



-SEEDS of HOPE-

helping orphans around the world

FALL 2026

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

MATTEA: A LIFE FILLED WITH HOPE

By Tami Strople

Eighteen years ago, a young, orphaned girl arrived at Grace Academy in Ndola, Zambia, desperate for something different.

Today, she is helping lead one of Seeds of Hope's newest ministries, pouring into the lives of vulnerable girls in Tanzania and reflecting the love of Christ wherever she goes.



Mattea, 2008

In those difficult early years, she often escaped into an imaginary world of her own making. But beneath the hurt was a resilient spirit and a deep belief that life could be different.

At Grace Academy, Mattea found the safety, care, and stability she had long been missing. She formed friendships, grew in confidence, and began to flourish. Most importantly, she found Jesus there. Through it all, she never lost hope that God had a special plan for her life.

That hope never left her. Despite the hardships she had endured, Mattea believed God had a future for her.



Mattea, 2014

Today, she is a cherished member of the Chalkias clan, a beautiful testimony to God's faithfulness and perfect timing.

Anyone who knows Mattea can tell you she is a "glass half-full" kind of person. Her faith, optimism, and determination have inspired those around her for years. Those same qualities carried her through three years of nursing education and on to earning a bachelor's degree in psychology.

Today, she serves as the Canadian Liaison and Project Supervisor at Upendo Home in Tanzania, Seeds of Hope's newest ministry serving girls affected by HIV. While awaiting permit approval to return to Tanzania, she continues to counsel students at Grace Academy in Zambia, encouraging them through her example of faith, perseverance, and service.

Mattea's story is more than the story of one life transformed.

The little girl who once dreamed of a different life is now helping create a different life for others.

The child who was given hope is now sharing hope.

At Seeds of Hope, we often talk about planting seeds.

In Mattea's life, we have the privilege of seeing the fruit.



Mattea, 2026

Please pray for Mattea as she awaits approval to return to Tanzania. You can follow her journey on Instagram at @matteaintanzania.



If you feel led to support Mattea financially, gifts can be designated to "Tanzania: Mattea."

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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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE PART OF THE CLIMB.....

This September, Seeds of Hope Executive Director John Chalkias and a small team of climbers are taking on Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

Their goal is to raise \$50,000 for Upendo Home in Tanzania, our newest project providing love, care, and hope for girls affected by HIV.

Every step up the mountain is a step toward a brighter future.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the team will already be making their ascent, but it's not too late to support the climb.

Your gift will provide the care, opportunities, and encouragement these girls need to thrive.

Would you partner with us? Sponsor a climber or make a one-time donation of any amount.

Lives are being transformed because of faithful supporters like you.

Please designate your gift to the "Kilimanjaro Fundraiser."

Join us as we climb higher so these girls can dream bigger.

FALL BRINGS CHANGE

By Susan Chalkias, Director of Operations



The leaves transform into brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold. The weather turns cooler, birds begin their journey south, and many animals prepare for winter.

But in the countries where Seeds of Hope serves, there is no fall as we know it. Zambia experiences three seasons: hot, cool, and rainy. Thailand has a cool, dry season, a hot season, and a rainy monsoon season.

Even the school calendars are different. In Zambia, the school year runs from January to December, while in Thailand it typically runs from May to March.

There are many differences between the countries where we work. Cultures, languages, foods, traditions, climates, and daily life vary greatly from place to place.

Yet despite these differences, **one thing remains the same: children.**

Every child, regardless of where they are born, needs to be loved, nurtured, educated, and protected.

Sadly, for millions of children around the world, these basic needs are not being met.

In Thailand, many children remain vulnerable to exploitation and child labor. In Zambia, millions of children have lost one or both parents, often facing poverty and limited opportunities. In Tanzania, thousands of children are living with HIV and its challenges. In Myanmar, ongoing conflict has displaced millions, leaving countless children without the safety and security every child deserves.

These realities are not just statistics to us. They are the stories of children we

know by name.

Each child has a unique story, a God-given purpose, and the potential to make a difference. Amy arrived at our home in Thailand in 2021, quiet, timid, and fearful. She hid whenever possible, determined to go unnoticed. Once considered below average academically, she flourished through the love, care, and Christ-centered support she received at Rays of Hope. Today, Amy is recognized by her school as gifted, leads worship at church, creates beautiful artwork, excels at skateboarding, and joyfully encourages younger children, proving that hope and opportunity can transform lives.

That is why Seeds of Hope exists.

We believe every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a safe and loving environment, receive an education, access medical care, and discover the purpose and potential God has placed within them.

The Bible reminds us: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful..."* Psalm 139:13-14



A NEW CHAPTER...

AND WHAT LIES AHEAD

FALL BANQUET/FUNDRAISER

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Location: Heritage Alliance Church
3440 Mt. Lehman Road, Abbotsford, BC



Limited Tickets Available
\$50.00 Each

Call 1-877-236-HOPE(4673)
Email: office@seedsofhopecm.com

Doors open: 5:00pm

Includes:
Featured Music
Dinner
Ministry Update
Silent Auction

SOMEONE IS WAITING

At Grace Academy in Zambia, Rays of Hope in Thailand, Precious Gems in Myanmar, and Upendo Home in Tanzania, children are receiving the care, education, and encouragement they need to look forward to a brighter future.

Sponsorship helps provide practical necessities like food, education, clothing, and healthcare. It also allows for the opportunity for meaningful connection thru letter-writing (optional), letting a child or resident know that someone halfway

around the world believes in them and is investing in their future.

Contact our office or visit seedsofhopecm.com to learn more about sponsorship opportunities.



Zara (Age 3 mos)
ZAM.F.0397



Zera (Age 6 mos)
ZAM.M.0398



Christine (Age 2)
ZAM.F.0380



Shekaina (Age 3)
ZAM.F.0383



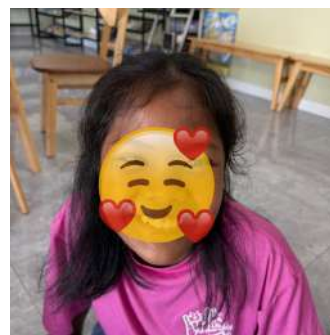
Grace (Age 3)
TAN.F.0006



Glory (Age 3)
TAN.F.0007



Garfield (Age 13)
THA.M.0039



Ing-On (Age 11)
THA.F.0084



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☐ I consent to receive emails from Seeds of Hope

Monthly Sponsorship:

- ☐ Sponsor # _____ children @ \$35USD (\$40CAD) /month
in ☐ Thailand ☐ Zambia ☐ Myanmar ☐ Tanzania = \$ _____ /month
- ☐ Sponsor a Seeds of Hope project: Name of Project: _____ \$ _____ /month
- ☐ Support Education sponsorship: Qty: _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____ /month

Pre-Authorized Donation (Canada)

seedsofhopecm.com/take-action/child-sponsorship

Download **Pre-Authorized Debit & Pre-Authorized Credit Form (PDF)** and email completed form to sponsor@seedsofhopecm.com or fax to 604-392-2006.



canadahelps.org/en/charities/seeds-of-hope-childrens-ministry



seedsofhopecm.com/take-action/gift-catalogue
Click "Subscribe" button under sponsorship.

Online Banking (USA)

Create a new online banking payee with the following information:

ACCOUNT NAME | Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry USA

ADDRESS | PO Box 30592, Bellingham, WA 98228

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.

Pre-Authorized Donation (USA)

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Select Child Sponsorship

Payment options:

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

You will have noticed a fresh new look for your quarterly sponsorship updates!

To request a complimentary new magnetic photo frame for displaying your quarterly update, please email:

sponsor@seedsofhopecm.com



It may feel early to think about

Christmas...

But the most meaningful gifts are worth planning ahead.

This year, consider giving a gift that changes a life.



Sponsor a child

through Seeds of Hope in honor of someone you love.

A gift that changes a life. A gift they'll never forget.



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Follow the powerful, Godly principles outlined in John Chalkias' "Amazing" books to transform your physical, financial, and spiritual health. In his writings, John emphasizes that regardless of your current circumstances, making small, consistent improvements



can lead to profound, lasting changes in all areas of your life.



SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday, October 24, 2026 | Abbotsford, BC

ONLINE AUCTION

November 4 - 7, 2026 | auction.seedsofhopecm.com



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OUR CURRENT NEEDS



MYANMAR CHILDREN'S HOME

Help us support the Precious Gems family.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

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



MEDICAL FUND

Helps us meet the urgent medical needs of our children.



MOSQUITO NETS

Aid in the prevention of Malaria by supplying mosquito nets.



BUSINESS START-UP

Help by supporting young entrepreneurs in a new business venture.



UPENDO (HOUSE OF LOVE), TANZANIA

Please lift Upendo Home for Girls in prayer, and consider giving toward a future overflowing with love, hope, and opportunity.



FEEDING PROGRAM

Support our feeding program outside the walls of Grace Academy.



WIDOW'S JAR

Give to women and children in need.



SPONSORSHIP

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



BUILDING

Give to our ongoing construction costs.

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

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