



Change
Life Foundation
"I am the vine"
John 15:5

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Message from the Founders

Dear Friends,

We would like to "thank you" for your generous and heartfelt support for the children of Zimbabwe, Africa in the time of need. The much-needed funds that you gave are supplying food for the missionaries, Henry & Mitzi Nel, to deliver and feed over 6500 children every day in the schools in Matabeleland Province until April 2007. The on going collection of Bibles is being shipped in early March with our goal of delivering them to each teacher and child of the 27 schools.



This is such a magnificent time in the Foundation's beginnings where we get to witness the LORD unfold before our eyes and hearts His plans for these people of Africa! Thank you for sharing this time with us.

The Foundation's mission is to bring together organizations that fill the void in a child's life. It is our prayer that the LORD touches and changes the lives of the African people in a great and mighty way. Our next project is to assist Rev. Nel, the founder and director of the Educational, Medical, & Humanitarian Organization, to refurbish the Kalembzi Lodge. This Lodge will be a Medical Mission Outpost so that health care professionals can provide much needed medical help for the people in the Matabeleland Province. We will continue to assist in the feeding program in the schools. We ask you to pray that GOD will provide for these projects, and we thank you for your prayers and your financial support to the Foundation.

Blessings,
Don and Melinda Wooden

The President Shares Perry Gillum, DD

No one is safe by his own strength but he is safe by the mercy and grace of God—Grace is the free, undeserved goodness and favor of God to all mankind. His grace is a certainty, even amid the turmoil of today's turbulent world. God is...a personal father who cares, and not a God who merely wound up the world with a giant key and then went away to let it run all by itself.

Change a Life Foundation is committed to reach out to all peoples with Christ's life-changing good news so they in turn can disciple change in the lives of others.

It has been said that "the best exercise for strengthening the heart is reaching down and lifting someone up."



Change a Life Foundation

Exists to

- reach people of all nations for Christ so they in turn can disciple change in the lives of others.
- bring together resources, acting upon and resulting in positive life changes.

Founder and President visit Africa

Last November Don Wooden, Founder of Change a Life Foundation, and President Perry Gillum left Dulles Airport headed for Zimbabwe South Africa where they would connect with Rev. and Mrs. Henry Nels. Henry and Mitzi are the founders of Zimbabwe Medical, Educational, Humanitarian Projects. They are native South Africans who have a true heart to care for the children left orphaned by the terrible Aids epidemic.

The Foundation pledged to provide funding which would supply enough maize for



one meal a day for six months to the 6,700 children attending the 27 schools which are part of the ministry of the Nels. Don and Perry were so pleased to hear upon their arrival in Bulawayo that the maize was being prepared for delivery to the schools. Don and Perry were privileged to visit with some of the principals and teachers. It was a special joy for them to visit with the children.

During their visit they saw first-hand the

need for food for the children's hungry stomachs. It was evidenced that God's Word ("spiritual food") was an even greater need. The principals and teachers promised that they would add to the children's daily schedule a Bible study course if the Foundation could provide enough Bibles for each student to have his/her own copy. God placed a burden in Perry's heart to meet that request. Upon return to the US, Perry began extending the challenge to provide Bibles for these orphan children. Response to the challenge has begun and plans are being finalized to have these Bibles in the hands of these children in April 2007.

Change a Life and American Bible Society Join Hands

In an effort to complete the task of providing a Bible for children in these Zimbabwean schools, Perry made a telephone call to a long-time friend, Rev. Dr. R. Lamar Vest, Executive Director for Ministries, American Bible Society (ABS). He shared the need with Dr. Vest and immediately he pledged the support of ABS. "ABS will supply to the Foundation an equal number of Bibles for the children in accordance with the number of Bibles the Foundation purchases from ABS. Since ABS has an office in the capital city, Harare, Zim-

babwe, the Bibles purchased will not have to be shipped. We will deliver them to Bulawayo from ABS offices." What a tremendous blessing.

Change a Life has received a number of donations from individuals and congregations assisting in funding this project!



Did you know....there is an average of seven Bibles in every home in the United States? There are only two in each of the 27 schools coming under the humanitarian efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Nel in Zimbabwe. Does your family have a Bible to share to help change a life?

Virginia Church Accepts Challenge

Arlie Whitlow, Jr., Senior Pastor of the Community Church in Ashburn, VA caught the vision of providing Bibles for children in Africa. Children of Zimbabwe are not only hungry for physical food but for spiritual food. Pastor Arlie was moved upon hearing the challenge shared with him and immediately engaged his congregation. He invited Don Wooden to share the project with the congregation. Thereafter, Pastor Arlie

asked the people to bring their Bibles to the Church and lay them on the altar. He brought 13 of his own collection of Bibles and passionately encouraged the congregation to follow his example.

During January a total of 350 Bibles were brought in to the Community Church for this project. They are now being packed to go to Zimbabwe where they will be distributed to the school children. "The children need hope, and

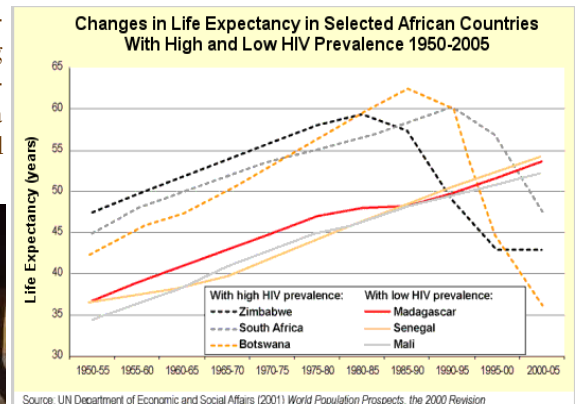
the Word will give that hope!" said one of the instructors.



HIV/AIDS -- A TABOO TOPIC

The fight to control the spread of Aids is not SUCCESSFULLY working. Many are dying, both the mother and the father, leaving young children (double orphans) to trample the streets and villages day after day with no one to care for them. To provide spiritual and material comfort to the afflicted and their families may be the greatest battle ever fought door-to-door, family-to-family. Despite the efforts organized to educate youth

and adults and to sensitize pastors, churches are still working to break down resistance to talking about HIV/AIDS. This is a subject which must be responded to effectively.



Thought Provoking Facts

- Ninety-six percent of people with HIV live in the developing world, most in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Worldwide, 42 million adults and children are infected with HIV/AIDS; 30 million of them are in Africa. To give an idea of those numbers, California's population is 36.5 million.
- In some African countries, three quarters of those infected are women - many of whom have not had more than one sexual partner.
- In Zimbabwe, more than one in five of all pregnant women have HIV/AIDS.
- Without prevention efforts, 35% of children born to an HIV positive mother will become infected with HIV.



One More Hurdle to Overcome...In Africa one child dies of mosquito-borne malaria every 29 seconds. Foundation for Community Development, gave 600 mosquito nets free of charge to the women of Ipelce, Burkina Faso, along with enough insecticide to treat the nets. The group also showed the women how to dip the nets in the insecticide and mass produce the insecticide-treated nets (ITNs) for sale to surrounding communities. For further information on this go to www.interchurch.org.

Change a Life Hosts First Benefit

On Saturday evening, December 9, 55 people came together at the Crystal Gateway Hyatt in Washington, DC for a dinner hosted by the Wooden's to learn about Change a Life Foundation. Rev. Henry Nel and his wife, Mitzi, of Zimbabwe Medical, Educational and Humanitarian Projects, gave an overview regarding the plight of the country of Zimbabwe. The Nels, natives of South Africa, have taken on the responsibility of caring for the some 6700 children as well as other humanitarian projects. Change a Life Foundation has pledged to assist their efforts by providing enough food to feed the children one meal a day. When those attending the benefit were given the opportunity to respond to the challenge of meeting the need— cash and pledges received amounted to more than \$20,000.



Rev. Henry Nel and his wife, Mitzi.



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Servants Converging on D.C. Area

The Servants, a group of Christian business and professional men and women, first met together more than 20 years ago and have continued to periodically meet for times of spiritual enrichment. Many of these individuals were busily engaged in building businesses, burning the midnight oil to better establish themselves, while having no one like-minded with whom to share their life-long dreams and goals as well as their struggles. Through the years, the group would meet to enjoy making new friendships while also rekindling the fires of older friendships, praying and sharing together thereby encouraging spiritual enrichment. We eat together, pray together, and play together in a relaxed setting.

Sound good? Would you like to be a part? Plans are being made to meet in the Washington D.C. area May 18-20, 2007. A definite place will be announced within the next few weeks. There is no

registration fee; each one pays his/her own individual expenses. If you desire to be a part of this enriching weekend, you may contact one of the following individuals:

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The Gift of Faith

In order to know God and to follow His purposes, we must know and understand His Word, which is the primary source of our knowledge of Him and His ways. Understanding our world and all of history from a biblical point of view gives us a trustworthy foundation upon which to base our decisions and commitments. Embracing God's Word as truth and learning to act on what we believe is the practical application of learning to think about life the way God thinks.

Faith leads us to stake our lives on God's truth as revealed in His Word.

Source: Ministry of Motherhood