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In this season of thanksgiving, Dick Matteson and the Board of Trustees invite you to support the children of Africa, who have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic.

Our vision for the future is to enroll other church organizations who have the capacity and “on-the-ground relationships” to deliver the “How to Love a Grieving Child” curriculum in numerous countries. If it is the Lord’s will, this project will empower the Church to make a difference in the lives of many, many children on the Continent of Africa.



Advanced Class, Zambia

This is what has been accomplished in 2009, so far:

- A curriculum to train pastors was outlined in 5 manuals. The training gives a detailed explanation of why and how children grieve, the various symptoms they display, how these symptoms vary according to age, and how symptoms change as children pass through the typical phases of grief. The training also presents recommended strategies for helping children overcome the emotional impact of parental loss.
- A one week seminar was delivered to 30 orphanage counselors in Pemba, Mozambique. This is the first time that the training was delivered outside of Zambia and sponsored by the highly acclaimed organization IRIS Ministries Inc. This organization cares for 800 children in just this one orphanage, with a ministry facility training 150 pastors at any given time.
- Meanwhile over 500 pastors in Zambia continue to counsel orphans and their caregivers, raising the national awareness of the needs of these vulnerable children.

This is just part of what we are called to accomplish in 2010:

- Organize and present training seminars for 100 pastors in Zambia.
- Two seminars for 60 pastors in Pemba, Mozambique.
- Organize and present seminars in the U.S. for new missionaries to Africa and other locations affected by the orphan crises.

Our project is ambitious. The need is great. The future well-being of the population of more than a dozen countries literally depends on having mentally and spiritually healthy orphan children, who are healed of the debilitating impact of grief.

We need your on-going support. Kindly consider a generous donation for Hope for Grieving Children Africa. We promise you to do our best to extend Christ's healing hand to tens of thousands of grieving children.



Faces of Orphans Needing our Help

Please use the enclosed return form and envelope to share with us your thoughts about this work and, if you are so moved, to help us with a financial contribution.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership,

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**Please Help Us!**

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**\*\* Please return this portion with your contribution \*\***

Yes! I want to help Hope for Grieving Children - Africa.

Enclosed is my gift of:

\$100.00       \$250.00       \$500.00       \$1,000.00       Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to **Hope for Grieving Children – Africa** and return it with this reply form in the envelope provided. Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you!