OUR CURRENT NEEDS

BUSINESS START UP
Help by supporting young entrepreneurs in a new business venture.

MYANMAR CHILDREN'S HOME
Help us support the Precious Gems family.

FARMING
Help us with our farming project at Grace Academy.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP
$10.00/month. Join us in unlocking the futures of the children in our care.

FEEDING PROGRAM
Support the two feeding programs outside the walls of Grace Academy.

MEDICAL FUND
Helps us meet the urgent medical needs of our children.

WIDOW'S JAR
Give to women and children in need.

MOSQUITO NETS
Aid in the prevention of Malaria by supplying mosquito nets.

SPONSORSHIP
We have several children and women needing sponsorship in Zambia, Myanmar and Thailand.

Please visit our website to view our urgent needs: www.seedsofhopecm.com

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Evan & Trinda Akers, who have served beyond our wildest hopes to expand and achieve amazing growth at our Grace Farm in Zambia.

With the adoption of Martha complete, the Akers are on their way home to Alberta, Canada. We thank the Lord for His favour and many mercies and pray, with gratitude, over them.

"May the Lord bless and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you His Peace". (Numbers 6:24-26)

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YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED

GET INVOLVED

Please call our office for more information on how you can get involved. We have several ways for you to help: volunteer at our office, join a team project, or coordinate a speaking engagement with our directors, John or Susan Chalkias.

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SOWING LIFE, LOVE, AND LAUGHTER

WINTER 2021

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10 NIV

A MUCH-VALUED CHILD OF GOD

by Tami Strople, Sponsorship Coordinator

Peter is just 15 years old and completely deaf: He cannot hear or speak. Communication is very challenging for him. In Zambia, (especially in poorer shanty compounds like Nkwazi where Peter is from) deafness is considered a work of witchcraft and a result of/punishment for the wrong doings of a child's parents. Many people consider the deaf cursed. Peter, like most deaf people in Zambia, was deemed worthless by the community and his family. He has been the target of much discrimination.

> **...deemed worthless by the community and his family**

Suffering from extreme malnutrition which left him smaller than his peers, Peter was often sick, and unable to keep up physically and intellectually. Children cannot learn on an empty belly. Even his father, embarrassed to have a deaf son, shunned Peter; never attending school meetings and excluding him from family plans and activities. Weak and vulnerable, Peter was the recipient of much prejudice and bullying.

Peter's life became better when he joined the Seeds of Hope (SoH) Deaf Outreach Ministry in 2017.

The regular nutrition Peter receives at the SoH Deaf Outreach Ministry has gone a long way towards building Peter's strength and stamina. His health has improved and Peter, with the help of the special education department at his school, has passed with good grades to Grade 8. Under our staff, Peter is learning to sign and communicate effectively. The SoH Deaf Outreach Ministry makes going to school possible for Peter; we pay his school fees and provide school supplies.

No longer defined by his disability, Peter dreams of becoming married and having children one day. As jobs are scarce for persons with disabilities in Zambia, Peter plans to have his own business when he grows up so he can support himself and his family.

> **Peter has grown in his self-worth**

Best of all, through the love of Christ shown by our Mentors, Peter has grown in his self-worth and knows he is a much-valued child of God. As Peter increases in confidence and his ability to communicate, so also his relationship with his family is growing. His father is no longer ashamed and is showing care and concern for his son.

> **His father is no longer ashamed**

This is Peter today – smiling. He is a very different boy from when he first came to us in 2017.

This Christmas will you make a difference in the lives of deaf boys, like Peter? For just $40.00/month you can help us provide advocacy, sign language & communication training, school fees & supplies and food.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry exists to equip children and those in need to love and serve Jesus Christ while becoming healthy, educated, responsible members of society.

Follow us and invite your friends!

THIS CHRISTMAS...

GIVE THE GIFT OF FOOD AND SECURITY

to our children living in fear and vulnerability because of the military coup in Myanmar. The situation in Myanmar continues to worsen with new reports of violence and threat of civil war amidst rising civilian militias. In addition, people are facing escalating food prices, fuel shortages and skyrocketing inflation. We are getting only sporadic reports from our children's home, but we do know that all our children and staff are safe. We have been able to wire money in but that too has been a challenge. To receive funds, our pastor travels from the children's home to Yangon which takes about an hour. He must pass through several police and military check points where he is interrogated. This fall, he was stopped and accused of abetting the protesters and was beaten and robbed of the food he had in the car, which was for the children … by the police! Please mark your gift "***Myanmar Children's Home***" to help us with this urgent need.

GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Every child at Grace has come to us from the shanty slums. Most have never been to school. Without an education, children are doomed to perpetuating the cycle of extreme poverty. Education opens doors: Whether our kids take post-secondary education, trade skills training, or form their own business, education is key.

In Thailand, our education costs are very high for the children at Baan Isara and Baan Un Rak. As part of our holistic approach to helping the children heal from their traumas, we are sending them to a reputable private school. This involves higher school fees and transportation costs.

Help give children an education for as little as $10 a month…that breaks down to .33 cents a day! Sign up for "***Education Sponsorship***" using the form on the next page.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MEDICATION

In Zambia, we have almost 200 children who reside with us and many more from the community who live offsite and attend school at Grace Academy. Having a fully stocked medical cabinet is imperative. We constantly need everything from first aid supplies and fever & cold medication to antimalarial & anti-parasitical medication. ARV medication is lifesaving to those in our care who are HIV+. In Myanmar, where they are in a state of war, getting medication is exceedingly difficult and costly. In Thailand, we also have children and women with HIV and ongoing medical issues.

Your gift marked "***Medication***" will help us keep our medicine cabinets full and our children/women healthy.

GIVE THE GIFT OF MOSQUITO NETS

Malaria, a mosquito borne disease, is a regular challenge to our children in Zambia. The solution is a simple $10 mosquito net. These nets wear out. With more than 250 people living at Grace, that's a lot of nets that need replacing on a regular basis. Please mark your life saving gift "***Mosquito Nets***".

GIVE THE GIFT OF STARTING A BUSINESS

For those of our graduates who are not pursuing post-high school education, starting a small business is a great way to support themselves and their families. Partner with us with your gift of $100 to provide mentoring and startup costs to a young entrepreneur. Please mark your gift "***Business Start Up***" .

GIVE THE GIFT OF FARMING

Despite recent Covid lockdowns and restrictions, we were able to feed all our children and staff at Grace Academy from our onsite farm. We are so grateful for the farm and the delicious food we can grow. However, there are ongoing costs associated with the farm that need to be met. Things like new irrigation lines, equipment, and replenishing stock. Your donation in any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your gift "***Farming***".

GIVE THE GIFT OF FOOD

Seeds of Hope has two feeding programs outside our walls of Grace Academy. We provide food to the children through our outreach to deaf children in Ndola where we are working to help deaf children learn to sign and gain an education. We also partner with Nsobe School, which gives opportunity to children in the rural villages to attend school. Through our partnership, we provide food for hundreds of children living in these villages.

Children cannot learn if they are hungry. In addition, malnourished children are more susceptible to disease which, in turn, keeps them from school. Your gift to our feeding program will help us feed children and give them a full tummy to learn on. Please mark your gift "***Feeding Program***".

THIS CHRISTMAS...

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE

Poverty continues to be a huge problem in Zambia and with poverty comes medical, housing, and everyday life challenges. Seeds of Hope has a fund called 'Widows Jar' which gives us the opportunity to reach out and help people in crisis. You can help by donating to "***Widows Jar***".

Liam **Shannon** **Ezrone**

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Child Sponsorship literally changes the life and destiny of a child. Children come to us suffering the effects of being orphaned, homelessness, abandonment, hunger, and disease in addition to dealing with issues like trauma and grief. Your sponsorship enables us to provide them homes, nutrition, and medical care in a loving, family environment. We currently have many children needing sponsorship. Please phone or our office or sign up online or by using the form below. Change the life of a child with "***Child Sponsorship***".

This Christmas, share Seeds of Hope with your friends and family.

Visit our online catalogue to see our great selection of Seeds of Hope merchandise and gifts.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is to look after orphans and widows in their distress.

James 1:27

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☐ I consent to receive emails from Seeds of Hope

Monthly Sponsorship:

☐ Sponsor #_____ children @ $35USD ($40CAD) /month
in ☐ Thailand ☐ Zambia ☐ Myanmar = $_____ /month

☐ Sponsor a Seeds of Hope project: Name of Project: _____ $ _____ /month

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seedsofhopecm.com/take-action/child-sponsorship

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Click "Subscribe" button under sponsorship.

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Create a new online banking payee with the following information:

ACCOUNT NAME | Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry USA

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ACCOUNT NUMBER | Sponsorship

ACCOUNT PHONE NUMBER | 360-319-0817

PAYMENT AMOUNT | Enter your monthly payment amount and add the date you want to have it debited each month.

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Select **Child Sponsorship**

Payment options:
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- Online Banking
- Etransfer (credit card or debit)
  Fill in your own credit card info securely online.