

The Giving Hope Journey

ZOE Ministry's Giving Hope Empowerment Project equips orphans and child-led families with essential life skills such as mentoring, vocational training, income generating activities, training in animal husbandry and farming, and HIV/AIDS education.

This training empowers the children so they may live free from the cycle of poverty and dependency within two to three years in the program. Here is how the process works:

- **ZOE meets with community leaders** to identify the most vulnerable orphans in their area. Those Leaders invite the orphans and child-led families to a meeting for assessment and registration.
- **Everyone draws their Life Dreams** which are placed on the wall in each home as a catalyst for future action.
- **Orphans and child-led families** are divided into Working Groups so they may support each other and raise the standard of living for everyone in their group. Many children say this group becomes their new family.
- **A youth President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an Adult Mentor** are chosen by the Working Group to receive specialized monthly training in the life skills needed for self-sufficiency.
- **Weekly training is provided** by Adult Mentors and Youth Leaders for each Family Leader in the Working Group. Much like a parent, Family Leaders then train younger members of the household.

Giving Hope program leaders partner with community churches to bring the good news of Jesus into the lives of the children. Many children come to faith in Christ.



Join the Journey: Become a Hope Companion

You, your church, or organization can provide financial support to empower groups of orphans and child-led families for their entire Giving Hope Empowerment Project journey.

Your gifts fund their trainings, grants, social workers, and emotional support networks. Your prayerful partnership makes a difference as:

- ✓ **Business projects expand.**
- ✓ **Animals reproduce and the farms become increasingly productive.**
- ✓ **Children heal emotionally and grow spiritually as your gifts nurture their hearts and lives.**

Hope Companions provides relationships with particular groups of orphans and an opportunity to visit them where they live, discover God's love, and regain hope for the future.

As the children are nurtured by the Giving Hope Empowerment Project methodology, ZOE will send updates and pictures two to three times a year so you may see the impact your gift is making in their lives.

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord; plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future.” — Jeremiah 29:11



ZOE staff member, Alice Umulisa, leads orphans in a training session on forming a Working Group and developing Life Dreams.

Hope Companions

Relational Giving Levels

For the duration of the three year program, Giving Hope costs well under \$1 a day for every orphan-led household.

The cost of each giving level is higher in the first year because of the empowerment methodology. Each year, as the orphans develop more of their own means of sustenance they require less help. Thus, the percent of support declines from 45% in Year One, to 33% in Year Two, and 22% in Year Three.

District

4,000 families (approximately 12,000-16,000 orphans) — \$3.3 million over 3 years. Representatives may travel to Africa to visit prior to initial assessment and annually throughout the process including graduation celebrations.

Year One: \$1,485,000
Year Two: \$1,089,000
Year Three: \$726,000

Region

1,800 families (approximately 5,400-7,200 orphans) — \$1.5 million over 3 years. Representatives may travel to Africa to visit prior to initial assessment and annually throughout the process including graduation celebrations.

Year One: \$675,000
Year Two: \$495,000
Year Three: \$330,000

Community

300 families (approximately 900-1,200 orphans) — \$250,000 over 3 years. Representatives may travel to Africa to visit annually throughout the process including graduation celebrations.

Year One: \$112,500
Year Two: \$82,500
Year Three: \$55,000

Neighborhood

60 families (approximately 180-240 orphans) — \$50,000 over 3 years. Representatives may travel to Africa to visit twice in the three year process.

Year One: \$22,500
Year Two: \$16,500
Year Three: \$11,000

Working Group

20 families (approximately 60-80 orphans) — \$18,000 over 3 years. Representatives may travel to Africa to visit in year three.

Year One: \$8,000
Year Two: \$6,000
Year Three: \$4,000

How It Works. Africa.

The Giving Hope model allows for rapid expansion on the continent once the funds for Year One are donated.

Depending on the size of the gift, implementation may take a few months as social workers are hired and trained and orphans in a particular area are identified.

Strategically, the best times for funds to be made available are January 1 or July 1.

When funds are donated to support Year One, the process of hiring and selection can begin. Consultation with the Executive Director about project timing is crucial for each giving level.

How It Works. United States.

The Hope Companions model allows for collaborative giving that can be modified for individuals, families, Sunday Schools, churches, districts, or conferences.

For example, if three Sunday School classes within a church each want to support a Working Group, and in so doing support a Neighborhood, they would all enjoy the relational benefits of a larger giving level, such as visiting the children in their care twice in the three year program.

The three Sunday School classes, each with 16 members, would provide for 60 families (180-240 orphans) with an average donation of \$1 a day per person.

One contact person in each Hope Companion Group would receive and distribute group updates about the children empowered through their prayers and support to members of their group and their church.



Robert became the provider for his brother and sister after the death of his parents. When he found out that a young cousin had no one to care for him, Robert took his cousin in as well.

Robert's Giving Hope Journey began close to one year ago. Through Giving Hope, Robert is receiving excellent training from an orphaned teen who has completed his Giving Hope journey and is now a successful farmer in the community. This training will allow Robert to cultivate his land and provide for his family.



Like a parent, Robert is passing on all of the important life skills he is learning to his brother, sister, and cousin.

Giving Hope recently built and dedicated a home for Robert and his family. Members of his community, a local church, Robert's Faith Working Group, Giving Hope staff, and a ZOE mission team gathered to surround them in joyful celebration.

At the dedication, Robert was honored to accept a handmade, green prayer shawl on behalf of his young family.



Every 14 seconds, a child in Africa is orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Wars and violence add to this number daily.

"The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the promise of redemption. Through ZOE's Giving Hope, Jesus meets these children at their deepest places of brokenness and begins to restore their lives." Rev. Greg Jenks, Executive Director

Answering God's Call

In 2004, ZOE Ministry began when Rev. Greg Jenks answered Christ's call through the witness of a 15-year old girl who had traveled to Africa to work with children orphaned by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Greg left the parish ministry to reach out to the least of these, and today, thousands of people are helping meet the needs of vulnerable children through ZOE.



Epiphanie Mujawimana, founder of the Giving Hope program, oversees all of ZOE's Giving Hope Empowerment Project activities in Africa. A native of Rwanda, Epiphanie's experiences of suffering from her own childhood became the catalyst for her development of the powerful Giving Hope methodology and ministry.



"We show up over and over again. We cry with the children. We walk through their pain with them as long as it takes for them to have hope in their future again."

Epiphanie Mujawimana, Founder and Director, Africa Giving Hope Empowerment Project



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Begin the Journey

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