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Besides a rich and flavourful cup of coffee there is much more to our product. In today's marketplace where people are concerned about ethics and justice for the poor, we are offering a product that will give 100% of all profits to further the work of Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry. This will enable Seeds of Hope to care for more children, start new projects, increase their school projects, give better wages to their teachers and staff. This project will create employment for hundreds of people and give them a fair wage for their labour. In addition, it has the potential for creating a new market for local farmers and increasing their standard of living as well as boost the local economy for the whole community.

Seeds of Hope Coffee Mission Statement

To provide coffee rich with flavour and aroma that is enjoyable while at the same time giving people the opportunity to assist children and their communities who are living in destitute conditions.

saving the lives of children, building hope in communities, restoring families, providing education, providing medical care

Seeds of Hope Coffee ~ have another cup!



To order your coffee please go to: www.seedsofhopecoffee.com or call our office for details on how to order coffee for individual use, for your office or how you can use our coffee for your fund-raiser events.

Upcoming events



This year our 16th Annual Mother's Day Brunch is on: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church 32840 Janzen Avenue, Mission City, BC Invite your friends and come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and hear what is happening at our projects. Child care provided. This year our special speaker will be Susan Chalkias .



We are moving our office on May 1st. We need volunteers to help us move. Please phone our office if you can help: (604) 870 - 4810

We will be having an open house and art show on May 25th. Please come and visit, have a cup of coffee and see our excellent collection of Asian and African art. Many pieces will be available to purchase. Hope to see you there!

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Our current needs:

- ✍ • Ongoing funding needs for Buseko Children's Home and Grace Academy in Zambia.
- ✍ Funding for the building project at Grace Academy.
- ✍ •We have numerous children needing sponsors in Zambia and in Myanmar.
- ✍ • Grace 2 Grace - school support in local shanty.
- ✍ • "Widow's Jar Fund".
- ✍ • Please visit our web site at: www.seedsofhopecm.com to view our urgent needs.
- ✍ We are collecting Lego, children's life jackets, single and double sheets and Nintendo DS and games.

Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

In Canada please make cheques to:

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Mission, BC V2V 4L1

Or in the USA

Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry USA

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Mission Statement

Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry is committed to serving Jesus Christ. Our mission is to help orphans and the less fortunate around the world by sharing God's love and what He has blessed us with. We have a particular call in the area of caring for children who are either infected or affected with HIV/AIDS



You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed... Psalm 10:17

Saving Anderson by John Chalkias, Ex Director

Dear friends,
Over the years I have had the privilege of writing stories of triumph and victories in the lives of children and people coming out of destitute conditions - this is one of those stories.

Last October I was asked by members of **Mission Medicare** to go with them to an isolated area to visit a boy named Anderson who was in need of medical care. **Mission Medicare** is an organization we network with in Zambia. They fly into remote areas with teams of volunteer doctors and medical personnel who treat people who otherwise



have no access to medical help. Four of our children have been rescued by **Mission Medicare** during their clinics because of abuse or abandonment and brought to us.

Our friends at **Mission Medicare** wanted me to meet a boy named Anderson suffering from what they thought was elephant feet (elephantiasis). He had been staying at the village hospital for years but

nothing had been done to treat him. It was one of my most interesting experiences in all the



Our welcoming committee

years I have been working in Zambia as we flew in a little Cessna (that was missing many of its instruments) to a remote area in Zambia. The landing strip was a dirt road that required the pilot to do a flyby to insure there were no animals on the road. We were met by dozens of children excitedly welcoming us. We were then whisked off in a 4x4 ambulance to the local school and hospital for handicapped children. When I say hospital, I know what comes to your mind ... a place of healing, professional medical care,



Hospital kitchen

medication, cleanliness ... but this is a place of extreme poverty that lacked the most basic resources. After the tour I was taken to meet the "mission" ... Anderson. He was brought to me and as he came forward I could see the strain on his face and the labour it took to just lift his heavy clumsy feet. He would not even look at me because of his embarrassment of his disfigurement. I was told that he was promised years ago by another ...

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organization that they would help him but nothing had been done. His condition was worsening, his legs were also beginning to swell and he was in a lot of pain. I put my hand on his shoulder to pray for him but there was no way I was going to make any promises. I've never seen anything like this before and it broke my heart to see this gentle boy suffering like this. We admitted him to Grace Academy and I must say, I am so proud of all our kids and staff who embraced Anderson and welcomed him so warmly. We then started to seek medical help at the local hospitals in Ndola and finally hospitals in the capital, Lusaka, where he stayed for over a month for a battery of tests. However, a full diagnosis had not been made due to the extreme lack of medical care and expertise in that country. Physicians there came to the conclusion to amputate both legs above the knee for lack of a better cure. This would not only leave him disabled in a country that has no support, but may threaten his life due to lack of post op care.

However, during this time we had been talking to **OMNI Missions**, a medical charitable organization in the USA for advice. (**OMNI Missions** also have projects in Zambia) They have been amazing in offering to treat Anderson and care for his needs in the USA. Through a series of events we obtained his passport and visa. **OMNI Missions** have put together a medical team of doctors and medical personnel including a renowned orthopedic surgeon who will save his legs and give this boy who has suffered for so long a new life.

When I arrived in Zambia with my team in February, Anderson was happy to see me. However, I could tell he was not excited or had his hopes about anything being done for his feet. After all, he spent ten years in a hospital waiting for something to happen. Even after he came to Grace Academy, we sent him from one hospital to another with no progress. The swelling had now begun to go up his right leg dislocating his knee, making it extremely painful to walk. He started agreeing with the doctors and began asking to get his legs amputated. When I mentioned to him that I was working on his visa to go to the USA, he smiled but I could tell he was not getting his hopes up too much. I was glad because at that point I was not sure if the visa would be granted. He was very happy to go to the capital to our appointment at the US embassy. The embassy staff were very kind and professional, all the documents were in order and at the end of the interview his visa was granted. When we walked outside I noticed that his eyes lit up with anticipation and he said; "I don't understand, are we going to South America or North America?" I had to laugh at his sweet ignorance, he had no idea where he was going.

Then six days later we left Grace Academy at 4 in the morning. Anderson had his bags packed and was practically bursting with excitement. He travelled well with all the long flights from Africa and is now in Virginia. It was his first time in large air planes and airports. His first look at America was our overnight stay in

Atlanta. Beginning with going through the world's busiest airport, going on the train to the baggage terminal and then travelling the major highway to the hotel. He was overwhelmed by how fast people were walking and talking and moving. His eyes were wide open with wonder, amazement and even fear. It was like he was on a different planet, so far away from his little village in Zambia. The next day we arrived in Roanoke, Virginia where he would be staying with the ReMine family. As we



Pictured in photo from left to right: John Chalkias, Memory ReMine, Karen ReMine, OMNI President, Gil Harrington, Kerris Mwitanti, Elijah Mwitanti, executive OMNI board, Bill Jacobsen, VP of OMNI. Front: Anderson Mambwe.

entered the arrival terminal, he was being pushed in a wheelchair by an airport attendant. I kept looking at the expression on his face, wondering what he was thinking. I guess it finally dawned on him that he had arrived and he will be staying with strangers in a strange place - I could only imagine what was going through his head. He had no idea what to expect and I can see the anxiety in his face. But as we entered the arrival hall, we were met by the ReMine family and their friends and the board of **Omni Missions**. They had a large banner with American flags welcoming Anderson. It was such a warm welcome but what put it over the top was when their pastor, Elijah and his wife greeted Anderson in his language. Later at the ReMine home, their son who had a club foot encouraged Anderson by saying the same doctor who helped him would be treating him as well. He then took off his shoe and sock to show him how well his foot is. By the time I left Anderson the next day he was very secure and happy with his host family. Thank you ReMine family and all at **Omni Missions** for the warm welcome and love shown to him. His doctor is saying that he will go from a size 17 shoe to size 10! We are very excited about what this means for his life and his future! However, we have not been able to get a hospital to donate an operating room. So we need to raise a significant amount to cover this cost. In addition we will have lab costs, xrays, MRI, CT scans and medications. We are making an **urgent appeal** to our friends and donors to help us at this time.

If you wish to donate towards his care please mark your gift "Anderson Medical." Thank you in advance for your generous help and for your continued prayers.

"Widows Jar Fund"

The "Widow's Jar" is a fund we have to meet the most urgent needs of widows caring for their sick children. These women are living in destitute conditions and without assistance, the survival of their children is at risk. This fund also assists grandmothers who are left to raise several orphaned grandchildren. Having no income, these women are in desperate need.

We also use the "Widow's Jar" fund to assist with emergency medical needs of children. One example is Maureen, an eight year old girl who was severely burned on her face, neck and arms. The Widow's Jar Fund provided all her medications and arranged to have several plastic surgeries for her. To help children like Maureen and Anderson, please mark your gift "Widows Jar" to help widows and children in emergency situations.

Building update ~ Giving children a bright future through education.

The high school at Grace Academy is now complete and scheduled to open for high school classes in January 2013 (we are currently using the building for grade 6, 7 and 8 classes)



Computer lab at Grace Academy

Thank you to all who provided needed funds, the builders who came and worked so diligently side by side with our Zambian builders and all who stood by us with all the delays. THIS IS GOING TO BE AN INCREDIBLE SCHOOL!



Home economics classroom



Our new science lab



The new Buseko Home now has a roof and we have begun the finishing process