

OUR MISSION

In response to Christ's love for us, we equip pastors, leaders and caregivers in Africa and elsewhere with the knowledge and skills needed to address the grief and suffering of children traumatized by parental loss.

VISION STATEMENT

Orphaned children and youth served will have their well-being preserved and enhanced. They will improve in cognitive and emotional functioning and will make positive life choices gaining their God-given capacity to function in a family and community setting as soon as possible.

WHAT WE DO

Hope for Grieving Children - Africa is a faith-based organization committed to working with pastors, families, orphans, and leaders in the community to help orphaned children reach their full potential by addressing the many symptoms of grief they experience due to parental loss. We are called to help relieve the suffering and improve the well-being of children in many regions of Africa.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Make a tax deductible donation to
Hope for Grieving Children - Africa

Here are some ways your dollars can be put to use:

Support a Training:

- Pastors (\$3,500)
- Orphanages (\$2,500)
- Churches (\$1,500)
- Grief support for 1 orphan and caregiver \$100

Or go to our website to see more opportunities to give:

www.hopeforgrievingchildren.org



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A Non-Profit Organization
Responding To the Crisis of Orphans

HOPE AND HEALING



How to love a Grieving Child

HOPE FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN



THE SITUATION

- An estimated **210 million** orphans worldwide
- **8** out of **10** children orphaned lives in Africa
- Zambia alone has over 1 million orphans
- Every **15 seconds** another child becomes an AIDS orphan in Africa - that's 5,760 every **day** and 2,102,400 every **year**.

WHY THE DEATH OF A PARENT IS SO HARD ON CHILDREN

No one is more important to children than their parents. The death of a parent deprives children of the most important relationship they will ever have - one that provides them with the genuine love and security they need for becoming strong, productive adults.



We're Changing Lives ...



... For a Better Community

STORIES OF CHANGE

“One guardian came to my office with tears in her eyes and said, “What can I do with these orphans? They are always getting in trouble, either with the law or the neighbors.” I said, “Your children are grieving. They are angry, frustrated and emotionally disturbed due to their father and mother’s death. Help them to deal with their anger and frustration.” She accepted my counsel and changed her attitude toward the situation. Things are normal again.” - *Pastor who received training*

“One man was taking care of a niece. The girl is very shy. She never mixes with her friends. And the uncle was finding difficulties communicating with her. From the training I received I was able to advise him to have patience, love and care for the orphan because she was grieving. Since then there has been a great change. She even joined the choir.” -

Teacher Choma Secondary School

“The seminar has provided us with priceless knowledge and skills to enable us to provide quality and effective ministry to grief stricken children . . . through this seminar we have been challenged and revolutionized in our approach to ministry in this regard . . . and (it) will make a great difference in the lives of many grieving children both on the street and in homes.” -

Fr. Emmanuel Chikoya

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

Since 2006 we have trained pastors, leaders and caregivers in Africa and other parts of the developing world with the knowledge, skills, and support needed to address the grief and suffering of children traumatized by parental loss. HGCA accomplishes its mission through training leaders in the curriculum titled “How to Love a Grieving Child”.



Leaders receive an intensive training in the following modules:

- Symptoms of grief
- Phases of grief
- Growing up with grief
- How to conduct group grief support



Since 2006

- 500+ pastors and leaders have been trained
- 1,200 caregivers have been trained
- 10,000 orphans have received grief support

“... He will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help.” (Psalm 72:12)