



## *A hope-filled Christmas begins with you!*

**Share the joy of giving hope with gifts that change lives.**

I have found that during a lifetime we are provided a few brief defining moments - if we are lucky. Luckier still if we are paying attention at those significant times to know they are happening. My first encounter with Lwisa was just such an experience. Lwisa, a widow supported by Project HOPE, in turn has spent her life opening her door to women and children who needed her help. Twelve and a half years later I still reflect back on that day and remember Lwisa taking my hand, looking in my eyes and measuring me up. I hope that I have honoured that moment.

Over those dozen years I have continued my relationship with Lwisa, sitting by her fire, celebrating her birthdays, worrying about her health and all the while listening to her story, shared bit by bit. In those moments she has spoken about her struggle as a widow, and how she has cared for those around her despite incredible circumstances. The pandemic threw up a barrier to those encounters. With the prospect of her very advanced age and lack of contact due to the lockdown, I lost touch with her until one amazing morning when I answered a video call and her familiar face greeted me. Geoffrey, our project partner in Chipata, had made contact with Lwisa and went to visit. After he had dialed my number he handed her his phone and I was overjoyed to once again see her. Her first words to me “where have you been?”

These past three years have been difficult for everyone. As we learn to live in these post pandemic times the concerns of the global economy, health, world politics and general welfare make for uncertainty. I have missed walking the villages. I look forward to perhaps sitting with Lwisa one more time, wondering if I have measured up to her first assessment all those years ago and hearing her encouragement to walk more villages.

What I know for sure is that we have a lot to do. We have incredible project partners working hard on the frontlines of their communities. We need to provide resources so they can continue to care for the many widows and orphans who have no other advocate or support.

On the following pages you will read ways in which you can help this Christmas season. We have been planting crops, feeding people and returning to our programs that were on hiatus. We have restarted our widow's training conferences to support women in establishing home based businesses. School is back and we are clothing and feeding orphans so they can attend class. Our apprenticeship programs are serving more vulnerable people than ever before. All these critical programs need funds to proactively impact at-risk communities.

The pandemic provided some unexpected gifts to Project HOPE too. Wonderful volunteers came alongside who had time on their hands to lend support by donating their skills to redesign our social media. A new and improved website that now costs pennies to maintain is up and running. Others connected us to new partners that have provided expertise in areas of agriculture and education. I even had a gentle push to put some of my time into capturing my journey on paper and a new book “Walk the Villages” has just been published.

With all these upgrades and efficiencies one thing has not changed. Project HOPE is committed to helping vulnerable women and children become self-sufficient. This is our mission, our mandate and our ministry. As we continue to walk the villages we invite you to join us.

Please consider a gift this Christmas to our annual HOPE-filled campaign. These donations impact real people in desperate situations. Your participation can change a life today. Please give.



Christopher Graves, Executive Director

## *Serving widows and orphans since 2001*

With your help, we aim to develop long-term solutions that strengthen a community's ability to care for their widows and orphans.

This Christmas you can touch the life of a vulnerable woman or child by giving to our annual campaign. There are several packages you can donate that will make all the difference in the world in the lives of real people.

Our projects in Burkina Faso, Liberia, Tanzania and Zambia need your participation. Please consider making a gift this Christmas. Help us stand beside our partners and give them the tools to face 2023 as we all care for our global community.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 this year through our annual HOPE-filled Christmas campaign.



### *Growing my own food*

Alice has no one to take care of her or provide for her basic needs. She was welcomed into our agricultural program and is now learning how to grow her own food.

Give today and help another orphan like Alice defeat hunger.

\$35 for each participant



### *Building my own business*

Rhoda lost her husband in 2009. She has been raising four children by herself with no income. She attended our widows' training conference and has now opened her own business. She now generates income to support her family.

Give today so another widow like Rhoda can become self-sufficient.

\$100 for each widow



## *Christmas in the Village*

\$25 per kit

*Each kit contains mealie meal,  
a package of salt and soap.*

Our need is to provide 150 care packages for widows and orphans who will be attending a special Christmas meal served by our partners at Nyangombe. Each person will receive a care package filled with essentials to help them through the cold season and give them hope this Christmas.

A traditional nshima (typical Zambian meal) will be served along with special treats and games to bring a sense of holiday cheer. This annual event has grown and is much-anticipated by the many widows and orphans who benefit.

Please consider making a gift that will help make Christmas special for the many served by the team at Nyangombe.



### *Getting an education*

Michael was orphaned at a very young age. Without a family he struggles each day. By attending the Quarry School he receives not only a quality education but gets a meal at school too.

Give today so that more orphans like Michael can have a future.

\$50 for each orphan



### *Staying warm during cold nights*

Lydie and her family struggle to survive. Basic necessities like food and warm blankets help them make it through the cold season. Project HOPE is their only source of help.

Give today and your gift will provide a vulnerable family with a care package.

\$50 for each family





*Additional ways you can help...*

Project HOPE is making terrific progress with our agricultural programs in Tanzania and Zambia. By teaching widows and orphans how to grow their own food we have been able to extend our ability to feed people.

The Quarry School and Saikalo School are also making great strides to reach more orphans. We need help with our apprenticeship programs, building safe water systems and constructing additional classrooms to accommodate the growing number of students.

There are many ways we need your help! Please consider making a financial gift for one of these projects.

*For more information about all the project opportunities visit our website:*

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*YES! I want to give to the:*

- Growing my own food program - \$35 per orphan \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Building my own business program - \$100 per widow \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Getting an education program - \$50 per orphan \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Staying warm program - \$50 per family \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas in the village program - \$25 per kit \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- provide the following gift to be used where needed most. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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