



Mothers
Without Borders

ANNUAL REPORT

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VITAL STATISTICS

- Mothers Without Borders provides housing for 80 children, some at our Children's Resource Center and others in their grandmothers' homes in surrounding villages.
- Our Primary School, the Mothers Without Borders African Preparatory Academy, provided free education to over 120 orphaned or vulnerable children in grades 1-9.
- We provided school sponsorships to an additional 27 children, throughout Zambia.
- We sponsored feeding programs providing more than 70,000 meals.
- We provided chickens and goats to many families.
- We provide full time employment for 15 Zambian men and women at our Children's Resource Center.
- We employ 10 teachers and a school administrator at our school.
- Mothers Without Borders partners with a number of indigenous NGO's in Zambia to provide services to orphaned and vulnerable children in the communities where they are living, and find solutions that offer hope and a viable future.
- In company with our volunteers we were able to distribute more than 6,500 lbs of supplies to people in need.
- 95 percent of all cash donations directly support Mothers Without Borders programs.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

2015 marks our 15th year of work with orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa. These programs continue to be operated by outstanding local leadership, and we feel privileged to have partnered with them.

We expanded our work in Zambia, and continue to take a holistic approach to meeting the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children. Our programs include Orphan Care, Education, Vocational Training, Agricultural Innovation, Literacy and Community Development.

- 95 percent of all cash donations directly support Mothers Without Borders programs.
- We are a 501(c)(3) organization, officially registered with the IRS. Donors can legally deduct gifts from their taxes.
- Our annual 990 is prepared in accordance with accepted accounting guidelines by an independent CPA. The latest copy of our 990 return is posted to our website for public review.
- Our financials are audited by an independent auditing firm.
- Our Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who receive no pay for their services.

AREAS OF FOCUS

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES WHO ARE CARING FOR ORPHANS IN THEIR COMMUNITY

Mothers Without Borders strengthen families by providing small financial stipends for aging grandmothers, paying school fees for children who would otherwise be left out of school, helping families grow gardens for table food, and raise chicken and goats for consumption and income generation. We also provide skills and business training for families, widows and older orphans.

In 2015 we continued our work in 5 villages, including a large rural area 1 hour north of the capitol city of Lusaka. Volunteers spent many hours training pre-school teachers and providing skills training to men and women in the areas of knitting, crocheting, literacy and income generation strategies. We provided chickens and goats to families who will work in cooperation with each other to develop an income generating project to breed and sell the animals.

EMPOWERING WOMEN

Mothers Without Borders empowers women by helping to create and support Mothers' Clubs where group banking, skills, literacy and hygiene training, income generation strategies and other activities improve the quality of life for impoverished women. We teach them how to mobilize their community resources to improve the lives of their children and families, access government services and find their voice.

In 2015 we continued our work with widows caring for orphans, and mothers clubs in 5 communities. We provided stipends to 4 widows who are collectively caring for 14 orphans. We funded small business ventures for 3 women who are caring for orphans. We distributed more than 100 clean birth kits to local midwives, and sanitary kits for female hygiene to more than 400 women and girls. We conducted trainings in feminine hygiene and clean birth techniques, and identified girls in each region that are in need of school sponsorship.

PROTECTING CHILDREN

In Zambia it is estimated that there are more than 1,000,000 orphaned children. Most of these children remain in the community, either living with elderly grandparents or other extended family members, battling for survival on the streets or living in child headed households. In all cases, these children are extremely vulnerable to disease, abuse, neglect, illness and starvation. Mothers Without Borders works with 11 partner NGO's in Zambia to reach these children in the communities where they are living, and find solutions that offer hope and a viable future.

Our strategy is **multi**-faceted and includes:

- Visiting at risk communities, meeting with community leaders and those caring for orphans to determine needs and available local resources.
- Identifying children who are at risk of abuse, hunger, illness and neglect.
- Working in partnership with local social workers, our staff assists in finding government and local resources to meet the children's needs.
- Where applicable, we provide funds for food, medication and school fees.
- In cases of extreme crisis, children are assigned to our Children's Resource Center, a transitional living center, where they will reside until they can be reintegrated into an appropriate family setting, or sent to Boarding School.

INITIATIVES

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER

In 2015 our Children's Resource Center (CRC) continued to be our primary initiative in Zambia. Providing housing, food, health care, schooling, grief counseling, vocational training, opportunities to develop talents and participate in recreational pursuits, and mentoring from caring adults to 25-50 orphaned and vulnerable children is our purpose and goal.

Children between the ages of 3 and 17 are assigned to us by the Government ministry responsible for the welfare of children in Zambia. We receive no government funding or aid for our efforts and often receive children with little more than an hour's notice. We often receive sibling groups. These children have suffered extreme neglect and abuse, have lost their families, their homes, and all that is familiar to them. Many of them are gravely ill, some are HIV positive, all are malnourished, alone and afraid. Most have never been in school, and cannot read, write or speak English.



We have a full time Zambian staff of 15 men and women whose primary responsibility is to love, nurture and care for the physical, social, spiritual and emotional needs of the children residing at the CRC.

MOTHERS WITHOUT BORDERS PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS

The Mothers Without Borders Primary School, provides free education to the children living at the CRC, our staff members' children and more than 120 orphaned or vulnerable children from the surrounding communities. We provide employment for 11 teachers.

In addition, we provided school sponsorships to more than 40 children, in grades 1-12 in schools throughout the country. The Ministry of Education in Zambia estimates that more than 65% of children are not currently able to attend school due to impoverished conditions. This is a crisis that will affect Zambia economically for generations to come and we continue to look for ways to address it effectively.



In 2015 we provided housing for 80 children, some at the CRC and others in their grandmothers' homes in surrounding villages. We sponsored feeding programs which served more than 65,000 meals in 2015.

RELIEF SUPPLIES

Another major initiative in Zambia is the distribution of education and relief supplies. We are pleased to report that thanks to the generous donations of many supporters around the US and Canada, we were able to distribute more than 6,500 lbs of supplies including reading and textbooks, education and training materials, school supplies, clothing, blankets, diapers, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soccer balls, hygiene kits, newborn kits, clean birth kits, eyeglasses, fabric, sewing machines, yarn, crochet hooks and tools. Organizations that benefitted from these articles include House of Moses, an orphan care center for babies and toddlers, Chisomo Drop In Center for Street Kids, Bwafwano Home Based Care Center, Bwafwano Primary School, Julius Community School, Gellophina Center for the Disabled, ZAF Center for Health, Kapila Business Initiative Clubs, Mothers Without Borders Sewing Clubs, and widows and orphans throughout the country.

BUILDING PROJECTS

In 2015 three teams of international volunteers worked with our local staff and volunteers to complete fencing around the Mothers Without Borders property in Zambia. This fencing allowed MWB to secure our land and make a safer space for the children staying with us. In addition, security bars were put on all doors and windows, giving even more security to our children.

In addition, with the help of a generous grant, MWB was able to install a solar water pump. Lack of electricity was a large problem in Zambia, and will continue to be in the future. Our new solar water pump will allow us to maintain our water supply when there is no electricity available.

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Mothers Without Borders was excited to begin planning and laying the foundations for a new school in 2015. The school will allow us to go from educating 130 students to educating around 500. This will be a great boon to the surrounding community, as a survey done by a staff member in 2015 showed that there were more than 1,200 students who are unable to attend a school because of lack of funds or adequate facilities. Mothers Without Borders's new school will help alleviate this problem. The school is expected to be expanded slowly over the next several years.

VOLUNTEER EXPEDITIONS TO ZAMBIA

We sponsored 4 teams of international volunteers to Zambia this year, including a special projects team that came specifically to teach skills to women in our sponsored sewing clubs. A total of 65 men, women and children ranging in age from 9-76, joined us for this life changing experience. With the exception of the special projects team, each team spent time working with a number of our indigenous partners, House of Moses, University Teaching

Hospital, Bwafwano Home Based Care and Primary School, Chisomo Drop in Center for Street Kids and Kapila Village. Volunteers spent time teaching sewing, crocheting, reading, financial management, hygiene, first aid, nutrition and gardening. They mentored and played with children in every setting, and spent several days improving the facilities at the Mothers Without Borders



Children's Resource Center. They taught music and math facts, put together puzzles in the dirt with kids who don't speak a word of English, turned the jump rope until shoulders ached, and learned dancing and drumming from their little Zambian friends. They worked hard and played hard, benefitted too many to count, and left a bit of their hearts behind.

FINANCIALS

BALANCE SHEET

July 1 2014 – June 30, 2015
Audited

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	92,805
Investments	5,270
Prepaid expenses	3,850
Total Current Assets	<u>101,925</u>
Fixed Assets	
Property and equipment, net	<u>383,138</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>383,138</u>
Total Assets	<u>485,063</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and Accrued Expenses	94,505
Deferred Revenue	32,680
Total Current Liabilities	127,185
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>357,878</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>357,878</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>485,063</u>

Statement of activities

July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

REVENUE

Contributions	370,300
In-Kind Contributions	104,422
Net special events revenue	16,051
Total Revenue	490,773

EXPENSES

Program Services Expense	437,431
Management and General	48,381
Fundraising and Development	5,137
Total Expenses	490,949

Change in Net Assets	(176)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	358,054
Net Assets at End of Year	357,878

OUR BOARD

Chair	Keven Jensen
Treasurer	Spencer Hewlett
Secretary	Bryan Holland
Voting Members	
	Kathy Headlee
	Marin Bryce
	April Jensen
	Teresa Holland
	Allison Stokes
	Shayne Stokes