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A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM by Mike Jones

We started doing orphanages years ago when HIV and AIDS almost wiped out a generation of people that were around my age at the time. Africa had a different type of HIV than America. We could have been the one's dying; because all of us somewhere in our past have been guilty of sin (All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23). Old grandmothers after church would bring to me sickly looking children, parents dead from HIV, asking me to take them. The relatives dearly loved the children, but saw nothing but misery and death if the children stayed with them.

By the grace of God, and many miracles, we were able to take many of these orphaned children and provide total care, as if they were of our flesh and blood.



Imagine being an orphaned child, with no one willing or able to take you, finding yourself living better than the king (Chief), with plenty of food, shelter, and clothing? Children that had no one grow up with two families, their natural relatives and the orphanage family.

We go to where the orphan is staying and confirm the conditions before taking the child into our care. On most of these visits we discerned the relatives were able to keep and care for the child if they had help with sending them to school. Until this year, school students/pupils had

to pay school fees and for uniforms and various other expenses (no more school fees this year). We began school sponsorship for the orphans that could remain with their relatives.

Over the years, the number of orphans able to stay with relatives instead of going to the orphanages because of sponsorship has grown into literally hundreds. Global Orphan Relief has stepped in to sponsor the orphans we have been asked by their relatives to take. This is only the beginning of the story.



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These sponsored orphans, “youths” as they are called here, we require they fully participate in church activities. I’ve never needed to check and see if they actually participate. I believed they would grow up living the good life in Christ. I wasn’t expecting them to take over! Orphans have become the energy of the churches! One of them, Brian, is never asked to pray publicly in church, because he will keep praying until the pastor stops him. Another, Joseph, is teaching the youth and sometimes plays the keyboard. The sponsored orphans are the singers and worship leaders, the teachers, and the general workers in the churches.

It’s not only in church. They witness in school and bring other young people to church. The pastors are thanking me and announcing in their churches, “The school sponsorship program is growing our church.” The devil tried to destroy nations with HIV. But the devil lost, because the orphans left behind are spreading the Good News of Salvation through Christ Jesus.



God has answered our prayer in a big way. For our partners praying with us, because you prayed, Zambians should eat well this year. We minister for the Lord through trials and struggles, as you do (probably more), while walking in tremendous blessings, like the school sponsorship, and the orphanages, and the Bible School (MOT-MOT), and churches planted, etc.. Your seeds spiritually sown in financial support of this ministry are producing much fruit. Remain Faithful

The rains this season started early, and then stopped for about a month. People everywhere were earnestly praying for rain desperately needed to keep food on the table. When the rains came back, it was in abundance. Some days I feel like a canoe would be better transport. No one is complaining because



Prayer

For sponsorship to take schools for Christ.
 For God’s hand over ministry, coming USA trip.
 For receiving a 10 week old baby girl, Isabel.

Praises

For our sponsored school students.
 For great work while Jamie’s family here.
 For protection thru auto accident and provision.

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