



ZAMBIA QUARTERLY REPORT



Impact

1. Thirty-three children are overcoming abuse through solid Christian trauma counseling.
The sessions help children develop positive interpersonal skills and distinguish between healthy and unhealthy physical contact. Child abuse often goes unreported; however, children are learning through our programs that they can safely report abuse to authorities.

2. Four children are reunified with their families.
The children came from our Chikondi Center. Our team continues to support the transition, and they are pleased to report that the children are happy, safe, and free from violence.

Soaring Above Challenges

Makuya comes from a poor family consisting of his mother and four siblings. His mom barely scrapes by as a hairdresser. When Makuya was five, she couldn't afford to put him in regular school because the fees were too high. That's when he came to Kids Alive Academy.

He's excelled with us since day one. Over the last five years, Makuya has become an excellent reader, writer, and volleyball player. He also loves to draw. He's so good at it that he competed at the National Level in the fine arts category.

"I like learning at this school because I get to learn how to use computers, how to paint in my art classes, playing soccer and volleyball with friends, and the meals we get every day make me enjoy coming to school even more," says Mukaya.

Makuya's academic performance is consistently above average, ranking among the highest in his class. He's also an example of good Christian behavior. Makuya's teachers testify to his upright conduct, virtuous manners, proactiveness, and diligence in managing the school library. As a result, he became the 2023 Kids Alive Academy Library School Prefect, an award for students who set good academic and behavioral examples.

Makuya soars above the challenges that would plunge those without resources. The 12-year-old aspires to become a doctor.

Imagine what his life would have been like without supporters like you.



A Happy Journey Home

Eleven-year-old Lubasi was wandering the slums of Lusaka, exposed to dangers no little girl should experience. An empathetic person noticed her and took her to the police. Eventually, officials brought Lubasi to Kids Alive Zambia.

Lubasi didn't want to be here at first. She cried, demanding we take her back to her village. One time, she tried to sneak out.

The trauma care team patiently shepherded Lubasi, and she gradually warmed to them and her surroundings. Meanwhile, the Kids Alive staff located suitable blood relatives to care for her. Finally, after two months with us, we reunited her with her loving family.

Her face lit up when she returned to her home village!



Events

- 1. Kids Alive Academy students competed with other Zambian schools.** We partnered with the National Level of the Arts, which hosted the program over the summer. Our kids participated in traditional dance, stand-up comedy, and fine arts competitions. The experience enriched their lives and contributed to a well-rounded education.
- 2. Four children are spared a childhood of homelessness and hunger.** The three girls and a boy arrived in July. They have a safe place to stay and participate in holistic care.
- 3. Kids Alive Zambia held a day of prayer on September 1.** Staff and children at all our sites prayed and meditated on Ezekiel 37, our theme Scripture for the day.
- 4. Kids Alive Zambia went on the radio.** Thousands of people tuned in to learn more about the advocacy we are doing on behalf of victims of sexual abuse.
- 5. Twenty-five mothers are living happier family lives after participating in caregiver training.** Our trauma care team led the two-day event for mothers in our Families Together Program. We designed the program to help them overcome their past, provide better care for their children, and bring harmony to their homes.