

## HGC Stories Feb 2011 Advanced training Choma

**Moses Mudala** (tan pants crèmes colored African shirt)



Attended Feb 2010 training and also Feb 201 advanced training. He is an evangelist who operates his own ministry called *Lord-is-ministries*. He operates a feeding program where he feeds 29 caregivers and the children they care for. Most times the program operates 1 time per month and is totally funded by his own private income generating activities such as making peanut butter and selling produce from his garden. During these feeding projects both the children and the caregivers receive the grief support and counseling from the HGC trainings.

One particular project concerns a grandmother caring for 2 orphans; Aaron (grade 1) and Beauty (grade 5). This past rainy season their small mud brick house collapsed, leaving them homeless. All through his own indigenous funding he has constructed a new house for them.

He is also sponsoring 2 orphan boys (Nchimuni and Mwala). Both boys were orphans chased from their aunts and are living on their own. One aunt told Mwala... *go knock on you others gave and ask her for help!* Through his own funding sources he is able to provide \$10 per month for each boy. As they come for the sponsorship they also receive grief counseling for the HGC training.

Moses after the initial training established an orphanage in his own home and has since found a separate location where there are currently 8 orphans living under the care of a volunteer caregiver. He has routinely provided the training from HGC every Monday and Wednesday when the caregivers and children come for prayers.

He himself is keeping 2 orphan girls (Beauty and Shimbi) He states; since receiving help with their grief *they have become #1 in school.*

He credits 25-30 orphans regularly impacted with HGC grief support

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### **Emmie K. Musenga It's More Than a Training!**



Emmie and her husband left the western province 1.5 years ago to begin a church ministry in the southern Province of Zambia. Little did Emmie realize the events that were to take her life hostage. Her husband attended the HGC beginning training in Feb 2010. He was excited to implement in the ministry what he had learned. Soon however he was stricken with a sudden illness, admitted

to the Hospital. @ day late he was dead and Emmie was a widow with 3 small boys. Life was suddenly turned upside down.

Emmie showed up unannounced day 1 of our training asking if she could attend in place of her husband as she now had taken over the ministry in his stead. This is her story and one that does outline the what why and whom that Hope for Grieving Children is in existence for.

With her husband's death Emmie was now sole caregiver for 3 boys age 2,5 and 9. In the midst of dealing with her own grief she had to care for the children's grief. Grief expressed in a multitude of ways. *It shook my 9 year old a lot. He never visited the hospital or graveyard. It was so sudden he couldn't accept it.* Upon sitting through the presentations she remarked to us that she saw her children's actions in every stage of grief explained. *My children threw things broke things became withdrawn, we all slept a lot we no other way to escape.*

The church situation was even more complicated. Within 2 weeks of the death of her husband she called a new pastor but he refused to come and even turned off his phone. What was she to do? In her own words.... *I had to take over the church, the poor were waiting and I had to give a word of encouragement. I was grieving, my children were grieving, the church was grieving .... I needed to be caregiver to all even myself.* She took over the church because no else would. The church split over it an ugly split but she has persevered. *Now I have the pain of losing my husband and losing members* she reflects with tears slowly running down her cheeks. The church has survived because of her strength. She commented to us in a very humble more or less reflection/prayer to herself more than a statement to us; *Give me courage Lord to accept it myself so I can give other courage to accept it (husband's death) themselves.*

Life at home was no easier. Thieves came and stole everything of value in her house. There was no money left in her husband's account, her laptop (used to study scripture) was vandalized by someone in a shop to repair a simple broken part. Even her postal account was cut off upon her husband's death. They had nothing in the house. No entertainment or anything to do. Just heavy grief. She would spend hours in the bush praying to God. It was her private Cathedral he said. One day thieves came in an attempt to attack her, she feared the worst but saw the Lord's provision as people the first in months walk past at the very instant the thieves were to attack. She was able to rush away and escape. It was significant she stated because *I had to continually encourage everyone that God was still with me because of all the bad things that happened..... this was a sign he was!*

Emmie told us this training is real life stuff. *I went through all the stage myself and my kids and I still are. I see my children do it all. Me to. One day I even put cooking oil into my tea I was so distracted.* Emmie sat there soaking it all up. We could see the strength and hand of the Lord seeing through day by day we could tell there was great things in store for her. As Danette prayed for her and ministered to her after day 2 of the training the Holy Spirit came on Emmie in 3 significant waves of love, emotion and we believe healing. Promises of strength, love, support and provision will come to her from our loving Heavenly Father who will be husband father pastor and provider to her. She is anxious to move on and the understanding from the program IS being used as it was intended.... to bring help and healing ! To

Emmie HGC Advanced training WAS more than just a training. As always Emmie summed it up best. *This material is like real life.*

### **Nthonga Sakala**



Attended Beginning training Mar 2010. Impacted by the training in the following ways. Never considered orphans before but within 2 weeks of the training decided personally to keep an orphan girl named Evie of his late brothers family. He related a classic story of with drawl of the girl, poor school performance and running away. He and his wife now sit regularly with her and use the HGC materials to counsel her he stated to us. Before she was unable to pass any school exams. Now states Nthonga she has passed 4 of 6! Now she is in grade 9 and before would attend very irregularly but now attends with or fail. Even his wife is using the materials in her social work field project.

Currently recruiting group of 6 caregivers to carry on the work in his compound

### **Elvis Chakufyali**



Attended Feb 2010 Beginning training. Pastor of Pentecostal Assembly of God . After the training he began caring for many orphans. After the training he himself began keeping 2 orphans. He has a passion for this. He presently is working with 6 orphans in his church. But has a large vision he states: *The course is now colliding with my calling!* He tells of hundreds of orphans in his crowded compound he is pursuing with his ministry.

Currently started group of 4

### **Richard Nyangdwa**



Initial training in Feb of 2010. Motivated after training to take in 3 children abandoned when their parents both became HIV+ Kids are 14,12, and 4. He also has 6 biological kids. He visits the neighbor to regularly disseminate the information he has learned from HGC. Has also organized in his church a group of 5 caregivers to go out and identify other is need and give information. Wants to recruit others as well.

10 caregivers have been trained.

### Jonsen Sibulowa

Reaching orphans and vulnerable children in his compound. Presently training a group of 5 ladies to disseminate the information. Also has organized small projects including photo making to help raise funds for orphans in need.

To date 25 caregivers have been trained.

### Lemy Painter

Has kept 2 orphans. Also has conducted 2 seminars on 2 separate occasions. Mostly ladies. He states that it seems like the men are leaving the responsibility to the ladies. As caregivers the women are looking to the church to help. However the income of churches are not sufficient to provide material support. He feels that HGC is a wonderful tangible way to be able to provide something of great value to the orphans and caregivers when they have nothing material to share. He is very grateful for that. He has also on 2 separate occasion stepped in to intervene with counseling to attempt to prevent caregivers from deciding to chase their orphans away when they have become too hard to handle.

Has impacted 18 caregivers

### Major S. Shabeenzi 097 955 0329



Salvation Army. Used training in multiple groups:

1. Steps OVC : groups of OVC children educating in the prevention of HIV. Reaches orphans in many villages. Information was given to people who have reached 119 OVC.
2. Community school: Trained 5 teachers. Children attend through grade 7. 220 children in all.
3. District Congress: Of the Salvation Army gave several seminars on the material at this district meeting. 700-800 heard this information. In response he stated that many picked OVC to care for after the information was given.
4. Fellowship seminar: presented on regular basis to group of 100 men. He has seen many now be more responsive to orphans. Has trained 6 to disseminate the information.
5. Families mentor program: 3 separate groups of caregivers with 15 in each group have received the information.
6. Naomi groups: A group of widows keeping orphans. The teaching is presented regularly with group discussion. 20 caregiver/widows are in this group.
7. League of Mercy : large groups within Army churches. Has brought the material to his group and 1 other. This group exist to help the vulnerable and anyone else in need.

Caregivers impacted 110 Children exposed directly 550 General audiences exposed 900

**Barshlome Mwepe** 0977 42 45 18



Attended training Feb 2010 and was significantly impacted. *I was shocked and disturbed. I asked how am I to help?* Started teaching a small groups in a local church on how to love orphans. Then used his musical talents and went to Lusaka to compose a CD of music about the plight of orphans. Performs music concerts around when the people come for the music he plays a few songs then stops and teaches about HGC and orphans. Also from these concerts obtained other speaking groups to discuss HGC

information. Also took money from concerts and used that to help orphans directly himself. A sample of concerts and impact:

Mwapana compound	42
Zambia compound	64
Shampande compound	72
Town Center	100
Macha Road	300

PS is doing all this while recovering from an attack of thieves where he received multiple gun shot wounds. He still has 10 bullets in him.

Impact 5 caregivers supporting consistently 500+ general audience exposure

**Elias Banda**



Pastor of Jesus is Living Ministries. *This program came like an answer to prayer* he states. Has many youth at church that are orphans and vulnerable of which he meets regularly. He also is personally supporting 4 orphan youths since the training. He states: *I don't know how this courage came in me.*

Is regularly counseling 4 orphans.

### Edson Katete



Pastor of bread of Life church where our training was being held. Encouraged a sister in the Lord to start an orphanage within his church after the beginning training he attended in Feb of 2010. Had 17 kids there now down to 10 because of problems with government regulations. Presently also started project called House of Mercy to serve caregivers of vulnerable children. He uses the HGC material in these meetings.

Impact of 6 caregivers and 17 orphans

### Elvis Chakufyali



After the first day of the present training impacted to go home and talk with his 2 orphans he is keeping to talk with them about the death of their parents. *I ministered and held them in love* in stated. Currently also meeting regularly with 5 boys and teaching and discipling using HGC materials. Has desires and plans to *Take things to the next level*.

Impact 5 orphan boys in support group.

### Brian Mbao 0977 58 18 07



First training Feb of 2010. Organized support groups of 5 orphan boys in the church. Also is involved in Prison Fellowship Ministries where he has taken the HGC materials and used it to counsel over 330 prisoners. He has recognized that adults also grieve and uses the materials in this context as well. Helps the elderly in his church who are also grieving the loss of their adult children! He states: *I like this present training because we are going into details*.

As an afterthought!!!! When the interview was done he off handed mentioned this. He has started 5 orphans community schools reaching more than 700 orphans. The HGC materials are used in the school curriculum. He has also brought parents together in these schools to talk about HGC and orphans.

Impact 1 support group exposed 700 orphans and 150+ caregivers and 330 prisoners