

# Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries



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## A Seed Falling to the Ground

A seed is useless unless it's in the ground where it can bear fruit. By God's grace, it will yield an abundant harvest. The 2013 November mission trip was a time of much planting. Many, many thanks to those that helped so generously with donations. The Cake Auction hosted by City Church raised \$3200. This money was used in many ways to bless the orphans in the Chilleleko & Mbuya Nehanda Children's homes. On this mission trip, Stephen DiLeo and Greg Adams accomplished much at the Chileleko Home. They created a play area (tire swing & slide), bought and installed an irrigation system for the Chileleko gardens, rebuilt an overgrown greenhouse so that the gardens will be fruitful year round, bought layer and broiler chickens for the home, & purchased/installed a new washing machine. The layer and broiler chickens, as well as the crops grown in the gardens, are used both to feed the children of the home and produce revenue.

Christmas parties, with Christmas gift bags for each child, were held at both the Chileleko Home and the Mbuya Nehanda Home. The trip, though exhausting, was fruitful and exhilarating. Thank you!



*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." -James 1:27*





*The well pump donated by Stephen DiLeo*



*All the irrigation lines were removed by hand & brought to the Habitation of Hope farm.*



*Habitation of Hope plant nursery*

## Mbuya Nehanda Closing

As of January 1, 2014

Both the staff and children of the Mbuya Nehanda Children's Home had heavy hearts with the decision of the owners to close the home and re-open it as a boarding school. Through the intervention of the Social Services Department in Zimbabwe, the children in the home were placed in other facilities. The final Christmas party for the home this year, which was hosted by Jonathan's Impact, was bittersweet for everyone. The children received their cookies, bibles, and Christmas bags from the Jonathan's Impact missionaries. Greg Adams used the EvangeCube to share the gospel and encouraging words were spoken to the children by the board members, missionaries, and Pastor Frances. The board members expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Jonathan's Impact team for its support from 2005 – 2013.

Thankfully, many of the donated improvements to the home by Jonathan's Impact were recovered by the mission team and transported to other locations so that orphans will continue to be served with these donations. The well pump which was donated by the DiLeo's in 2005 and the underground irrigation system which was installed in 2009 through the Make-A-Wish Foundation were painstakingly retrieved through the combined efforts of the Jonathan's Impact team, members of Hands of Hope, and Global Life Foundation pastors. It was then transported to Habitation of Hope, where it will now be used to irrigate crops that will help feed the children of all the Hands of Hope homes in Zimbabwe. The donated clothing, library books, and den furniture were transferred to the Chileleko Home.

Not only are we helping orphans with your support, as Christ has directed us to do, we are sharing and showing them His love by our actions. Without God, we can do nothing.



## Child Sponsorship Program

We are excited to announce that we are beginning a child sponsorship program to provide for the needs of the children of the Chileleko Home on a long term basis. One advantage of sponsoring a child in this home, in contrast with other programs, is the personal nature of this program. We have ongoing mission trips to this home; you may join these trips and get to know your child personally, if you choose to do so. You may also write your child via email, through the home director. If you are already supporting the ministry, you may choose to designate your money toward the support of one child or you may continue providing support without participating in the sponsorship program. Any support that is offered is greatly needed and appreciated.

The cost of supporting each child monthly is approximately \$200. The \$200 a month covers all of the child's expenses, including a portion of the operating costs of the home. If you would like to view the Chileleko Home budget, please contact Cassy DiLeo via phone (985-273-1193) or e-mail. Sponsorships are available in \$25 a month increments, so that you may choose to support your child partially or completely, depending upon your financial capability. A child may have one sponsor or as many as eight sponsors.

You will soon receive notification of the children who are available for sponsorship, with a brief biography of each child. We are also revising our website to include the child sponsorship program and the closing of the Mbuya Nehanda Children's Home. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

*\*Jonathan's Impact is a division of In His Steps Missions, a registered 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax-deductible.*



*Alla Zuze*



*Bright White*

***These are just two of the twelve children at the Chileleko Children's Home***

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