



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

Ndola, Zambia

Big Changes

Vince Smith
Chairman, Haven of Hope Ministries

As you might imagine, the beginning of 2014 has been full of change for all of us at Haven of Hope. Haven of Hope has settled in with the addition of 82 new students to start the New Year. This has required us to hire two new teachers. The rainy season delayed construction work on the new school building in Luanshya so our students had to start the New Year in the old building. The opening of the new building is only days away and our teachers and students can't wait! The school has temporarily gone to morning and afternoon classes in order to accommodate all of the students. Our teachers are worn out but they are thrilled to make room for and provide HOPE for all these new children. Please continue to pray with us for a quick and smooth transition into this new building.

In Ndola, the building project continues. The roof is has been started. We still need an additional \$115,000 to complete the building and only \$22,000 is needed to complete the roof. We are so thankful for the amazing progress that has taken place over the last year, but we'll need to keep asking for your help until the project is complete. Will you please consider how you can help? Two high school students in Collegeville, PA are doing their part by organizing a 5K in their area that will take place on Saturday, April 26. We are so excited about their passion and concern for the students. You can learn more about the 5K in this newsletter. Another example of sacrificial love is our good friend, Martha Bond. Martha turned 91 years old in November. At age 84 Martha was the oldest participant on a Haven of Hope mission trip. She met the children at Haven of Hope and has been an advocate for them ever since. Martha has been writing to her friends asking if they will consider making a donation to help finish the building. Her efforts are paying off as her friends

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continue to give. Will you consider what you can do to help achieve the goal of \$115,000? Every dollar counts!!

In other news, we are excited to announce that our Zambian Director, **John Banda will be travelling to the United States April 24 through May 6. He will be speaking at the annual Fundraising Dinner on Sunday, May 4, 6:00 pm at the Ramada Inn in State College.** You won't want to miss this event as John gives us an update and shares his continued passion and vision for the future of Haven of Hope. We'll be sending you a personal invitation in the weeks ahead, but we hope you will hold the date and consider inviting friends and family to join you for the dinner. In addition, Amy Munn will also be in town for the dinner to share with us.

We are also excited that John and Amy will be attending the National Orphan Summit with us in Chicago during their stay in the US. They have several speaking engagements lined up, but there is room in their schedules if you would be interested in either of them coming to speak to your group or church.

Thanks for your continued partnership!

Because it Matters,

Vince Smith

Many Thanks

*John Banda, Director
Haven of Hope Schools
Ndola & Luanshya, Zambia*

We always thank God for you and all that you continue to do to make our work easy. Truly no man is an island. Walking with you has been exciting, invigorating, refreshing and fascinating. Nelson Mandela said 'No easy walk to freedom' and this could be true without you for this Ministry.

I also want to extend my gratitude to God for my friends in the water company, electrical company, Dr. Bhatt's medical and dental services and government departments who have used their lenience to make doing business affordable for our ministry. While other organizations are paying more than two sponsorships worth (\$70) for their services we have been able to do business with a single sponsorship of \$35. Some of these businessmen were friends at school with me and others I met during the 15 years I have been in ministry. I met these people through God's preparation phase. We are so thankful for their contributions.

Nevertheless, recently the government of the republic of Zambia introduced a policy commanding every school in Zambia to stop using English for instruction in the classroom. The policy commands all schools (public and private) to use the seven local languages for instruction from Grade one to four. The seven languages are Nyanja, Bemba, Tonga, Lunda, Luvale, Kaonde and Lozi. I personally find this move to be so confusing for a country like Zambia with 72 different languages. Technically this does not make sense. The government did not consult with the stakeholders but simply agreed as cabinet to enforce this policy on the future of our dear children. I have visited the office of the Provincial Educational Officer to register my displeasure but I have received no help at all.

The argument they are presenting is that it has been scientifically proven that children learn better in their language. While this may be true, the truth that is not been considered is that our local languages are very limited in terms of vocabulary. We will still have to borrow English words to be able to deliver effectively in math, science, social development studies etc. This government is not ready to negotiate in this area. The sad thing is that this policy is been supported by USAID.

As if the above was not enough, this government signed a statutory instruction putting into effect an act that was fought against with tooth and nails. The NGOs and NPOs challenged the Rupiah Banda's administrative not to put into effect this law and it was so until now. I was called to the office of the community development that has been tasked to re-register all NGOs and NPOs in Zambia. During this meeting, I was told that since most NGOs and NPOs have failed to regulate themselves, government decided to regulate them. Government thinks that most of the NGOs and NPOs are been regulated by their donors and that this is recipe for disaster in a sovereign country. The act is the NGO ACT of 2009.

My observation is that government is afraid of the pressure that civil organizations have been putting on them in regards to governance.

However, the Haven of Hope schools are doing fine and we were proud of our students who sat for the government examinations for the success. All those that sat for the grade seven exams passed with merits and only 7 out 9 students who sat for grade 9 exams did make it to grade 10. Adamson and Aston failed the exams but have been given a second chance and they are now attending a vocational training school together with Justin Chulu. We hope and pray that there will be returns on this investment.

The school in Ndola has come up with teams for the students, they decided to have teams named after minerals. The names of these teams are Diamond, Crystal, Ruby and Jasper. Last Friday the 21st of February 2014 we held an inter-house sport day at Chichetekelo youth project sports grounds. The activities were 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m running; football and Relay. The winners were the Diamonds, second place were Jasper, third place were the Ruby and last but not the least Crystal.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers and we continually remember you before our God and Father.

Blessings to all!

From Teacher Amy

*Amy Munn, Teacher
Haven of Hope Schools, Luanshya*

Happy 2014 to you all! I was very blessed to spend the holidays with my family in the US, but I'm so thankful to be back in Zambia for another year with Haven of Hope. I must admit, this year has started off quite chaotic, but we're starting to get into the groove of things. In Luanshya, we have temporarily split our 79 students into morning/afternoon classes while we eagerly await the move to our new 5-classroom building! The days are definitely long and I'm pretty exhausted by the end, but I think about the fact that we have 30 new students at our school and it makes it all worth it.

I'm overwhelmed with gratitude when I think about all the things God has done through this ministry in the past year. Last year was my first year of full-time teaching, and I remember being SO scared. I had no idea what to expect...no idea if I would even be an effective teacher here in Zambia. Some days it's hard to see the progress that you're making with each individual student, but looking back over an entire year puts things into perspective. I remember praying for one specific student to stop skipping school, and today he is one of my brightest grade 4 boys. He comes to class regularly and has worked extremely hard to improve in reading and math skills.

And then I think about one of my students with the toughest backgrounds. He clearly has a hard time trusting people and has one of the worst tempers I have ever seen. I remember days last year of drawn-out battles resulting in him being sent home early and me feeling utterly defeated. I sit here in tears realizing that today he is somehow one totally different boy. This morning he proudly showed his friends his 100% reading score and politely asked if he could collect the pencils for me. His face lit up when he realized that he would be getting another sticker for good behavior. He has one of the sweetest dispositions of any boy I've ever met and he has an intense desire to learn. These are the transformations that I sometimes fail to see when I forget to look at the big picture.

I also remember speaking at the banquet in April, telling my friends and family that I couldn't stand to look another child in the face and tell them we had no more room at school. I told the story of a boy named George who kept returning to school to see if a spot had opened up. All I kept praying was that God would give us one spot. One more sponsor. One more opportunity. Today, George is the leader of our morning chore duties because he's so incredibly responsible. Last April he couldn't read the word "it" and Tuesday I sat with him while he read me "The Foot Book," by Dr. Seuss. But that's just the beginning. If you had told me at that banquet that we would be adding, not one, but 30 new students within a year, I'm not sure I would have believed you. It would have seemed too good to be true. But I guess that's the kind of God we serve. A God who gives us blessings which are beyond our comprehension.

So yes, my life might be a chaotic mess right now, and our tiny school might be bursting at the seams, but in my eyes, those are just another reminder of how God multiplies the offerings we give to Him.

We are overflowing with God's grace and provision and I am so excited to see what He does for us in 2014. Thank you all so much for being a part of the journey!

Meet The New Teachers!

In December 2013, Haven of Hope School conducted a five days teachers' training. The training was based on the training package that we received from Dr. David Lee, Associate Professor of Special Education & Academic Director, Applied Behavior Analysis Program at the Pennsylvania State University. This training has helped us achieve our mission in educating the students. The training's emphases is on reading (decoding and comprehensive skills) and Delivery in Math. As a result of this training we have successfully prepared our students and they have passed the government examinations with merits. There were 5 teachers who attended the training and 2 have become part of the Haven of Hope School. The two new teachers are Dorcas White Banda and Melody Siame. Welcome to the Haven of Hope family!!



Melody Siame



Dorcas White Banda

C2C4 Jesus!

Haven of Hope is partnering with Penns Valley Family Life Church and we encourage you to pray for this upcoming event C2C4 Jesus (Coast to Coast for Jesus). You can find out more details at their website:

www.c2c4jesus.org

"The number "2" stands for "two of us" that will be biking from Coast to Coast and taking the Gospel with us! The funds raised will go to build an orphanage overseas, dig fresh water wells in villages that have none and to build our Worship Center for Family Life...debt free!"



The Run For Hope

Our friends in Collegeville, PA are hosting a Haven of Hope 5K to raise funds for the building project. Details and registration information is available on our website at: www.havenofhopezambia.org

Come out and join us!

The Run For Hope

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Palmer Park, Skippack Township

2428 Creamery Rd., Skippack, PA

\$25 pre-registration, \$30 day of race
Registration 9:00 am, Race at 10:00am

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	(complete 11/2013)
Total Phase Two:	\$45,600	
 <u>Phase Three (Roof & Interior Structure)</u>		
Carpentry & Roof Structure	\$20,500	(still need \$5500 to complete)
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	

Haven of Hope 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner

Sunday, May 4, 2014

Ramada State College Hotel & Conference Center

6:00-7:30pm

*With honored guest & speaker, John Banda, Director, Haven of Hope Zambia
You can help underwrite the cost of this event by sponsoring a table for \$400.*

Register your attendance today at www.havenofhopezambia.org

Upcoming Trip to Zambia: Join in!!

It's not too late to join this summer's travel team! Come along and experience a joy like no other.
Trip dates: June 22 through July 3.

Contact Marci Bidelspach at:
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