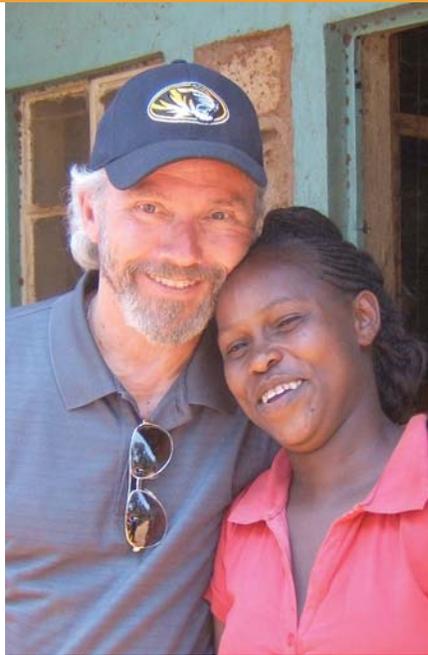




Helping Orphans and Vulnerable Children
Be Secure • Be Healthy • Be Connected • Be Prepared

HOPE COMPANIONS



BEYOND SPONSORSHIP TO PARTNERSHIP

We invite you to consider what it means to go beyond the act of sponsorship. When you become a Hope Companion through ZOE, you are not sponsors of orphans and vulnerable children – you are partners with them in an amazing three-year journey of transformation.

Rather than giving sacks of food, you give seeds and tools so they can grow their own food;

Rather than providing an orphanage, you provide materials for them to repair or build their own homes;

Rather than providing sponsorship, you give them the opportunity to be leaders, helping one another thrive;

Rather than helping one child you partner with a community of 60-100 children who become self-reliant

and can reach out to other vulnerable children in their home towns and villages.

As a Hope Companion, you walk side-by-side with your group as the children become safe, food secure, healthy and prepared for the future. As a Hope Companion, you also help fulfill the last, crucial piece of ZOE's empowerment program: a connection to others.

When you become a Hope Companion, you will receive stories and reports from your group as they overcome extreme poverty. Your prayers are encouraged as children grow in their faith and find dignity and hope. When you travel to visit your group as a Hope Companion, you can connect with these children in person, standing in the stead of their parents, showing your pride and support as they begin their new, transformed lives.

PARTNERSHIP LEVELS

Members of the Imani Working Group in Kenya stand in their maize and bean farm.



ZOE empowers orphans and vulnerable children in mutually-supportive groups of 60-100 who all live near one another. These working groups are self-managing: members elect their own leadership, choose a meaningful name such as Faith or Unity, and select a volunteer adult mentor from their community to journey with them. Serving as both family and colleagues, group members provide one another with emotional and spiritual support.

They care for one another in times of need and celebrate success as their situations begin to improve. Together, each group chooses and manages an income-generating project, such as a vegetable farm, chicken coop, or small business selling clean water in their village. ZOE working groups are both mutually supportive and mutually accountable, ensuring a high three-year graduation rate for the children enrolled in ZOE's program.

When you commit to donate one of the following amounts over three years, your support will enable one or more working groups of orphans and vulnerable children to participate in the ZOE empowerment program. ZOE is active in multiple countries, including Kenya, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Liberia, Guatemala and India. After registering online at www.zoehelps.org, please contact CEO Gaston Warner at 919.414.4167 or at gaston@zoehelps.org, or Randy Wiersma, Chief Operating Officer, at randy@zoehelps.org or 919.815.7918.

Go beyond sponsorship and experience true **partnership** with orphans and vulnerable children.
Become a Hope Companion today and help children change their lives forever.

GIVING LEVEL	ANNUAL PLEDGE	3-YEAR TOTAL	LIVES TRANSFORMED
Working Group	\$7,500	\$22,500	60-100 children (1 group)
Neighborhood	\$22,500	\$67,500	180-300 children (3 groups)
Area	\$52,500	\$157,500	420-700 children (7 groups)
Community	\$105,000	\$315,000	840-1,400 children (14 groups)
Region	\$210,000	\$630,000	1,680-2,800 children (28 groups)
District	\$337,500	\$1,012,500	2,700-4,500 children (45 groups)

Partnership amounts apply to all countries except Guatemala. To partner with group(s) in Guatemala, please contact Gaston Warner at 919.414.4167 or at gaston@zoehelps.org, or Randy Wiersma at randy@zoehelps.org or 919.815.7918.

HOW THEY MADE IT HAPPEN

THE SCHROEDER SISTERS

The Schroeder sisters, Sharon, Shirley and Sandra, are in partnership with a working group from Rwanda. “We learned from the example of our parents the importance of hard work, helping others, and dependence on God,” said Shirley. “Our father was a farmer all his life and worked to improve the soil and produce crops to feed the world. To see the impact being a Hope Companion can have on a group of children is awesome. The fact that the program only takes three years is amazing. The group will learn life-sustaining skills and become confident in their ability to improve their lives as well as help others. Being a Hope Companion is giving back and honoring our parents and the Lord.”



THE BLADEN CHARGE

The Bladen Charge is a group of three small churches in rural North Carolina. The smallest of the churches, Live Oak UMC, has only 80 members. Their churches are not wealthy, and do not have large budgets for missions. However, when Janice Humphreys and fellow church members Howard and Delana Faircloth went to Rwanda to see the ZOE program, their hearts were moved by what they saw. When they came back, they told stories and showed photos in presentations to their fellow church members. They were determined to raise funds for a partnership in Kenya, and have organized several fund raisers, one of which was a backyard concert with a volunteer band and potluck refreshments.



FIRST METHODIST MANSFIELD

First Methodist Church in Mansfield, Texas began supporting ZOE in 2006, and is now partnered with a community in Rwanda and a neighborhood in Zimbabwe. “God was calling our church to add 1,000 children to our church family and to care for them as we care for our own,” said Senior Pastor Mike Ramsdell. The response to meet the church’s commitment has included community-wide concerts, marathon runners, golf tournaments, children’s programs, and the entire Christmas Eve offering each year. “Our lives have been enriched by the lessons our ZOE kids teach us about God’s grace and redeeming power. We thank God for the blessing they bring,” said Mission Director Teresa Sherwood.



UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEYS TO VISIT ORPHANS

Many of the children in the ZOE program have never met a person outside their home village, much less one from another country. By visiting, you are giving them an irreplaceable gift.

When these children were living in abject poverty, no one would visit them. Neighbors would avoid them for fear of contracting HIV/AIDS (because of how their parents died), or because they saw the children as dirty and poor. Orphans may have begged for food and become a bother to their neighbors who did not want to be burdened with the responsibility of caring for them. Some of these very neighbors may have exploited these children when they were looking for work, paying them a small amount of food for spending a day plowing a farm, cleaning their home or tending their animals.

When you travel to visit the orphans that you are in partnership with, you are showing a great love for them. You have paid for a ticket, taken time out of your life, and traveled a very long way. Just your presence in country shows that you have undertaken a great commitment to them. When a “mizungu” (a Swahili word for “traveler”) visits a home or a business of an orphan, it is frequently a very exciting and rewarding experience for them. Tourists do not visit these villages, so they rarely have visitors from out of country. People, especially children, may gather around out of curiosity to see who has come.

It is a wonderful addition to the empowerment program to have Hope Companions and others from the US visit with the children. When an orphan who has been neglected, ignored, and avoided receives out-of-country visitors who have come not to give aid, but just to say hello and celebrate their success, the impact is immeasurable. Often these children will talk about their visit with their friends



and neighbors for weeks afterwards. This kind of attention can cause those in their village to realize they may have misjudged this child – often they begin to see them in a whole new way.

Join the Journey

ZOE leads multiple trips every year for Hope Companions to visit their partner groups.

A wealth of travel information, including cost estimates, itineraries, travel dates, recommended reading and packing lists can be found online at:

www.zoehelps.org > Hope Companions

ZOE ADVOCATES

We invite all Hope Companions with a passion for ZOE's work to become a ZOE Advocate. ZOE advocates are volunteers who champion ZOE's mission of building God's kingdom through transforming the lives of orphans and vulnerable children. Partnered with the current ZOE staff in the United States, volunteer Advocates advance the work of ZOE in powerful ways. Advocates are committed to:

praying daily for the ministry; staying informed about ZOE's growth; creating awareness in churches, the community, and circles of influence through personal sharing, small and large events, and speaking to groups; and supporting the work with personal talents, skills and resources, including helping to raise funds. For details, visit www.zoehelps.org > Get Involved > ZOE Advocates, or contact Tina Schmidt at tina@zoehelps.org.