

# *Jonathan's Impact Orphan Ministries*

March 2022 Newsletter

## *Shammah House Fraud*

It is with great sadness that we must report that Pastor Abel Malate, who came highly recommended from Hands of Hope Africa and was serving as Home Director of Shammah House, was discovered to have been committing fraud for quite some time. As related to Jonathan's Impact, Abel submitted duplicate charges for school fees (billing more than one ministry for the same school fees), and actually submitted invoices for schools and training centers that did not exist. The invoices came with water marks and bursar's stamps, and looked quite legitimate. For 2021 there were 5 residents who we were assisting via an Aging Out program. The 5 residents (actually 4, because one resident did not exist) were theoretically attending a beauty school, a computer science school, a hospitality program course, and 2 who were going to heavy machinery training. None of the schools existed. 2 laptops were also purchased that were never delivered to the residents. The fraudulent activity occurred in 2020 and 2021, and regarding Jonathan's Impact totaled about \$13,500. Please know that funds for 2022 had been allocated but not released.

Abel has met with our Africa team and a lawyer, and in lieu of formal charges being brought has signed a legally binding agreement to make restitution of all fees at a rate of \$500 per month. These funds will be funneled through the board of Hands of Hope Africa and will then be used to fund the Shammah House, which of course is under new direction. Should restitution not be made as agreed formal charges will be filed.

The entire process of validating expenses has been upgraded, with Lucia Dandahuni (Home Director of Chileleko Home) playing a role in verifying the validity of all schools and fee schedules. Lucia is visiting officials at each school and meeting personally with administrators to verify the accuracy of enrollments and fees.

Stephen and Cassy DiLeo have been involved in orphan support since 2003, and have seen first hand that deception is not unusual in an impoverished country. It's still shocking to see someone with the title "Pastor" defraud orphans of such rare opportunities. Although the 4 residents who aged out are no longer at the home, we are assessing their desire to actually attend training/schooling in fields of their interest. We are working in collaboration with the new Home Directors to continue a verified Aging Out Program for these and future residents.

As I stated earlier Hands of Hope truly believed in the sincerity of Abel as a Home Director - all processes involving fund allocations are being reviewed as a result of this fraud.

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## *CHILELEKO HOME EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT*

Conald Dandahuni, the husband of home director Lucia Dandahuni, recently left his job of 27 years as a personnel manager to become the full-time gardener at Chileleleko. Lucia wrote this about Conald's major career move:

"It was a huge transition to start working at the home fulltime. It was not easy for him at first, but he adjusted in good time. We have the best gardener we have ever had. We have a huge supply of vegetables and selling excess. We managed to plant three times in one cropping season. We harvested a lot of beans enough for one year. At the moment, we have butternuts and tomatoes in the garden. He does not do it alone; we have our guard who doubles as a second hand in the garden. He sweeps the whole yard and any other chores assigned. We thank God for Conald. Our children are more disciplined, and the boys are learning gardening."

We are also grateful for Conald and his willingness to work wholeheartedly to provide for the orphans of Chileleko.

## *CHILELEKO HOME CHILD SPOTLIGHT*

Vimbayi Machaka is a 14-year-old girl who came to the home 3 years ago. She is a survivor of all forms of abuse. She had never gone to school prior to her admittance at our home. As a result, she did grade 1 and 2 in one year, grade 3 in one year because of lockdown, and now she is doing grade 4 and 5 this year. She is completing her junior school next year. We want to thank God because she is a brilliant student; otherwise, she could not have pulled it off. She is maturing into a young lady, and she has grown quieter than normal. She relates well with other children and participates in all chores in the house. She is more of a book worm.

By Lucia Dandahuni

## Examples of Fraudulent Receipts submitted by Abel

