

## Child Rescue

*In honor of those children who live only days, or hours, and in celebration of those who will live a full life, may our ministry to "the littlest of these" be to His Glory.*



### Bill and Bette Bryant Home

The Bill and Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery, located deep within one of the poorest shanty communities of Lusaka, is an oasis of hope. As many as eighteen toddlers fill the house with activity. The Nursery is a safe home, saturated with love, prayer and tender care, where young children can begin the process of healing. The children arrive sick, scared and alone. They leave well and with a future full of promise.

Opened in November of 2003 to minister to toddlers, ages 2 - 4, this home is named in honor of Dr. Bill Bryant, the founding director of The Outreach Foundation.

During 2007, Bill and Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery cared for 39 boys and girls while our social welfare office worked to find families and homes for these children. 9 of our Bill and Bette children were welcomed into the homes of relatives, 3 were adopted and 8 were transferred to permanent group homes.



### House of Moses

Responding to the most vulnerable children, the House of Moses is a unique program that provides 24/7 nursing care for pre-mature and high risk infants, most of whom are abandoned or whose

mothers have died soon after delivery. Most of the admissions come from hospitals, clinics and the police department. These babies are cared for at House of Moses until they are healthy enough to be integrated into their natural, foster or adoptive families. During 2007, House of Moses cared for 72 infants whose mothers had died, or were too sick to care for them. All of these children came with special needs ranging from pre-maturity to low birth weight (the smaller ones being less than three pounds) to severe malnutrition. We are thankful that we were able to reintegrate 19 of our babies into extended families. Adoptive families were found for another 18 babies, two were transferred and six went to be with their heavenly Father.

### House of Martha

When you visit House of Martha you will have to prepare yourself to be "attacked" by smiling, laughing children who are delighted that you have come to visit. After the initial welcome, their teacher Ivy will round up the children and bring them back into their small, but bright, classroom. The beautifully painted walls are covered with pictures, charts and drawings. Each child will proudly show you their "picture." As if on cue, they will all run to the front room and sing for you. The melodies and gusto of their singing always brings tears to our eyes. It is an awesome experience of the love of Jesus Christ.

It is hard to believe these singing children are orphans or have been abandoned. Many of them have been horribly abused. If not for the refuge of House of Martha, most might well be sleeping in street gutters and begging for food.

During 2007, House of Martha cared for 51 boys and girls while our social welfare office worked to find families and homes for these children. 29 of our House of Martha children were welcomed into the homes of relatives, 3 were adopted and 2 were transferred to permanent group homes.



### Milk, Medicine and Meals

A nursing infant cannot survive without milk, but a household trying to survive on \$1 each day cannot afford even a single can of infant formula. When an infant has

a safe place with their family but is in danger of starvation for lack of milk, this program

provides infant formula, medical care, clothing and prayer.

In 2007, we provided monthly food supplements to 94 families with infants and small children.

Many of the children in our Faith Works schools come to school hungry. Some of them have only one meal a day in their homes. Hungry children are not able to concentrate on their studies. Gratefully, we are able to offer a hot meal every school day for the majority of our 2,300 students.

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# 2007-A Year of Growth and Nurture

## Education

Ask a Zambian child what they want and they will tell you, "I want to go to school."



### The Helen DeVos Christian School Construction Completed

Students and teachers join the builders in cleaning up the yard, getting ready for the first day of school. Helen DeVos Christian School provides a free, quality Christian education for 240 boys and girls who would otherwise have little hope for getting an education beyond the 7th grade.

A top-rated middle school, HDCS offers quality education. In Zambia, schools of this caliber have been only for the rich. Now orphans and impoverished children will have the opportunity to learn and prepare themselves to excel when they move on to higher education.

Each of the students at HDCS receives a solid educational foundation that includes Bible study, character building and moral ethics. Through education, HDCS reduces the number of displaced orphans and potential street children and transforms them into productive citizens and Christian leaders.

### Simon, a student in the 6th grade writes:

"I live in Zambia and learn at True Gospel Community School. I like going to our school because the teachers teach us well and they are hard working. They know how to help a



pupil with difficulties in any subject. Our school has enough books for the teachers and pupils to use. Now we are all working very hard to learn."

### Faith Works Church-Based Primary Schools

In Zambia, education is not available for all. For an orphan or poor child education is only a wistful dream. More than 65% of Zambia's primary aged children are not in school, leaving this developing nation, and these wonderful children facing the prospect of mass illiteracy in less than 10 years.

Faith Works is an answer. Churches in every neighborhood now have the resources that can be used to provide free Christian education. By partnering with these churches, we have been able to open their buildings during the week, recruit volunteers to teach, and offer primary education to children in grades 1-8.

We opened our first Faith Works schools in 1999 with little more than conviction and determination. Since that time the quality of Faith Works education has increased dramatically. Last year we continued our partnership with eleven churches to have 2,335 children enrolled in Grades 1 - 8. We saw the additional potential of church-based schools when one of our Faith Works schools spun off to become fully supported by their denomination. We are close to meeting our goal of having a desk and a textbook in every subject for each student. We have been given solar reflecting lighting for several of the darker classrooms and are continuing with our efforts to upgrade

the physical learning environment as well as the skills of the teachers.

**Congratulations to Elijah Mwale, former Faith Works student, on his graduation from high school.**



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