

Every day she was told she was a burden and the reality of being sold into marriage was drawing closer. At the tender age of 14, Tabu considered taking her own life to escape the hopelessness. When a friend told her about a school called African Vision of Hope, she went to the office and applied, never turning back.

"I will never forget that moment. God answered the prayers of my heart. I came with only the clothes on my back and was given a safe place to stay and a spot in school. My dream is to be a nurse so I can help people that are in need like orphans, widows, single mothers and those on the streets."

Tabu will be able to see her dream become a reality with a future African Vision of Hope college scholarship. She has a real family now and has learned to forgive. Tabu looks forward to the future with expectation instead of fear.

At African Vision of Hope, we don't stop at rescuing children, we help restore their stolen childhoods and dreams of completing school. Thousands of girls like Tabu are living a nightmare, trapped in desperate situations with no hope.

Rescue and redemption is not only possible, it is happening. *It is because of YOU.*



Above: Instead of sitting in classrooms, children are being sold into marriage or child labor, watching their futures fade out of reach like this little girl.



Tabu in her room at the current Girls Boarding House



The 10,000 square foot Girls House of Hope under construction

95%

of the girls in our current boarding house have endured child slavery in exchange for a meal.

40%

of girls in Zambia are married before they turn 18. Every year of education changes this statistic.

16.7

million girls are out of school in sub-Saharan Africa. Of this number, 9.3 million will never step foot in a classroom.

Because of you, the Girls House of Hope will change these statistics.

BECAUSE YOU TOOK

Action:

802,800

hot lunches were
served this year

10,000

people are provided
clean water every day

3,000

children are provided
an education every day

425

students have completed high
school to date

106

graduates have received college
scholarships to date

33

life-saving surgeries were
completed this year

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 five priorities to advance the number of children that are rescued and educated in Zambia.

From Poverty to Possibility: 2018 and Beyond

Your
greatest
legacy is
what you
instill in
others.



1. Hire highly qualified K-12 teachers who specialize in science and math, and build a STEM high school.



2. Sustain quality of life through healthy meals, expansion of the Conservation Farm, and HIV/AIDS education.



3. Increase access and raise the bar of quality education. Provide the tools needed to excel in school, college, and in life through teachers, desks, classrooms, and curriculum.



4. Participate with local leaders to solve problems in a sustainable and culturally appropriate way.



5. Disciple and train teachers and students to become Godly leaders for their communities and country teaching a Biblical world view.

From Orphan to Lawyer



Joseph grins at his college graduation, beaming with pride as he becomes the first member of his family to earn a degree of any kind. Ten years ago, he never would have believed that his dreams of becoming a lawyer were within reach. Orphaned at a young age, Joseph was passed between family members, never able to attend school due to the cost.

“I felt like a nomad,” Joseph remembers. “I felt like my dreams were shut. One day, while my uncle was at church, he heard about a free school. I did not believe such schools existed in Zambia until he took me there and enrolled me. I was accepted into African Vision of Hope School and into the boarding house. This school is changing lives for challenged youth just like me.”

Joseph was among the first class to graduate from African Vision of Hope Schools in 2012. In September of 2018, he proudly graduated college with a law degree. He plans on continuing his education to obtain his legal practicing license.

“A special thanks goes to African Vision of Hope, my sponsors, for the immeasurable love and financial support through this long journey. God bless you.”

Because of you, Joseph is proving to fellow orphans that it doesn't matter where you came from, only where you are going.

“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”
Jeremiah 29:11

You are God's Hands and Feet

11,727

volunteer hours were
performed by more than

200

volunteers and mission
team members this year

Volunteers are the heartbeat of this ministry. They give their time, talents, and resources to be part of something greater and push the needle forward. This gift allows us to be great stewards of your financial support.

On our own, we can accomplish little. Together, we can do so much. Become part of the volunteer team today! Call our office at (618) 288-7695 to get involved.

"In July, I had the privilege of working alongside the African Vision of Hope team in Zambia. My heart completely broke. I saw and felt the heartache these orphaned children feel and the awful situations they live through every day. African Vision of Hope is truly a beacon of hope, fighting back against extreme poverty. I could not have imagined the difference one person can make in someone's life. I'm counting down the days until I'm able to be back on the ground with 'my kids' again."

- Brian Keating, pictured above

Technology

Equipping the Next Generation



Phase two of the African Vision of Hope Tech Center opened its doors this August. College students, staff, and our school's technology classes use this new lab to teach, train, and research.

The lab is equipping youth with the advanced skills they need to realize their potential, sharpen their job skills, and cultivate innovation for the economic growth of their country.

2019 DATES TO KNOW

MISSION TRIPS

January 15-26th | February 27-March 3rd | June 15-25th | July 23-August 1st

Dates subject to change. Email info@africanvisionofhope.org or call (618) 288-7695 for details or to apply.

CONCERT OF HOPE

March 22nd, 2019 at Westminster Christian Academy in St. Louis, Missouri

13TH ANNUAL GALA

November 2019 at Windows on Washington in St. Louis, Missouri

GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 22nd, 2019 at Belk Park in Wood River, Illinois

Mark your
Calendar!

African Vision of Hope is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

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 the end of the line, to those whose very lives are depending on your generosity.

African Vision of Hope serves only in Zambia, enabling us to focus our impact. When you visit Zambia, you are able to see the exact programs that are changing the lives of the vulnerable children in this country.

Every member of our Zambian team was born and raised in Zambia. They are comprised of 70 teachers, multiple counselors, pastors, accountants, cooks, security guards, and a child rescue team. They are committed and understand the needs of vulnerable children because many grew up as orphans themselves. Some of our students have come full circle, graduating high school and college and now serving as staff members on this team. Not only does this allow us to work together to solve problems in a culturally sustainable way, it also multiplies your donation by generations.

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.



2017 Statement of Activities (Audited)		
Gifts in Kind \$94,882.00	Matching Gifts \$23,267.00	Total Giving \$1,104,397.00
Communities Impacted 598	Individuals Provided Education and Life-Saving Services 67,580	

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EDUCATE



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EMPOWER

IN JESUS' NAME

Because of you, 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.

52

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

46,000

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

"...and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will also be able to teach others."

2 Timothy 2:2