

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

Haven of Hope

Vince Smith

Pastor, State College Christian Church

Chairman, Haven of Hope Schools

We continue to thank God for the leadership that John and Charity Banda provide to Haven of Hope ministries. It is because of their heart and passion for loving God and the people in Ndola, Zambia that State College Christian Church was excited to join what God is doing. State College Christian Church was honored to receive an honorable mention a few weeks ago from World Vision and the Willow Creek Association's Courageous Leadership Award. Please check it out on the web at :

http://www.courageousleadershipaward.com/2009_resourcesUnderHonor_StateCollegeChristian.html

The award is given to raise awareness and inspire more churches to engage in the battle *and* to honor churches doing extraordinary work ministering to people infected and affected by AIDS. State College Christian Church received the recognition, but its only because of the courageous leadership of people like the Banda's and your partnership that we are able to make a difference.

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing through Haven of Hope!

It is our prayer that God will use this as an opportunity to connect other churches in the U.S. with churches in Ndola, Zambia. We are strong believers that the church is the hope of the world. Lives will be saved both physically and spiritually in exponential ways if every church steps out boldly to love the oppressed people. They are close to the heart of God. Together we can tackle these global giants. Do you know a church that might be willing to adopt a church or a school in Zambia? We would be thrilled to help make the connection.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Haven of Hope	1
Greetings from John Banda	2
Teacher's corner	3
Future Happenings	3
Haven Of Hope II	4
Financial Needs	4

I just finished reading a book recently that I want to recommend all Haven of Hope supporters read. The book is *The Hole in Our Gospel*, by Richard Stearns. He does a great job of relaying the responsibility of Christians in loving the orphans, widows, and oppressed people of our world. I challenge you to purchase a copy of the book and make the time to read it. It may just change you forever!

Finally, I want ask you to consider something. Would you join me on a life changing trip to Zambia in early December? It is our desire to deliver Christmas gifts to the children at Haven of Hope as close to Christmas every year as possible. We need the help of at least three people to make it all happen. It is a great opportunity to meet your sponsored child and see how God is using Haven of Hope to make a difference in Ndola, Zambia. There is no better way to celebrate the birth of our Savior than by giving your life away to love these little ones. Will you consider joining me on a life changing 10 day trip in early December? I'll be waiting for your call or email at 814-238-5913 ext. 2 or vsmith@scccweb.com.

Because it matters,
Vince

Greetings from John Banda

*John Banda, Director
Haven of Hope Schools*

Wow! So many things have happened since the last newsletter. The students are learning and growing spiritually, morally, academically and physically. The growth is awesome and amazing. I am privileged to watch the children grow. We were invited to play football at Nsansa international School and the patron of the football from this school said "this is the most well behaved students we have ever played with." Some two years ago these were difficult children to deal with but since the day they accepted Christ as their personal saviour, so much has changed.

The medical team visited the school to attend to the medical needs of the children. They visit us once every three months to give preventive and curative medicine to the children. They also perform a medical check up for every child. Their last was on the 19th of May 2009. On the 16th of June 2009 Haven of Hope School joined the rest of the Ndola schools to celebrate the African Child's Day whose theme was "Africa fit for Children; Call for accelerated action towards child survival." This was the first time we were celebrating this important event and our participation was rather passive than participatory. The event was flagged off by a match past and the guest of honour. Thee high table was occupied by the representative from the Copperbelt minister and the Ndola Mayor. There were various activities presented by the children from schools and the community. There was traditional dancing, poems, drama and a speech from a child who challenged government to take up a pro-active role in addressing the plight of the child. The event ended at 1:00pm.



Check-up time

After the event we proceeded to the football grounds at Kwacha Center where the J.U.I.C.E. (Join Us In Child Excitement) CUP tournament was to take place. The tournament which is the project of Haven of Hope School brought together 16 teams for both girls and boys. We had 10 teams for boys and 6 teams of girls participate. The tournament gave away prizes for winners. First Prize was a trophy and K300,000.00 (\$62.00); Second Prize was K200,000.00 (\$41.00); And Third Prize was K100,000.00 (\$20.00). The teams that participated were Haven of Hope, Wiphan both girls and boys, Bread of Life both girls and boys, Chichetekelo youth Project both girls and boys, Morning glow both girls and boys, Niba'uwafye both girls and boys, St. Charles both girls and boys, St. Paul, Shooting Stars (out of school children) and Ajax (out of school children). Our boys lost in the first round to St. Charles School by 1 – 0. The winners of the Cup were Niba'uwafye community School, second prize went to St. Charles School and Bread of Life got away with the third prize. The tournament is envisioned to grow and have many teams participate next year. This will be annual event.



We also attend the international trade fair which was held in Ndola and Dorcas lead the team of teachers and students.

Haven of Hope School in Luanshya was opened to the public on 6th July 2009 and has 30 students who are being taught God's love and the plan of salvation. The school has two classes and a teacher Ms. Esnart Chifwembe who is currently running both classes. She is a trained teacher and Sunday school teacher for United Church of Zambia.

(Continued, page 3)

John Banda (con't from page 2)

COMMUNITY NEWS

From 1st of July to 30th of July in partnership with Kings' Kids Unlimited we embarked on a number of projects. We had a five days training program for 18 pastors. The pastors were lodged at Boys Brigade in Kaniki. We also had 3 days conference for over 200 pastors and their leaders at the Anglican Cathedral, 5 days of school outreaches and reached over 3000 students with the message of abstinence. And finally, we also reached over 1000 children during the 2 days children day camps in two different locations.

We say "to God be the glory."

John Banda

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the children and their caretakers for God's saving grace.
2. Pray for the teachers that they will be knit together with the children in love.
3. Pray for the community that they be supportive.
4. Pray for my family that God gives us the strength and health.



Teacher's Corner

Dorcas Bwalya

Teacher, Haven of Hope Schools

On the 6th of July I lead a team of students from our school, Haven of Hope, to attend the International Trade Fair in Ndola. We hired a bus that took us to the grounds; we actually started off at about around 08:30hrs. We arrive at the international trade fair at 09:00hrs and we bought tickets for both the teachers and students. We then proceeded to have the students painted with various colors. The purpose of this trip was to involve students in reaching out to their fellow kids for Christ.

The bigger kids were involved in child to child evangelism and the younger ones were watching the other do the outreach. We had 10 big kids reach out to their peers while the rest were observing. The teachers were also helping. We reached a total 161 and 150 gave their lives to Christ. The students did a great job but three of them had difficulties to communicate to their friends. I know that next time they will do better.

At 13:00 hrs we had lunch with the students and continued evangelizing after lunch. We also took the students to visit the stands for those who were exhibiting their products. I also want to thank my fellow teachers for making themselves available and helping out. The kids were excited about the adventure.

Future Happenings

Want to meet the child you sponsor? Currently we are planning a "Meet the Children" Trip for June of 2010. Spend some time getting to know the child you sponsor and see the amazing things God can do to your heart through that experience. Contact us at marci.bidelspach@scccweb.com for more information.

Haven of Hope II

The second Haven of Hope Primary school has opened. There is room to provide 2 meals each day, a Christian education, clothing, shoes, blankets, and meet the medical needs for 60 children. 12 of those children have been sponsored, but 48 of the children are waiting to begin their education. Pictures of a few of these children are below. They are real children who want to go to school, but have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please visit our website for sponsorship information at www.scccweb.com. Sponsorship is \$30/month payable by convenient automatic withdraw from your checking account, or in a yearly lump-sum payment of \$360.00. You can view pictures of all available children in the gallery section of our website at www.scccweb.com.



Financial Needs

If you would like to give a one-time gift to benefit the Haven of Hope School, the following are our financial priorities for 2009:

1. \$1915.88 for textbooks. Through your generosity we have collected \$761.12 for textbooks to date. Our current students are without textbooks. We still need to purchase 20 textbooks per grade, grades 1-7.
2. \$10,400.00 for John Banda's Salary. Our hope as we continue to develop relationships with other churches is that they will partner with us in securing John's salary. Any additional funds we collect this year will be used to offset the current \$10,400.00 shortfall in John's salary.

"Sometimes I would like to ask God why He allows poverty, suffering, and injustice when He could do something about it."

"Well, why don't you ask Him?"

"Because I'm afraid He would ask me the same question."

-- Anonymous

State College Christian Church

1107 Williams Street
State College, PA 16801

Phone:

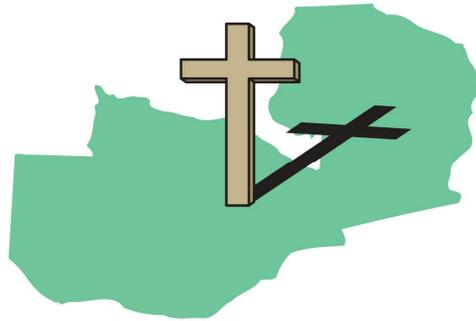
814-238-5913

E-Mail:

info@scccweb.com

Web:

www.scccweb.com



**Haven
of Hope**

State College Christian Church
1107 Williams Street
State College, PA 16801

