

*Hope and a future
for AIDS-orphans*



BOCCS

*AIDS-orphans and
School project in Zambia*



**„12 million
AIDS-orphans
in Southern
Africa are
motivating
us to help!
– How
about you?“**



An initiative of the
Mülheim Fellowship of Churches
in Germany



Buyantanshi Open Christian Community Schools (BOCCS)

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Buyantanshi

Buyantanshi is the name of the township of Kabwe, one of the provincial capitals of Zambia, where in 1998 the first school for orphans, built on church ground, opened its doors.

In Kabwe-Buyantanshi

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Open

Open, not public, schools attended by children, who cannot afford the commonly high school fees. On top of that, these children do not need to wear school uniforms.

Open,

C

Christian

The motivation and the foundation of these schools is the Christian belief, based on the Bible.

Christian,

C

Community

The respective community helps supporting the schools and contributes to construction and renovation work, for example.

Community supported

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Schools

Up until now, eight schools have been established, one of them in Kabwe downtown, and seven others in slum-like townships, called „compounds“. More than 4.000 pupils attend the schools.

Schools for AIDS-orphans were founded.



Kabwe-Main:
The BOCCS-school downtown

The development of BOCCS

In the late 90s, Zambia gave its permission to start non-public, open schools that were going to be supported by the community or an independent organization.

Suddenly, the missionary couple Kristina and Traugott Hartmann, who are ministering in Zambia on behalf of the Mülheim Fellowship of Churches(*), saw a new opportunity to meet the challenges of the increasing problem of AIDS-orphans. And so in 1998 they founded the first Christian based school for AIDS-orphans and poor children in the township „Buyantanshi“ of the provincial capital Kabwe. Out of this emerged the name „Buyantanshi Open Christian Community School“ (BOCCS).

Since 1998, the school project BOCCS for AIDS-orphans has gradually been developed and extended.

* The Mülheim Fellowship of Churches is an evangelical free church and therefore member of the Consortium of Christian Churches in Germany (ACK) and the Coalition of Evangelical Free Churches in Germany (VeF).

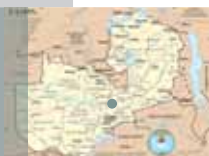


The missionaries
Kristina und Traugott Hartmann

The world-famous
Victoria Falls
in Livingstone



Zambia – Country and People



Zambia is in the heart of Southern Africa.

Country

Zambia, located in the South of Central-Africa, is approximately twice the size of Germany. The name derives from the river Zambezi. Over 80% of the population are Christians.



Almost half the population is young – and without hope.

People

Zambia has 11.7 million citizens, 5.3 million or 46% of which are under 14 years old. The average life expectancy has dropped down to 37 years.



Kabwe-Makululu: One of the biggest Southern African slums.

Poverty

Three quarters of the people living in Zambia live below poverty level and make less than 1 USD a day. Therefore, Zambia is one of the poorest countries in the world.



Kabwe is one of the ten dirtiest cities of the world.

Kabwe

Kabwe, the capital of Zambia's central province with 300,000 citizens, is one of the biggest cities of the country. Kabwe is afflicted with the toxic dust of plumbiferous waste dumps belonging to the mines.

” *HIV is the AIDS-virus, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). It is transmitted via contaminated bodily fluids such as blood, sperm and breast milk. AIDS means: „Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome“.* Often, AIDS appears years after the infection with HIV.“



HIV and AIDS in Zambia

Children and adolescents are the forgotten victims of AIDS. Every minute, one child dies from the aftereffects of immune deficiency, that is 500.000 a year. Only a fractional amount of them receives medical support.

Daily, 7.500 young people below the age of 24 are infected with HIV. And the disease is spreading rapidly.

15 million children worldwide have become orphans because of AIDS – the same number of children living in all of Germany. But the worst is yet to come: Given the enormous amount of infected adults, until the year 2025, the number of AIDS orphaned children will increase up to 25 million.

The rate of HIV infections is estimated about 25-30 percent of the Zambian population. Especially as a result of the increase of deaths due to AIDS, the average life expectancy in Zambia has gone down to 37 years.

Meanwhile, the average African family is barely able to integrate additional AIDS-orphans. Because of that, more and more children have to live on the streets without any perspective for the future.





Attentive students
in class

The meal program at BOCCS

Once a day, almost all students at BOCCS receive a warm meal. Currently, about 3,700 meals a day are being served once a day in all eight BOCCS schools.

All children of grades one to seven, and all AIDS-orphans of grades eight and nine take part in the meal program.

The meal consists of Nshima (corn meal) and cabbage. Alternatively, other side dishes such as different vegetables, beans, fish or beef are served. The meal is prepared on site in a kitchen shelter or outdoors on charcoal- or log-fires by a group of hired cooks.

The meal program became necessary, because the majority of the children from the compounds suffer from malnutrition. Furthermore, it is the ideal complement to the sponsorship program. It allows us to give local families, who take in a sponsored child (AIDS-orphan), a monthly compensation for their food expenses. Then, the sponsored child and all the other children of that family can go to one of the BOCCS schools. On top of that, all children at BOCCS daily receive a warm meal.



The students stand in
line for their meal.

„ In Zambia, many AIDS-orphans suffer from malnutrition, abuse or are forced to work. Because of that, they often do not have the opportunity to go to school. “

The concept of BOCCS

Seven of the eight BOCCS schools were built in the worst slums of Kabwe. There, children in destitute environments, who are often without electricity and water, have the opportunity to go to school.

The schools are attended by single and double orphans and, if possible, other children from their families. Girls have preferred status when it comes to school admission.

The BOCCS schools do not demand a school fee. Unlike public schools, they do not require school uniforms. Families may voluntarily contribute to the costs of their children's education with donations of food, clothes or money. The costs add up to approximately EUR 0.50 per trimester.

All eight BOCCS orphan-schools offer a first opportunity to graduate after 7th grade. Whoever qualifies with a test after 7th grade, may continue their school career and attend „Kabwe Main“, the largest school of this project downtown of the provincial capital Kabwe, for grades 8 and 9. Once they pass their finals after 9th grade, they may apply at one of the public schools to keep studying until final graduation.

BOCCS itself is able to offer a one-year-long practical apprenticeship, but without being licenced in the end. In a domestic economy class, girls may learn how to work fabrics (tailoring, sewing), as well as crotcheting and knitting. In the school's wood workshop, boys may learn technical skills such as wood-working.

Training in the domestic economy class





„ I spent some time working at a Christian boarding school in Zambia. Knowing only this wealthy school, my first impression of BOCCS was pretty disillusioning, because I was used to a different standard. With BOCCS, everything is relatively simple, but clean. All in all I can say that I very much recommend this project. “



„ We were able to visit BOCCS during our vacation in Zambia in the year 2002. I found it very interesting. Being on site, we felt like our money was well invested there. “

Statements made by sponsors
from Germany

Who can sponsor a child?

- Individuals or families
- Churches or congregations
- Children's or youth ministries
- Classes
- Small groups
(Bible study groups)
- Co-workers
- Teacher staff

**There are many possibilities.
Just take the initiative!**



Help that makes a difference – The sponsoring program at BOCCS

Missionaries Kristina and Traugott Hartmann started a sponsoring program, which ensures the opportunity of helping with 1 Euro a day, i.e. 30 Euro a month. Today, over 300 of these sponsoring relationships exist. Kristina and Traugott Hartmann describe the sponsoring program as follows:

„The goal of the sponsoring program is to further the integration of AIDS-orphans into intact families, so that those children have the opportunity to grow up and be raised in a familiar environment.

We accomplish this by using the money to ...

- ... enable families to adopt an AIDS-orphan by regularly giving them food rations. One third of the orphans are accepted by their own grandparents.*
- ... create the opportunity for the AIDS-orphan to visit one of the BOCCS orphan schools. Also, all the other children of that family will be able to visit one of the BOCCS schools.*
- ... meet the problem of chronic malnutrition of poor children in Zambia by regularly serving supper at the schools. Presently, about 3,700 warm meals are cooked and served every day.*

Most importantly, your money takes care of your sponsored child, but it will also support school operations and the meal program.

By sponsoring a child, you also help other AIDS-orphans and poor children who are not part of the sponsoring program, because the isolated support of single children within families doesn't make any sense.

We believe that with this concept, rather than the classic 'orphanage concept', we can help more children, even though the classic concept does play an important role in Zambia.“

In view of the unbelievably high numbers of AIDS-orphans, it is always possible to do more ...





What you need to know for your donation

The project is mainly financed with donations from Germany.

Donations for sponsorships

Donations in the context of a sponsorship give an AIDS-orphan the opportunity to visit one of the BOCCS schools, and also support this child's family. On top of that, donations support the overall BOCCS AIDS-orphans and school project.

Please send your donations after applying for a sponsorship (see form in appendix) to the bank account of the „Mülheimer Verband“ with the following **reason for transfer**:

„For Zambia orphan sponsorship“

Other donations for BOCCS

We are dependent on regular or one-time donations of individuals, Christian churches or other groups.

Please transfer donations that are not tied to a sponsorship to the same bank account with the following **reason for transfer**:

„For Zambia orphan project general“

Account information

Sponsorship in Zambia

Legal representative of the AIDS-orphan and school project in Zambia is „Life Trust“, a locally well known and charitable organization (NGO).

Donation account

The AIDS-orphan and school project is accounted by the evangelical independent church „Mülheimer Verband FeG“ in Germany.

Therefore, all donations for the project go to the bank account of the Mülheim Fellowship of Churches in Germany, and are being used for the project itself. The Mülheim Fellowship of Churches in Germany will send a donation confirmation for the past year in January/February.

Account information

Address: Mülheimer Verband
Bank: Ev. Kreditgenossenschaft eG Kassel
Routing No.: 520 604 10
Account No.: 3670
BIC or SWIFT: GENODEF1EK1
IBAN: DE8252060410000003670

This is how you can start a sponsorship for AIDS-orphans

Please fill out the following form and send it via air mail or e-mail to BOCCS sponsorships.

Transfer your monthly donation (EUR 30 for a full sponsorship, or a smaller amount for a partial sponsorship) to the bank account of the Mülheimer Verband Freikirchlich-Evangelischer Gemeinden (MV) mentioned below with the following reason for transfer:

For Zambia orphan sponsorship

You will receive the name and a picture of your sponsored child from Zambia. Once a year you will also receive a report about the progress of your child. Thank you so much for your love and compassion for the orphans in Zambia.

Donations for „Zambia orphan sponsorship“
Please transfer to the bank account of the Mülheimer Verband Freikirchlich-Evangelischer Gemeinden with the above reason for transfer:
Ev. Kreditgenossenschaft eG Kassel,
Acc. No. 3670, Routing No. 520 604 10



Mail to:
BOCCS sponsorships
P.O.Box 80949 Kabwe,
Zambia, Africa
Or via email to: infoboccs@boccs.de
– Please use the following form by answering all questions –

Sponsorship for orphans

Yes, I/we would like to start sponsoring a child in Zambia/Africa

with a contribution of EUR a month.

The sponsorship will start on and

will probably be continued for years (non-binding commitment).

The transfer to the bank account of the MV will take place:

monthly quarterly annually

My name, address and email address:

Date:

Signature:

Please cut off here
and mail to BOCCS sponsorships



Help for life – hope for the future

„ God, the Father,
receives praise and
honor when someone
helps orphans and
widows in their need
and does not take part
in the unrighteous
goings of the world. “

James 1,27



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