

## A FEW SIMPLE WORDS

## BRIGHT HOPE NEWS



I have just spent three weeks travelling around Zambia to visit Bright Hope World partners. As usual, the trip has been full of ups and downs, but it seems that 'panono panono' (Bemba for 'slowly slowly') things are changing, and these exceptional people are bringing some of God's kingdom here now. In talking with our partners, they said some things that really hit me. Here are some of them:

*"We will not leave this place as we found it"* - **Ukusenaminwa Child Foundation**

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Roy and Sarah look after 47 deaf and vulnerable children in their three-bedroom house. They have also been running a sports ministry with the local village youth who come to play football and participate in devotions three times a week. The young people decided that once a month they would not play football, but go into the village to find people they could help - such as the elderly - and clean houses, cook meals and talk with them. The football players have really enjoyed this act of giving, and that's where the phrase came from: they are determined to make a difference.

*"We cry out, hunger no more"* - **Chaba Christian Care Group**

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Peter and Judas Bobo have been training farmers and running a loan programme since 2010 in the area. There are now 330 people who have been impacted by the programme, increasing yields and empowering people to feed and educate their families. We saw many people who have moved from struggling to eat one meal every two days, to eating three meals a day and sending all their children to school.

*"There are many, but we can only help those God puts in front of us"* - **CORAC**

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Barnabas coordinates the family empowerment programme in Chingola. We accompanied him to visit a lady who has four of her grandchildren living with her as her own children have passed away. They live in a small shack with a fabric door. Two of the young girls have gotten pregnant. Each hoped the boy would look after them if they got pregnant, but in both cases the boys have gone. It is very hard to describe what it felt like to be in their house. Hopeless might be the best word, but Barnabas says there are so many more than this.

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As you may have noticed, we have changed the look of our newsletter. If you visit our website, you'll notice we've made quite a few changes to it as well.

All of this - and quite a few other things still to come - are part of our new communications strategy.

We want to do better at telling the stories of our partners. So often, the suffering of the poorest of the poor is in silence. Our goal is to make people aware of the challenges faced by these people, as well as the work being done by our partners to address these challenges.

Part of this strategy is to collect the stories of all our partners and share them with the world. We want people to know who these wonderful people are, and provide the opportunity to invest in the work God has given them to do. The first of these is live on our website already, and the link to the story is at the end of the newsletter.

We plan to add another story every month or so, so bookmark our stories page and come back often!

You will notice, as well, that our main article this month covers almost the whole newsletter. This is just a one-off - we felt that the words Jerry was sharing needed to be heard in their entirety and not edited - we hope you enjoy them!



*"Just give thanks, if for good or for bad, just give thanks"* - **Chifundo Orphan Care**

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Rosemary is the widow of our partner Lonard Daka who, sadly, passed away a few years ago. Yet, the work continues, and Rosemary and her son Stephen still look after the orphan programme and empower families through farming and livestock. But it is very difficult work. The last few years have seen little rain in the area, so growing crops is very hard. This year they had a flood which totally destroyed all the cotton and some of the maize Rosemary carefully planted. Yet, in the middle of such discouragement, they continue to give thanks and trust in God.

*"If they are suffering, I should share in their suffering"* - **Patience Child Care**

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Doris runs a partnership for vulnerable orphans and families in the city of Ndola. She has a big heart focused on the young people in the area who cannot go to school. Doris, herself, only reached grade nine but was thankful to be able to read and write. She is adamant that, with so many children suffering, she must help them no matter the cost. Doris is ever thankful for the blessings in her life and wants to share that love with others. She does not live 'at arm's length', but is absolutely willing to struggle shoulder to shoulder with the people she is helping.

So, my question to myself is, what is my catch phrase? How about yours?

*Jerry Field*  
Zambia Partnership Facilitator

1. Pray for the partners in Zambia, who all face different challenges, but are working in very difficult circumstances.
2. Pray for Jerry, who is still travelling in Zambia. Jerry and Hayley look after many partners in very hard places. Please pray for wisdom and God's guidance.
3. Pray for the people of Mozambique who are suffering due to almost unprecedented flooding in much of the country. Thousands of people are homeless and cholera is hitting the region hard.
4. Please pray for our partnership facilitators Gordon and Barbara Stewart. Barbara has been very sick and faced major surgery. She is recovering well, but it has certainly taken a toll. Please pray for a speedy recovery and returned strength and stamina.

