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SPONSOR A CHILD'S EDUCATION

The aim of the sponsorship programme is to enable orphans and vulnerable individuals in Southern Province, Zambia to access education with a view to providing them with new hope and a chance of future employment. We believe that this programme provides part of the security that every child needs.

How sponsorship of education works

- The average annual cost of educating one child is €250. In cases where the donation results in a tax benefit to the charity, the amount of the tax benefit will be used to part-sponsor a second child.
- We subsidise school fees, exam fees, uniforms and books from Grade 1 to Grade 12.
- Education costs are only subsidised in the case of children whose families would otherwise not be able to afford it.
- The subsidy is limited to 75% of the total amount required, with rare exceptions where the relatives are unable to provide any financial help. As families struggle to earn 25% of the fees themselves, the children do their utmost to succeed.
- The families must apply on a yearly basis for the school fees support because from year to year we cannot predict the availability of sufficient funds in the charity's account
- We provide funding for third level education for a limited number of orphans.

Why support our charity?

Because we are a small charity, all fund-raising and administration work is done on a voluntary basis. Therefore all funds received in donations are sent directly to Zambia to be used for orphan aid.

OTHER WORK IN WHICH WE ARE INVOLVED

1. Counselling:

Our charity has set up a programme for training of counsellors (17 trained to date) to support bereaved AIDS orphans with their emotional and psychological problems. The work carried out by these counsellors has been hugely beneficial to the orphans and it is being done in seven centres spread throughout Southern Province, Zambia. We aim to have two counsellors at each centre by December 2013.

2. Food:

Food aid is provided to vulnerable individuals. Our food programme is based in Mwaopona Basic School, Choma and in Pemba Postulancy. A meal is provided three times a week at lunchtime for all of the pupils at Mwaopona Basic School, Choma. The provision of food helps the children to concentrate during school. This has also been found to be very effective in improving school attendance as the children no longer have to trade and work to provide sustenance for themselves. Before the food programme was introduced, pupils did not attend school because of the need to provide food, either by working or other means. The Pemba food programme is essentially for destitute adults.