



Sonrise Orphan Care Zimbabwe

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When Al Miller was in Zimbabwe in November he made a point to get some pictures and stories of some of the children who are being helped through our orphan care program. This month we would like you to meet Lydia Mereki.

Lydia Mereki is one of the orphans from Musana. Both of Lydia's parents have died from HIV/AIDS. She can't remember her parents because they died when she was very young.

Today Lydia lives with her grandmother. She has a brother and a sister who are older and live with her as well. Their hut is about a 5 kilometre walk from the Oasis of Hope at Musana.

None of the family members can find work so they have no income. They have a small garden beside their hut that they all help tend. Lydia loves to garden and see things grow.

Lydia comes to Musana every Saturday for teaching and to sing, and for a meal of Sedza and beans. For the rest of the week she is given a ration of corn meal, cooking oil and beans to take home because it is too far to come to Musana every day.

Lydia loves to go to school and to be in dramas but schools aren't operating now because the teachers aren't being paid. Lydia hopes the schools will start again soon but is happy when she comes to Musana and can be with all the other kids.

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We are partnering with a group of friends who helped build the feeding centre at Musana in August of 2007 and have been sending resources since then. They have developed a website at the above address to raise interest and funds. In the last couple of months we have joined forces and their website combines our purposes and efforts. Please have a read at www.zimbabweproject.com. You can donate through this website on Paypal and the funds will be received and receipted by Sonrise.

Orphan Care: As of January 1st we were able to forward \$ 7423 to help the Zimbabwe church feed and care for impoverished children in six Orphan centres. We help them resource children in Rugare, Mbare, Musana, Kadoma, Wedza & Bulawayo. This cares for at least 232 orphans. Thank you. We are well on our way to helping 400 orphans a month by August of 2009. You can help by recruiting new partners!

Watoto Choir—January 14, 7:00pm

Please join us at Sonrise Church on January 14th, 2009 at 7:00pm to hear the amazing Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda.

Please continue to help us increase our partners through distribution of the video and pamphlet.



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