



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

2014 Review

Vince Smith, Chairman

Wow, what a ride it was in 2014! The year started with 90 new students attending Haven of Hope. On our recent Christmas trip we got to witness the amazing power of tangible love towards these children coming from their sponsors! As we celebrated the birth of Jesus with the children they opened their Christmas gifts. It was the first Christmas gift most of the 90 new children had ever received! Oh how I wish you could have been there to experience the joy, excitement, and celebration! It was totally good stuff! And as I looked in the eyes of each of those children I was reminded just how much THEY MATTER! They matter to God and because they matter to God they matter to our sponsors. The gifts, the food, the education, the medical care are a clear expression of the fact that every one of those children matter and I think they know it! Thanks sponsors for making sure they know they matter!

Hope... that's what we want to bring the children and hope is what we see. Working with orphans and vulnerable children in the depths of poverty is a very hard job. It's unpredictable. It comes at a cost. It requires sacrifice from many people. However, as we witness the stories of changed lives I'm reminded why I'll give the rest of my life to connect folks with love and resources to children with love but no resources. It just matters! And I'm moved to tears every single time I reflect on the fact that we get to do this work together! Thanks for caring, sharing, praying, and going!

During 2014 and the first week in January nearly \$54,000 was received in donations towards the Ndola building fund bringing the building closer to completion. Wow! The end of the building project is almost in site! Once all the money is raised and the building is complete, then there will be HOPE of education, meals,

and medical care for 120 additional students! In 2014 Penns Valley Family life also surprised us with a very generous donation that covered the cost of digging a new well for the school!

Also, Beth Hartman officially became the Haven of Hope director in 2014! What a huge blessing! She has a heart for God and a love for the children that we will forever be grateful for at Haven of Hope! She labors endlessly trying to keep all of us pointed in the right direction.

I want to make sure you hear it from us first! We are not a perfect ministry, we learned from a number of mistakes AGAIN in 2014, but we believe our hearts are pointed in the right direction as all of us together bring HOPE to Zambia just as Jesus brought us hope! We want to encourage you to continue praying with us in 2015! Please pray for our leadership teams in the United States and Zambia, please pray for the children, please pray for the resources to serve the orphaned and vulnerable children well, and pray that God will use every one of us to bring His Kingdom to earth.

Thanks for being a part of this important ministry! Because the children matter, you matter, and it just matters that we all roll up our sleeves and do the hard work together!

One last thing... Will you join us for a trip in 2015? In this newsletter you will find more details about how to join a travel team.

Because it Matters ~ Vince Smith

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Seeing What CAN BE...

Amy Munn, Teacher
Haven of Hope Schools, Luanshya

The final term for 2014 was very different from the first two because we switched back to morning and afternoon classes. Since there are only three teachers and six grade levels, we have half the students come in the morning and half in the afternoon. It makes for very long days, but it's much better than last term when we each tried to teach two grades at the same time!

After two and a half years of being here in Zambia, I must admit that some days become commonplace to me. I forget how long I waited and prayed to be doing exactly what I'm doing now. I often take for granted how lucky I am to be serving these children. But God has been reminding me recently. He's been giving me moments of quiet to just sit back and marvel at how far my students have come. How privileged I am to have earned their trust. How blessed I am to be one of the few adults in their lives who show them love and consistency. These days I often find myself just watching them. Intently looking at their smiles, and listening to their laughter. Remembering the first days they came to school, timid and unable to speak a word of English. I am blown away by how much has changed since I first stepped foot in this school. And I am honored to be a part of it.

Today I sat in a room with a ten-year-old girl named Alice who had to drop out of government school two years ago because her family couldn't pay the \$10 a YEAR fees. She stopped in grade three and was now hoping to find a spot at our school. We sat in silence while I asked her to read the word, "it." Then I tried, "go" and "to", but she didn't know those either. She couldn't even write the letters of the alphabet in order. This is a situation I've been in all too many times since arriving in Zambia. Normally my first reaction is just frustration and anger over the state of schools in this country. But today my reaction was different. Today I just said a prayer that this girl's story can end like Rosaria's. Rosaria is a 13-year-old girl who sat in that same seat a year ago. She couldn't read any words, didn't know how to spell her name, had

been left behind. But she sat in that room crying, begging us to give her a spot. And we did. Today she is one of my brightest students and strongest readers in grade two.

The ministry of Haven of Hope is about seeing what CAN be. Looking into the eyes of a child who has all but given up and whispering, "I believe in you." I know that Alice's story is just beginning and I hope that you will pray with me as God restores another child before our very eyes.

Luanshya School Journey

Charity Banda
Zambian Board Member & School Director

When the December travel team was visiting the schools we came across this piece written by Charity Banda who has been serving on the front lines since the beginning of Haven of Hope. We found it encouraging to reflect on how God has moved and provided, and we wanted to share it with you as well.

Haven of Hope Luanshya was opened on September 7, 2009, at house number 3827 Mboya with an initial enrollment of 30 students. However, out of the 30 students, only 15 students from those registered believed in the vision, though not so fully convinced whether the program would be ongoing or if it was simply coming as a mockery to the community and the children. The program proved to be a big challenge to the visionaries and the others charged to educate the parent/guardians to have a positive view and to allow the children the privilege accorded to them without suspicions of any kind. With more information and assurance of the love of Christ for the families, the numbers started increasing and there was need for more space.

In January 2012 the School was moved to a slightly bigger place at house number C45 within the same compound with the number of students increased to 53 yet still with an overwhelming numbers of student names on the waiting list waiting for new enrollment and replacements.

Though with a lot of challenges and short coming of life, opening of a School of this kind in the community

has been a blessing to the pupils in this School as the foundation is laid on the Christian faith and the children are not only blessed with religious knowledge but also physically provided for through medical assistance, school provisions, free education, clothing, meals and above all the love of God.

The year 2013 came as another year of the blessing for the School when a donation was received towards the purchase of the new building at C121 a place the children can now call their own without having to rent and move from one place to the other. The School has been running entirely by God's grace from its inception through donations of various items from numerous sponsors, churches friends and families too numerous to mention by name and coordinated by State College Christian Church.

On April 10, 2014, the School was finally and permanently moved to C121 with a current number of students at 86 and 3 teachers.

Through our desire to impart Christians values and the importance of education, we can proudly attest to the glory of God that most of the children that have been with the School since inception have reformed from violence ,insults and fights through counsel and have fallen in love with School and doing fine academically. Glory be to God as we strive as a team to preach God's love to the children. We seek for more wisdom to forge ahead in this mission. ***God is no respecter of man, who knows we might be raising a future President who will remember how faithful the Lord has been in their life through this project.***

GLORY BE TO THE ALMIGHTY GOD!



New Luanshya School Building

Seeing as Jesus, if Just for a Glimpse

Bethany Hartman, US Director

To say I am blessed to be a part of Haven of Hope is an understatement! I am so honored that God saw me fit, through His strength and guidance, to help lead Haven of Hope forward in 2015. The greatest honor I have is to witness the love of Jesus before my very own eyes, in many ways and at all different times, usually completely unexpected.

Just recently I took my first December trip to Zambia to deliver Christmas gifts. I was looking forward to the excitement of delivering presents to children that have never received a gift like this before. I was so excited to take photos and videos and try to communicate with sponsors and supporters here in the States what the experience was like. However, amidst it all I continually repeated a line from one of my favorite songs "give me your eyes for just one second, give me your eyes so I can see, everything that I have been missing, give me your love for humanity". This is the same song I sang and prayed to when God was calling me out of teaching to serve him full-time. I just want to see past all the clutter of this world and know what it is that God sees, and then have his wisdom to know what to do, and his strength to do it.

On this particular trip I had one of those moments, what I will call an "eye opening God moment". I believe I got to see a glimpse of what Jesus sees. It was the day the children received their gifts. The excitement was amazing, you could feel the anticipation and joy all around. If you have children or have been around children on Christmas morning, multiply that by let's say 100, and you might have an idea. So amidst all the excitement, and the joy we had of giving the gifts, I realized that the children receiving the gifts for the first time were pretty quiet and calm. I realized that they didn't understand it. I could read the expressions on their faces. What was this bag of stuff? Why do I get this bag? What do I do with it? Can I keep it? I immediately thought of the gift of Jesus Christ and his life that he gave for us. The gift of Jesus on his birthday. What a gift that was! So many people that are encountering Jesus for the

first time ask the same thing of him and his gift of eternal life, and peace amidst the storms of this world. What is the Christianity stuff? Why would the gift of Jesus be for me? What do I do with a relationship with Christ? What do I have to do to keep it?

As the children were instructed to open the gifts the new children cautiously opened it, inspecting the contents. When they saw the excitement of the older kids that had gotten gifts before they realized this was theirs, it was personal it was real, and they could keep it. It was the excitement, knowledge and encouraging words of the older kids that moved the younger children to excitement. It was the joy radiating off of the older kids that enabled the younger ones to comprehend that this gift was good, it was their very own gift. Much like our lives as Christians are we sharing the gift of Jesus and encouraging new believers with our excitement and enthusiasm? The gift of Jesus is a pretty incredible gift. He opened my eyes to see as he did at that moment and I could feel him telling me "Beth, do you see the uncertainty in their eyes about the gift they are holding? There are many people in this world, children in the communities where Haven of Hope is serving, that have an uncertainty about me and what I have done for them. It is only through the people that know me and understand the gift that they will ever feel the true excitement of the gift." Wow, what a challenge to share the excitement of the gift, the gift of Jesus Christ. Haven of Hope is doing an amazing job at providing a top-notch education, providing consistent meals, resources for medical provisions, but most importantly the excitement of the love of Jesus Christ.

As we look forward to 2015 we are anticipating a year of exciting things that God has in store for the ministry. He is giving us glimpses of doors that he may open to provide amazing opportunities to reach more children, and to better serve the communities that He has placed us in. However, we know that it can only happen with God moving through people like you. We are all called to do something, and I personally can't thank you enough for your partnership with Haven of Hope.

This year will be another year full of exciting opportunities. If you have some time you are willing to

volunteer for Haven of Hope please let us know. If you feel God nudging you to get more involved don't hesitate a minute longer. *The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. Matthew 9:37* We certainly have a place or way to use your God-given talents to further the work of Haven of Hope. Maybe you are one of the doors God is preparing to open this year to further the joy and excitement of his gift Jesus Christ.
God Bless

SUMMER TRIP

There is a place for everyone on this trip!

Dates:

July 23rd – August 4th 2015

We will be leaving the evening of the July 23rd and returning to State College early in the afternoon of August 4th

Cost:

\$3000 All-Inclusive

\$350 Non-Refundable is DUE FEBRUARY 15th

If there is a big change in plane tickets this may increase. It is important we secure those tickets as soon as possible.

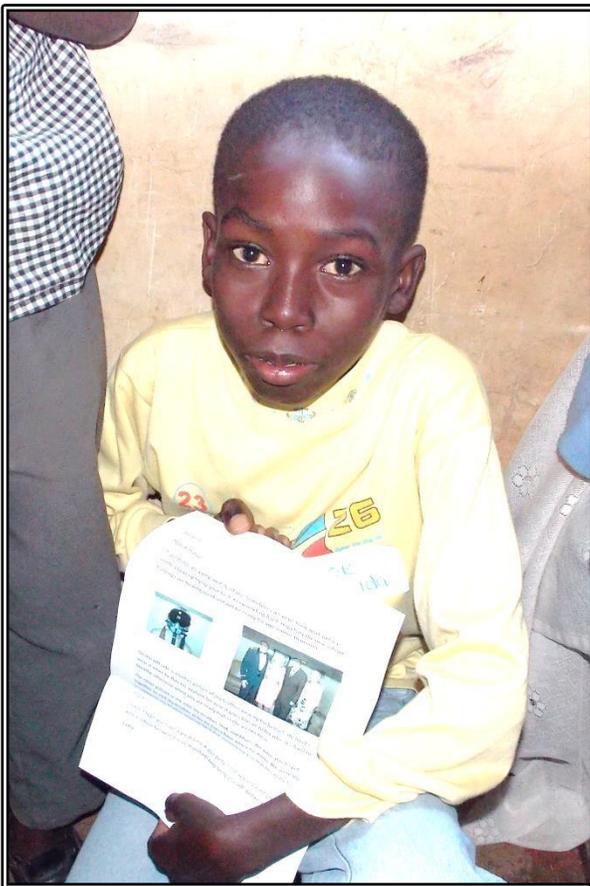
What will we be doing?

We organize the purpose of the trips to best use the skills of the people traveling. Our intention of every trip is to be relational not only with the children and staff at Haven of Hope, but also with the members of the community God has placed us. We are tentatively planning on several days at each school spending time with the kids, visiting homes, and perhaps a community project. Some team members may be providing teacher training, and pastoral training. We will have a clearer picture of this when we see who God places on this particular team.

**JOIN THE TEAM, WE GUARANTEE IT WILL
CHANGE YOUR LIFE!**

In Memory of Víctor Musonda

On September 19th we were informed that one of our Ndola School, Haven of Hope Students, Víctor Musonda, had passed away of Tuberculosis. It is with great sadness that we share this news. However, we are so thankful for his sponsor who provided for Víctor even though it was a shorter time than we all thought. We know that Víctor had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and we look forward to the day when we will see him again, completely healthy. Please lift Víctor's family in prayer as they continue to mourn his passing.



New Ndola School Building Update

Beginning Balance Needed		\$222,000.00
2011 Donations	\$17,961.00	\$204,039.00
2012 Donations	\$19,976.75	\$184,062.25
2013 Donations	\$45,105 + \$9,500 (From UK)	\$129,457.25
2014 Donations	\$44,020.48 There was also a donation this year to completely pay for the well at the new school!	\$85,436.77
January 1 – 15, 2015 Donations	\$9,591.32	\$75,845.45 STILL NEEDED

God is moving in incredible ways to get this new building completed! We are down to the last \$75,845.45 and we are excited to see how God will provide this to reach an additional 120 children!

**HELP
NEEDED!**

COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015
5th Annual Spring Fundraising Dinner

We will be hosting the event in the
Grand Ballroom at the Ramada Inn Conference Center, State College

In 2014 God provided in amazing ways and this one event provided a large portion of our General Fund Budget. The General Fund is what pays for our expenses and operations in the United States. We are looking for people willing to serve on this team and help make it a success again this year.

If you are willing and able to help in any way please email
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