

Hope for Grieving Children - Africa

Board Interviews

Meeting transpired on March 28, 2008.

Interviewed three members separately and then met as a group. Confirmed as a group the direction and purpose of the board and their heartfelt appreciation for this program and the work it can accomplish. Ended the time in prayer.

The following are the details of each separate interview.

First Interview:

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What do you believe is the purpose of the board?

- to implement the program and keep it purpose driven and focused
- to network with other churches
- to be proactive, take initiative, meet challenges quickly before they overtake
- make sure the goal remains to benefit the child

What do you hope the organization will accomplish?

- create an environment where children feel loved and accepted, secure and safe
- help others understand the pain of the child
- make it part of everyday life to feel for the child
- trainings help to encourage and build up the pastors and others; reenergize

Does your denomination support this development?

- Very much. In fact, when they heard of the program and training they asked why this type of training has been delayed (has not happened sooner).

What do you think should be the number one priority for the next two years?

-Get children into schools so that they have life skills.

Are you aware that in the U.S. the people sponsoring the training want to support a program of funding and expanding the work of Pastor John Chilufya as he works to reach out to street children? How do you feel about this?

-Was not aware of this program. However, if it is helping children it is a good thing.

-Would want there to be some system whereby the funds for that activity would be filtered through the Hope for Grieving Child Program as would all other activities /proposals made to the Board. This would keep accountability and transparency of all funds being dispersed.

How can the people in the U.S. best support the NGO?

-that they would be open to the Zambian people; hear clearly what is being said
-funding would be important, of course, as well as accessibility to these funds
-that supporters from the U.S. would visit so that relationships are developed and knowledge of the culture and issues are better understood.
-confidence in the Zambia team that is in place (this from Lameck Siamalumbo)
-resources channeled in the right way (this from Lameck Siamalumbo)
-strategic plan honored and followed (this from Lameck Siamalumbo)
-the above comment countered by Hamukangandu with that there would be flexibility to the plan when deeper needs arise that were not previously seen in a given need.

What do you think has been the impact of the training that Dr. Matteson has been doing? What would you want to say to his supporters about this?

-We are very appreciative of the development of this program and the part that Dr. Matteson has played in bringing this teaching to the Zambian people. It has been an eye-opener to the church, with the church realizing this need has been overlooked. The training has motivated both adults and children.

Second Interview

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What do you believe is the purpose of the board?

- mobilize churches and pastors to train church leaders and caregivers
- give accountability to the program

What do you hope the organization will accomplish?

- to improve the circumstances of children both spiritually and materially
- to see that a child's basic needs are met that they might feel safe and secure and loved.
- provide the opportunity for children to go to school

Does your denomination support this development?

- Yes (same as above).

What do you think is the number one priority for the next two years?

- meet the needs of the children, especially in the area of education

Are you aware that in the U.S. the people sponsoring the training want to support a program of funding and expanding the work of Pastor John Chilufya as he works to reach out to street children? How do you feel about this?

- I feel heartbroken for these children who are helpless and think that Pastor Chilufya's program is a positive effort to help the homeless. The street child is the same as an orphan: grieving, unloved, trying to survive.

How can the people in the U.S. best support the NGO?

- funds will be important

What do you think has been the impact of the training that Dr. Matteson has been doing? What would you want to say to his supporters about this?

- The training is needed; raises awareness of the needs of the child.

Third Interview

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What do you believe is the purpose of the board?

- to oversee the program
- my experience with other boards will enhance this board (local level Sunday School board member, national level chairperson, secretary)

What do you hope the organization will accomplish?

- as address the needs of the child now they will be a stronger adult and an asset to society.
- that the child will know that even though their parents are gone there is One who still cares for them

Does your denomination support this development?

- Yes (same as above).

What do you think is the number one priority for the next two years?

- to train the contact people so that they are better able to identify the need of the child.

Are you aware that in the U.S. the people sponsoring the training want to support a program of funding and expanding the work of Pastor John Chilufya as he works to reach out to street children? How do you feel about this?

- This is a group of children that has been overlooked for too long. I support the work that Pastor Chilufya is doing. These children are alone in the world and need love and support.

How can the people in the U.S. best support the NGO?

-they need to come and interact with the people on the ground, feel a part of what is happening. This will help them to know the real needs, feel the needs, and not just read about them. There will be better communication this way.

What do you think has been the impact of the training that Dr. Matteson has been doing?
What would you want to say to his supporters about this?

-the training is needed for an issue that has been overlooked by the church.

Other comments

- that there would be openness on both sides
- there would be understanding that for some this is a new thing to be a part of and they are just learning.
- realize how much they appreciate the efforts being done to make this program happen.
- that their prayers are with Dr. Matteson as he recovers.
- they look forward to seeing Mrs. Johnson again at the next training and appreciate her coming on behalf of Dr. Matteson.

