

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

Updates

Vince Smith
 Chairman, Haven of Hope Ministries

Sustainability: One of the long-term Haven of Hope goals is for the schools to be sustainable without relying on the input of foreign money. It may take a long time until it is possible to reach this goal, but you'll get to see some of the steps that are being taken towards this end as you read this newsletter. Specifically, we are excited about the crops that are growing at the new property in Ndola. The crops will reduce food costs. Eventually we should be able to grow enough food on site to feed the children at Haven of Hope year round. You'll also see pictures of the children proud to be in their new school uniforms. The uniforms are provided by their sponsors as part of their birthday gifts. John hired a caretaker of one of our students to make these uniforms. The income the caretaker received allows him to better care for the children in his home. He is pictured below with his two children: Alfred and Blessings. We want to continue to empower our friends in Zambia by buying products locally to meet the schools' needs. With God's help and your generosity the compounds (slums) where the Haven of Hope children live will look much different a decade from now.

...Faith is being sure of what we HOPE for and certain of what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

It's not too late: As long as there are plane tickets available, you can still join us on the next trip to Zambia, July 17 – 29. Contact me immediately to get more details (vsmith@scccweb.com). You'll be glad you did!

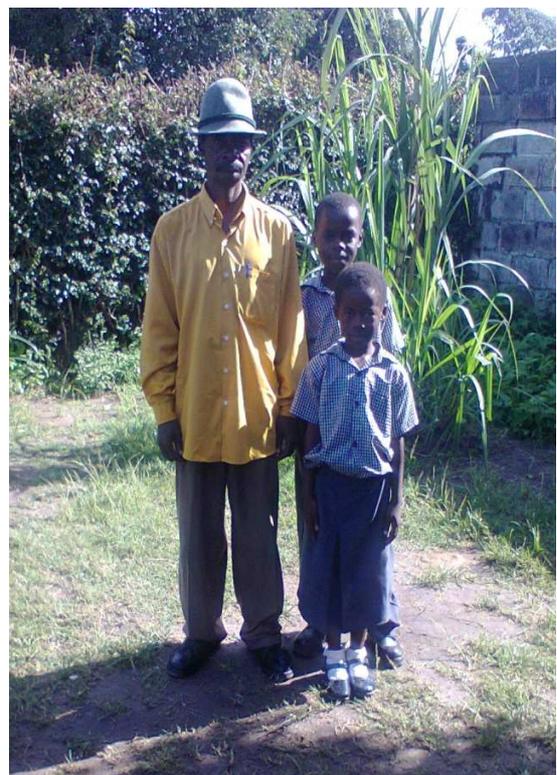
Building Fund: The new school building is coming along nicely. The contractors are prepared to pour the concrete slab, but the work has been put on hold until the end of March when the rain season ends. There aren't many paved roads in Zambia, so during the rainy season it is nearly impossible to travel off the main roads, especially with large trucks. The rains have made it difficult for the trucks to get to the building site. We are thanking God for the generosity of so many people that allow the building to continue. In the last two months more than \$16,000 has been committed to the building fund, inching closer and closer to the goal. We still need your help! Will you

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prayerfully consider what you can give as a HOPE BUILDER? If 170 people would commit to give \$1,000 then this project is fully funded. We know that not everyone can give \$1,000, but whatever amount you can give makes a huge difference. On the other hand, we know some of you can give much more than \$1,000. Will you join us in giving radically to make room for 143 more children who right now are not eating, going to school, or getting medical care? Your excess will save lives!

Because it matters,
 Vince Smith



From John Banda's Desk

John Banda, Director
Haven of Hope Schools

Welcome to Haven of Hope 2013. Greetings to you all!

The Haven of Hope School did embark on a project to grow crops like Tomatoes, Chinese cabbage, Onion, Maize, Giant Rape and carrots on a small scale. We also embarked on growing Maize and Beans on a large scale. The small-scale project was done by our teachers and their pupils. The essence of doing this was to help students understand how to grow crops for food. This can help students start their own gardens at home to help with food supply. We also embarked on large-scale maize and beans growing projects at the misundu plot where our school is being built.

Preparation of the Land

The first we had to do was preparation of the soil. We bought the necessary tools like axes, folks, hoes, sprayers and other garden tools. Once these were in place we went ahead and started the clearing of grasses that were in the garden, cultivating the land with a hired tractor. The tractor failed to do the job before the land was very slippery and the tractor got stuck so we were forced to use manual labor. The land which needed to be prepared was over 1 hectare.



Planting

We bought seeds for Maize and Beans and made sure we had enough fertilizers for the application during planting. Fertilizers known as D-Compounds which encourage vegetative growing of plants are used either before or during the planting. When applied to the plant the plants will be green but a lack of this fertilizer will be seen by the yellowish color on the plants.

This is what is happening at Haven of Hope School and the harvest will be in June/July 2013. There is still some weeding to be done, application of urea fertilizers and shelling after harvesting.



The Uniform Project

The uniform project is the other project that we embarked on this year and we asked a caretaker at Haven of Hope School in Luanshya to help us with the tailoring of the uniforms for the Luanshya students. In Ndola we asked an organization lead by the physically handicapped to help with the making the uniforms. The Luanshya uniforms are finished and were distributed to the students including brand new shoes. I was not there during the distribution but just the photos can tell the story. The JOY and SMILES on the faces of the students was enough to tell the STORY.



This season comes with it a lot of diseases and we have not been spared as most of our students have been in and out of the hospitals. Your medical support has been very helpful during this time and we appreciate the efforts made by the medical personnel.

We pray that this year will be a year of prosperity for you and your families for the things you do for us here in Zambia. We pray that the Lord will extend your boundaries. Pray for the good health of the students, teachers and my family as well. Pray all projects that God who makes things will make our projects grow.

Teacher Amy

Amy Munn
Haven of Hope Missionary

Although it's been 8 months since I moved to Zambia, I feel like I started a whole new chapter of my adventure this term when I officially became a teacher at HOH: Luanshya. I have 32 students, aged 6-11. 20 of these students are in Grade Two and 12 of them are in Grade One. I can't tell you how completely different my experience with Haven of Hope feels now that I'm a full-time teacher. I have gone from the strange white lady who pops in every few days and sometimes teaches a lesson, to "Teacher!" I am with these students all day, every day, and that's a pretty big deal. No matter where I go or how long I teach, these students will ALWAYS be my first class.

Teaching in Zambia can definitely have its challenges. My students are on a wide range of learning levels, the language barrier can be quite difficult, and the resources are much more limited than in the States. There have been days when I questioned why God gave such a huge responsibility to such an incapable 24-year-old girl. But then He reminds me that He loves these kids more than I can possibly imagine, and for some reason He entrusted them into MY hands. He reminds me that He is with me every step of the way, and all I have to do is lean on Him.

Although I come home exhausted every single day, these past 2 months have been some of the most rewarding of my entire life. I come to school every day and see these students for who they are. They are no longer just "orphans" or "vulnerable children" who need sponsors. They are MY students. Every single day they make me laugh and remind me why I am here. Hearing them pray every morning, for their families and their teachers and their sponsors, fills my heart with joy. The way they have accepted our 5 new students with open arms is a beautiful sight to see. They are so hungry to learn and would rather spend their break time sitting in the classroom reading with me than playing outside. By the grace of God, they are growing and learning in Him and it is such a blessing to be a part of it all.

One of the biggest things that teaching full-time has allowed me to see is the incredible impact our school has on this community.

The first Friday of this term was "opening day," where the caretakers come in to collect their students' report cards. I can't tell you how many of them thanked me for what Haven of Hope is doing for their child. One woman told me how her grandson is the talk of the neighborhood! All of the neighbors brag about "their Ephraim" and how well he is reading. And there are SO many other people who want to be apart of this school. Every day this week there was a new family coming in with 1, 2, or 3 children, looking for openings in our school. It is always difficult to have to tell these families that we just don't have the space right now, but it's such a blessing when you get to say "yes!" Last Friday we had a new mother come in to fill out paperwork for her 6-year-old daughter who joined my class this week. Charity had just brought in the new uniforms and the mother looked at them with worry and asked, "How much do they cost?" I couldn't take my eyes off her face as she heard Charity explain that EVERYTHING for our students, including uniforms, shoes, pencils, books, lunch and medical care is provided by YOU, the sponsors. She was in awe. You can't imagine the joy that comes with giving that kind of life-changing gift to a struggling mother.

Before teaching at Haven of Hope, I think I only understood its impact on a surface level. I knew it was important and that sending \$35 every month was helping a child go to school, but that was all. Now, my view is completely different. I KNOW these kids, and I KNOW the situations that they come from, and I KNOW that without you, these students (and their families) would truly be hopeless. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to be in these children's lives day in and day out, and you are a huge part of that. So, as a teacher who sees the beautiful potential of her 32 students, I just want to say, "Natotela sana!" (Thank you. Very much.)

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



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

Phase Two (Exterior & Structure)

Blockwork	\$25,000
Structure & roof support	\$15,500
Plaster work	\$ 5,100

Total Phase Two: \$45,600

Phase Three (Roof & Interior Structure)

Carpentry & Roof Structure	\$20,500
Roofing Materials	\$12,500
Interior Floors	\$ 2,900
Interior Doors & Hardware	\$ 8,200

Total Phase Three: \$44,100

Final Phase

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

Have you sent it your
pledge card?

It's not too late! Send
it in today!



Progress in Pictures... June 2011 to date



June 2011



June 2011



December 2012
Dedicating the Land



June 2012



June 2012



November 2012



November 2012



December 2012/January 2013



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thank you, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Your support and generosity has been evident! Thank you for all the ways that you look for opportunities and actively choose to support Haven of Hope! Worth mentioning:

- *Thanks to Brian Fowler who organized a Hoss's Steak & Sea House Community Fundraising event for Haven of Hope that netted \$115+ for the building campaign!*
- *Thanks to Matt Sherman who, when asked what kind of beer he wanted after doing a floor installation, said he'd rather have Haven of Hope get a donation instead! Which netted another \$100 for Haven of Hope! Thanks Matt!*

It's in these small ways that Haven of Hope gets what it needs and best of all, God get's the glory!

Financial Goals

Here is an outline of financial goals that Haven of Hope is striving for:

- ❖ We are looking for generous people interested in making a financial commitment toward John Banda's salary. Sponsoring John and his family with an ongoing, monthly amount would allow him to focus completely on the Haven of Hope ministry.
- ❖ Join us in the Building Campaign. Funds raised will finance a permanent school facility in Ndola, Zambia. All donations are tax-deductible.

Upcoming Trips 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?

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