

Transforming lives in Ndola, Zambia by strengthening the church, educating the next generation, and serving the community in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ndola, Zambia

Unexpected Blessings!

Vince Smith
 Chairman, Haven of Hope Ministries

I thank my God every time I remember you.

Philippians 1:3

Wow! It has been quite a year at Haven of Hope! There is no way I can say all that needs to be said in this one article. Thank you for being a part of this ministry. I truly thank God for your partnership! Thousands of lives are being changed both physically and spiritually.

In July, eleven of us from the US had the privilege of spending a week with the 120 students at HOH. Our US team had the opportunity to lead a day camp for the children, share sponsor letters, restock the school libraries, sing, play, and just love on the students. I hope you'll read the stories from a few of the team members inside this newsletter. Three of the members of our team also had the privilege of hosting training for 50 pastors. It is a privilege to work alongside these humble pastors in Zambia.

As HOH looks ahead there is much on the horizon. In January 2014 we expect to welcome 60 new students, 30 new first grade students at each school. We don't have sponsors for all 60 children yet, but we believe this won't be a problem because of the privilege that Haven of Hope has had in 2013 to partner with new individuals and congregations here in the US. It is our prayer that 60 new first grade students will be added every year from here on out. This will only be possible with continued partnerships. Haven of Hope recently received a large donation towards the purchase of a new building for the students in Luanysha. While all of our attention has been on the building in Ndola this past year, there was still a great need for more space in Luanyshya. Our students in Luanshya are currently packed into a two bedroom house. This gift has

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opened up the possibility for HOH to purchase a 5 bedroom house in Luanshya that will meet the schools needs for several years. We are praising God that this need has been met and we can stay focused on finishing well what has been started in Ndola.

On another note, my wife and I had the privilege of attending the Orphan Summit in Lake Forest, California two years ago. While we were at the Summit we met Matt and Beth Hartman from Jersey Shore, PA. We had to travel all the way to California to meet this special couple from Pennsylvania. God is doing some amazing things in their lives. Beth Hartman traveled to Zambia with us this summer. Matt and Beth are leading their congregation at Crossroads Community Church into a partnership with Haven of Hope that is already blessing countless lives. I hope you'll read Beth's story in this newsletter as we welcome her to the Haven of Hope Board of Directors. Friends, as always I count it a privilege to partner with each of you as we seek to live out Real Religion (James 1:27) by serving the fatherless in Zambia.

Because it matters,
 Vince

Pastor's
 Training



REAL RELIGION RUN HAVEN OF HOPE 5K WALK/RUN



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013

Pre-Registration* \$25 - Event-day Registration \$30

Check-in 10:00 a.m.

Race starts at 11:00 a.m.

*Pre-Register by 5pm on Sept 19th to get an exclusive Event T-shirt! Pre-register today at:
www.havenofhopezambia.org

New this year! Secure \$200 or more in personal sponsorships and be entered to win a \$100 gift card!

This year's Real Religion Run is the third annual Haven of Hope 5K Walk/Run and it's quickly approaching! It will be a fun-filled day of friendly competition! Come out and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful surroundings of Millbrook Marsh Nature Center in scenic State College, PA!

You won't want to miss this great opportunity to come out and support Haven of Hope's building campaign! Fun for the whole family!

From the trip...

Below are some thoughts from the team members who traveled to Zambia in July.

I learned or re-learned many lessons from our recent missions trip to Zambia and Kenya. Let me highlight two.

First, the importance of child sponsorship. The mother of the boy I sponsor, a ten year old boy with a gentle and quiet spirit, was almost in tears thanking me. A young man who one of the couples in our church sponsor, a fifteen year old full of ambition, was eagerly studying for his exams to enter public high school. Another young man whom our church sponsors, a sixteen year old with a compassionate heart, inquired about his letter writer, who has cancer. He said he was praying for him, and asked me to encourage the gentleman when I returned home.

Aileen Wirth, one of the members of our team, alerted us to an article in the June edition of Christianity Today, pointing out the value of child sponsorship. I encourage every Haven of Hope sponsor and potential sponsor to read that article. I can assure you from firsthand experience that child sponsorship is making a difference at the Haven of Hope schools!

Second, the importance of teamwork. Most of our group of eleven didn't know each other beforehand. We came from different backgrounds. Our ages spanned fifty years, ranging from fourteen to sixty-four. Yet God bonded us together harmoniously, and we were able to use our different gifts to minister biblically and creatively to the children and adults in Zambia and Kenya.

Right now there is an excellent team of teachers at Haven of Hope, including Amy Munn and Charity Banda, instructing the children. I hope all Haven of Hope partners will continue to support their work, the children and the building of the new school.

There is an old African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Haven of Hope, under the visionary leadership of Vince Smith and John Banda, has already made great strides. I look forward to the day, when a result of our teamwork, she and her children will go further.

~Rev. David Haydu

St. John's Reformed Church, Hollidaysburg, PA



Follow Amy's journey on her blog at:
investyourlove.blogspot.com

On this mission trip, I was blessed with many experiences. I met Precious, the little girl our family sponsors, I was able to go to both HOH schools, I was able to meet many HOH students and form friendships with them, and most importantly, I was able to share the love of God with the children through everyday conversations and through the day camp that we did. But one of my greatest and saddest memories was at the Ndola school.

Dorcus told me when we met that she was going to let Nelly, her "baby," be mine for the two days that we were in Ndola. So when we arrived at Ndola, the first thing I did was ask Dorcus who Nelly was. She promptly took me to the year one class room and introduced me to Nelly and her twin, Lucy. They were two of the most beautiful little girls I had ever seen! Lucy smiled at me and said hello, but Nelly didn't smile at all. After the girls went to class, Dorcus told me about their family situation. Their mother had died when they were young and then their father had remarried a woman who abuses them on a daily basis. She explained that the girls are always the first ones to come to school and the last to leave because they do not want to go home.

I could see the great affect that the girls' home life had on Nelly especially. She would often fight with the other children and she would also cry really easily, but no matter what, she was always by my side.

She always wanted me to hold her hand when we walked to the park and she wanted me to hold her hand when she got a little cut on her head. It was evident that she craved the attention and care of a mother figure, which Dorcus is on a daily basis to her.

All of the teachers at the Haven of Hope schools in Ndola and Luanshya act as mother figures to the children, and in doing so, they are able to show the love of Christ to their students. This love is something that all of the children need and it is awesome that they receive it every day at school.

~Jordan Wirth, July travel team member



Jordan with Lucy and Nelly

Let me tell you about some of the precious Haven of Hope children:

Nathan, in grade 3 at Luanshya, is a very smart boy who loves math and reading. He says that he wants to be a “boss man” when he grows up, but for now he is content to work hard in school. I was very impressed when, of all of the books that our team brought to his school, Nathan chose the most advanced one, an animal encyclopedia with difficult concepts like amphibians, budding and bacterial decomposition. He wanted to read the whole thing to me, but when we had to move on to another activity, I promised him that he’d be able to finish reading it later.

Sarah greeted us by reading a hand written welcome. She did a lovely job. She and her fourth-grade friends, Margaret and Angela, are very good students. They work hard and stand up for each other. I would be proud to have them as my students...or daughters.

Mark and his brother Happy have to walk about an hour to school, through fields and slums. They live with their mother and younger siblings in a small, dark house with a water pump in their dirt front yard. But they are fortunate compared to some. Their neighbor Juliette never had the opportunity to go to school. Consequently, she can’t read, write or speak English. It will be even harder for her to try to break out of the cycle of poverty that has trapped her parents and neighbors.

Stephen, a graduate of the Ndola school who is now in 9th grade at the government school, is a bright, motivated and godly young man. His sponsor should be very proud of him! He was teaching me about David Livingstone, Vasco da Gama and the history of Zambia while I was “helping” him study for a history exam. He also drew a lovely map of Zambia and the surrounding nations in order to explain the history. I was very struck, not just by his talent, but also by his maturity. I can’t wait to see how God uses him in the future!

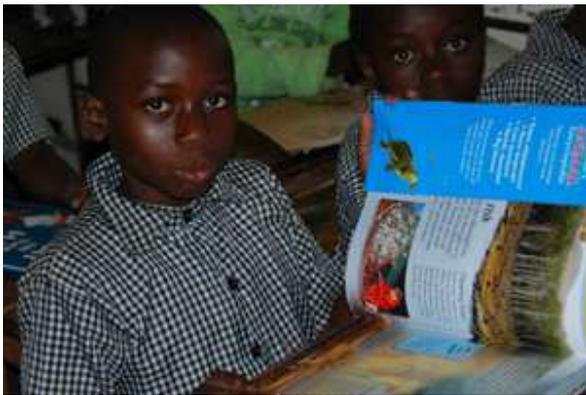
There are so many others that I could mention! Carol scored best in the region on her high school entrance exams and won a spot at a prestigious boarding school. She wants to be a nurse. The 9th grade boys—Matthews, Adamson, Dominic, Boniface, Aston, Stephen and Lawrence—band together to study and help each other. They will tattle if one skips school, but they will also share their food if another is hungry. Ezron wants to be a lawyer and David wants to be a pilot. Lawrence desires to help the vulnerable and feels led to be a pastor, but will serve wherever the Lord leads him. And then there is Janet, the aspiring taxi driver!

The most commonly named future careers of Haven of Hope students are accountant, bank manager, nurse or doctor, pastor, teacher, pilot, lawyer and engineer. This is indicative of the hope that these students have, hope that they can break out of the cycle of poverty, violence, disease and death that surrounds them. And where does this hope come from? From knowing that there is a God who loves them deeply and from watching His people sacrifice to serve them. The teachers, John and Charity Banda, Pastor Vince, the many mission teams and you, the sponsors, are telling these children over and over again that they matter,

that they are loved and that God created them for his own good purpose.

You sponsors are changing lives and giving hope in the name of Christ. So, keep up the good work. And keep those letters coming. They do more good and are more treasured than you could ever imagine!

~Aileen Wirth, July travel team member



Nathan reading the animal encyclopedia



Margaret, Sarah and Angela



Happy



Some of the 9th grade guys, including Lawrence in the center front and Stephen in the back, second from the right



Marian, organizing the school library



Daniel showing the kids their pictures

Meet the Hartman's

Beth Hartman

Hello Haven of Hope Family! I am so honored and blessed to be one of the newest members of the Haven of Hope Board of Directors, and I was asked to introduce myself. My name is Bethany Hartman, and I am from Jersey Shore, PA. I am happily married to my wonderful husband, Matt Hartman, and we have four children. Our two biological children are Audrie (13) and Jonah (11), and we are immensely blessed that God chose us to be “mommy” and “daddy” to our beautiful little daughters from Ethiopia, Rahel (8) and Birtukan (6). My educational background is in Business Education, with a focus in Accounting, and a Masters in Educational Development and Strategies. I have taught for 8 years in public education and loved it; however recently God has called me to take a huge step of faith. I have always had a passion for Africa. I honestly can't recall what triggered that love and passion in me, but it has been a strong love for a long time. I honestly thought I had fulfilled the passion that God placed in me when we adopted from Ethiopia in 2012. However, I believe that was just the beginning of God moving me to something bigger than my wildest dreams.

Vince briefly introduced how God guided our paths to meet him and his wife, Beth, in Lake Forest, California. Why we had to travel so far to meet someone so close, only God knows, but it does make for a really cool God Story, and it is proof that His Hands are all over our lives if we allow Him to lead us. So we met there and they shared the Haven of Hope story with my husband and me. We immediately knew these were some people we wanted to talk to more and find out how we can help. In life, sometimes seeds get planted only to grow at a later time. Our lives got a little crazy as we brought our two little girls home from Ethiopia shortly after we met the Smiths in California, and their lives were definitely in a little different state as they were dealing with some health concerns with their daughter. So a year passes and in that time we'd shoot some cordial emails back and forth to keep in touch, and while this was all happening God was really working on me and prompting me to something more in serving orphans and widows. I began praying and fasting about what this all meant, after all I was very happily employed as a teacher at an amazing school district, and I loved my job. One night during this season of prayer I was putting my littlest girls to bed and the youngest one says to me “mommy, if you love me, and I know you do, why didn't you come to

Africa to help us, why did we have to come here for you to take care of us?”

Please know that she loves America, but as any of us would, she misses home. God spoke through my six year old to say, it is time to go, it is time to walk away from the comfortable and commit yourself to the passion I placed in your heart. It is not easy to walk away from something that is comfortable, enjoyable and financially rewarding to do something as crazy as volunteer fulltime for a ministry in orphan and widow care. However, I can tell you I have never had more peace in my life knowing that I am exactly where God wants me to be, serving orphans in Africa, and I believe that part of my future will be to care for widows in the same environment.

At this point I am volunteering in the ministry and figuring out where I am able to use the talents and experiences God has given me to best further the mission of Haven of Hope. My family and I attend Crossroads Community Church in Jersey Shore and are part of the mission's team. Without a doubt our mission's team has and continues to support us and Haven of Hope. We are looking forward to sharing with our church congregation on November 4th how they can partner on a more personal level with Haven of Hope. I recently came across an African Proverb that says “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” I believe God is calling us all to “go far”, so we must “go together” in one form or another – personal travels, monetary donations, prayers...we have all been called to go. I am so excited about my new role with Haven of Hope, and can't wait to see what God reveals.



Tragedy hit close to home when we received word at the end of August that one of our students at Haven of Hope had died in a tragic drowning accident. Please be in prayer for Bridget's family and her Haven of Hope classmates who are left to deal with the loss of this beautiful little girl. Pray that God will give them and us His perfect peace.



**Bridget Mukambe
2006-2013**

Haven of Hope, Ndola Zambia Permanent School Facility

Property Purchase	\$18,000	(complete 6/2011)
Building Costs:		
<u>Phase One (Foundation)</u>		
Foundation Footing	\$ 5,000	(complete 9/20/2012)
Concrete Blockwork	\$11,100	(complete 12/1/2012)
Slab concrete	\$12,600	(complete 12/31/2012)
Total Phase One:	\$28,700	
<u>Phase Two (Exterior & Structure)</u>		
Blockwork	\$25,000	(complete 5/2013)
Structure & roof support	\$15,500	(complete 5/2013)
Plaster work	\$ 5,100	
Total Phase Two:	\$45,600	
<u>Phase Three (Roof & Interior Structure)</u>		
Carpentry & Roof Structure	\$20,500	
Roofing Materials	\$12,500	
Interior Floors	\$ 2,900	
Interior Doors & Hardware	\$ 8,200	
Total Phase Three:	\$44,100	
<u>Final Phase</u>		
Electrical – Primary Installation	\$ 525	
Electrical – Secondary Installation	\$ 9,200	
Ceilings	\$11,200	
Painting/Decorating	\$ 9,000	
Door & Window Frames	\$ 9,200	
Glazing	\$ 4,000	
Sanitary Installation	\$15,400	
Plumbing	\$ 4,500	
Total Final Phase:	\$63,025	
T-I-A (This Is Africa) Contingency	\$15,300	
Start of the Soakaway (sewer)	\$ 6,975	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$221,700	



The team praying for the project



Upcoming Trip to Zambia: Join in!!

We take trips twice a year: Spring/Summer and Fall. Anyone is welcome to join us. It is an experience that will change you! Interested in going? A trip is being planned for Early December 2013. Come along and experience a joy like no other while giving the students their Christmas gifts from their sponsors.

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