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Dear:

We just recently returned to the states after a tremendously fulfilling summer in Zambia. The Lord was so faithful in allowing us to train 150 pastors, community leaders and caregivers with our *How to Love a Grieving Child* curriculum. Those trained impact the lives of more than 8,000 orphans whom they serve.

Thank you so much for your encouragement and support that allowed us to reach and help so many orphans and caregivers with this life-transforming work. We couldn't have done this without you. The work accomplished was incredible. Please enjoy the enclosed newsletter "A Summer of Impact" containing stories and information about this summer's work.

There is still more to be done. Everywhere we went, we were invited to help bring this transforming work to those in need. We are excited to share two amazing requests to provide training this fall. **SOS Children's Villages International**, a ministry providing children's homes to orphans, has asked us to train approximately 150 of their caregivers. SOS has children homes in 136 countries and territories. Their African Director is pressing us to begin immediately. We have also been contacted by the **Zambian Department of Social Services** with a request to train 150 of their District Social Welfare Officers. Both of these organizations are willing to fund many of the costs for these trainings. All we need to fund is the cost of travel, in-country expenses, and our Zambian field director. Accepting these invitations will allow us to train more than 300 new leaders who care directly for more than 5,000 orphans and influence the work of many non-governmental organizations in Zambia. Normally, funding trainings such as these would cost more than \$30,000, but with their underwriting we can deliver these trainings for one-third the cost.

We must move quickly. The invitations are for this October. **Would you consider partnering with us yet again to help us fund the cost of these additional 2011 trainings?** Those committed to care for the orphans of Africa are motivated, passionate and willing. They only request the tools to do the job. Please help us give them those tools by considering a financial gift to Hope for Grieving Children Africa.

On behalf of Dr. Richard Matteson, the Board of Directors and those working tirelessly to care for the vulnerable children of Africa, may you be richly blessed for your commitment to the orphans and their caregivers.

Blessings,

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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 \$ _____

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Credit Card donations are also accepted at our website www.hopeforgrievingchildren.org.

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Thank you!