

We're COMMITTED

TO FEEDING ZAMBIA'S ORPHANS



Steve Sumrall, president of Feeding The Nations (FTN), and Randy Souza, director, spent a week in Lusaka, Zambia where they helped distribute 60 tons of food to 15 Christian orphanages and schools. What did they find? In one orphanage they found a little boy who took them to his makeshift home—a tent where his mother spends her entire day and night because she cannot walk. She sits in her sweltering shelter where indoor temperatures exceed 110 F, while her son is tasked with the responsibility to find food for both of them. He attends school to receive his two meals a day supplied by FTN, but by going there, he risks not having time to find food for his mother as well.

Touched by the story of this boy and many others, FTN has committed to supporting the outreach for another year. For the last two years, FTN has provided over 4,000 orphans and other vulnerable children with two meals a day. With three phases of the mission now completed, the organization has given a total of 200 tons of food, Bibles and supplies worth \$4 million. But the mission must continue.

Pastor Steve and Randy saw firsthand just how real the need is. The children spend their days learning in cramped classrooms with no electricity, windows, lighting or running water. Often up to 60 children sit shoulder-to-shoulder on the dirty concrete classroom floors, yet without the schools and orphanages, most children would not receive consistent nourishment and education.

To continue this outreach program, and cover the costs of food, supplies and distribution, we need your help. With gas prices at \$13 per gallon in Zambia, every penny helps ensure these 4,000 orphans and vulnerable children will receive the nourishment they need. Please consider how you might help reach these children with Christ's love. In the meantime, read more real-life stories from children in Zambia on the next page.



Zambia's Stories

When Pastor Steve and Randy visited Zambia, they did more than just hand out food; they experienced the lives of so many hurting children. These real-life stories and many more touched them deeply and created an urgent desire to continue supporting these 4,000 orphans and other vulnerable children with two meals a day for another year.

Alice Kazembe, age 14

Alice lost both her parents due to HIV/Aids and is afflicted with sickle cell anemia. She has six brother and sisters who had nowhere to go but to move in with their grandparents. They don't have the money to take in six children, but if they don't, all the children will have to live on the streets. Alice attends Lusungu Community School where she and her siblings receive what might be their only food for the day.

Aineli Zulu, age 13, and Miso Zulu, age 8

Aineli and Miso's mother passed away in October 2007 of Malaria. When asked about their dad, they stated he was also dead, but did not know the year he died and from what causes. They live with their grandparents who have no income, so the girls depend on the Lusungu Community School to feed them each day. On the weekends the school is closed, making finding food a great problem. They are always very excited to have the school open on Monday so they can eat properly.

Lusungu Community School

The school feeds 120 children each day. This facility has no electricity, no running water and no desks. Children sit on the hard concrete floor and have no schoolbooks. The school is perpetually behind on their rent. They try to collect at least 50 cents to a dollar per month from each child, but many times they don't even receive a nickel from the child. Yet, they can never say no to help teach and feed them.

Twambo, age 4

When Twambo was only a baby, she was found tossed into a bathroom hole pit. She does not know who her parents are or if they are alive. The police dropped her off at Shalom Christian School and asked if they could take care of her. Now at 4 years old, she depends on the school's Christian training and food to survive.

Chola Koni, age 7

Chola's father died of Aids. She now lives with her mother, two sisters and one brother. Her mother stays home to take care of her sisters, so she is unable to work. Chola attends Lusungu Community School where she gratefully receives two meals a day.

Simon Mumba, age 10

Simon is the only child of a disabled mother who is a widow at the young age of 29. She lives in a tent donated by the Red Cross in a tent village. They have no income, no electric and no running water. Simon is in the third grade at the Luminary Foundation. According to his age, he should be in the fifth grade, but his education has been delayed because he has been responsible for taking care of his mother who is on crutches and can barely stand, let alone work. He tries to get to school because that is where he can be fed, but he has to collect pieces of charcoal from old fire pits around the village and bring them to his mother to cook any food he might possibly find as well. As FTN entered their tent, the temperature outside was about 102 F. Inside the heat was overwhelming and estimated to be between 110 F to 115 F, thanks to no windows or air circulation. Simon's mother stays inside the tent seven days a week. Her only possessions are some small cooking pots and a kid's plastic chair. FTN gave her and Simon two large bags of food and personal hygiene items, plus three blankets. We prayed for her healing and provision, and then continued providing food and supplies to each tent where every family had their own tragic story of despair.

Fostina Mwale, age 9

Fostina is a double orphan who lives with her grandparents, while attending Luminary Foundation. She is on ARVs drugs because she is HIV positive, just as her parents were. There is no breakfast at home and rarely a lunch. The grandparents thanked FTN for providing food to the school. In their household there are 17 people—seven are double orphans and three go to the Luminary school. As a security guard, Fostina's grandfather makes \$25 per week. This income does not even come close to what is needed for all the children they have taken in off the streets, plus their own family members.



Alice



Aineli & Miso



Twambo



Chola



Simon



Fostina

Providing Beds

Several of the orphanages that FTN is helping do have limited beds so some of the children can have a place to sleep at night. Having a child sleep on the streets is very dangerous and it opens them up to prostitution. With the heavy rain season approaching, it will be very cold and wet if the children have to sleep outside, as nighttime temperatures fall greatly.

Living in Zambia

Several of the facilities FTN visited had only one bathroom for 300 to 400 children, and that was a mere pit outside. Water had to be brought in by drums or buckets. Cooking is always a problem for the children as everything is cooked over an open fire, and finding or affording wood charcoal is yet another expense. When FTN visited Zambia in September and October, gasoline was \$13 per gallon.



Below is a list of the 15 Christian schools and orphanages that FTN has committed to providing two meals a day for the 4,000 children they care for:

Shalom Christian School
Chindoki NDI Kusunga Love and Care
Ipusukilo Community School
Maureen Mwanawasa Community Initiative
Luminary Foundation
Tasha Orphanage
Jesus Cares Ministries
Avilla Orphanage
Kalingalinga Orphanage
Lazarus Projects
Matthew 25 Ministries
CBTO-Kamanga
Messianic Zambia Centre - Jerome Fleischer School
Lusungu Community School
Missions Touch Ministries Outreach



Post-Quake Supplies Reach China

On May 12, China experienced a devastating earthquake that left more than 69,197 dead, 18,222 missing, 5 million homeless and in need of medical care, food, shelter and clothing. FTN gave over \$31,220 to World Children's Fund to provide emergency relief supplies and food. The assistance helped supply 330,000 nutritional hot meals, tents, blankets, first aid kits, medicines and bottled water. World Children's Fund thanked FTN by saying, "Your humanitarian concern for precious, needy children touches our hearts; and we want to let you know how deeply we appreciate your benevolent contribution."



Clean Water Washes Over Myanmar

A deadly cyclone hit Myanmar May 3, leaving the people of the Irrawaddy Division in desperate need of basic essentials such as clean drinking water. Thanks to your support, FTN blessed the region with eight Vortex® Voyager water purification systems that clean up to 200 gallons of water per hour or 4,800 gallons per day, with all eight in operation. The purification systems reached Myanmar in July and have been providing life-saving water ever since.



Haitian Children Receive Nourishment

Because of your generosity, FTN was able to send 53 tons of food to bless 1,500 kids with meals for two months. Fishers of Men Ministries and Word of Life Church thanked FTN for the provisions, saying that rising food prices have strained many Haitian budgets, making such generosity an absolute blessing.



Food and Salvation Bless Nicaragua

FTN joined with Kids Against Hunger to help feed over 183,000 hungry people in Nicaragua. Because of the ministry, 124,000 people gave their lives to Christ. FTN received a thank you note from Brother Ben Butler, director of Way of the Cross International, saying, "The people were very blessed to receive the food and it was very easy for us to distribute, and very much needed, as food prices in Nicaragua have continuously gone up since the new government. We preached the Gospel message and I can assure you that every family that received the food also heard the Gospel message."



THE President's COLUMN



Dear Friend,

In John 15:15 Jesus said, "I call you no servants... but I have called you friend."

Sometimes we take friendships too lightly. We casually call everyone a friend or we say we love everybody. In today's society the words seem empty and shallow because they have no weight to them, no depth.

The Word of God tells us "Jesus is a friend that sticks close than a brother." That's strong! That statement generates confidence.

People who are at risk and the innocent children of the world need a friend. It is good that they have Jesus, but how about you? You are the hands and feet of Jesus on the earth. How do you demonstrate that?

I need you my friend, to reach out to those you will never see on this earth and speak with your giving, "God loves you and I bless you in Jesus' Name." Pray about giving in the Name of the Lord to the forgotten.

Will you help me be a friend to the poor and those in desperate need? Give a one time gift; or it would be great if you would figure into your monthly budget \$20.00 or more regularly. Together we can be a friend to many, and a powerful example of His love to the hurting of this generation.

Steve Sumrell

President