

STORIES FROM OUR LAST JOURNEY...

Lucy

February 4, 2010 is a warm, crystal clear day in a little village outside Maua, Kenya. There's a large crowd gathered around for a home dedication and celebration. In the midst of the crowd is a humble but radiant young girl named Lucy. She is about to witness the fulfillment of a dream she has allowed herself to have for a number of years... a dream to live under the same roof again with her sisters, Nellie and Jacqueline. How hard she's worked to pay for their food and school fees since their parents died of HIV/AIDS!



Only God knows the pain and exploitation Lucy has endured, because most of the time she can't talk about it. But today the new hope, love, and healing she's found through Jesus Christ and ZOE Ministry is so evident. As we all lay our hands on that simple little home for the blessing, we know how blessed and privileged we are to have had a small part in this labor of love. Please pray for Lucy's continued healing and the new life she and her sisters have together.

Abraham

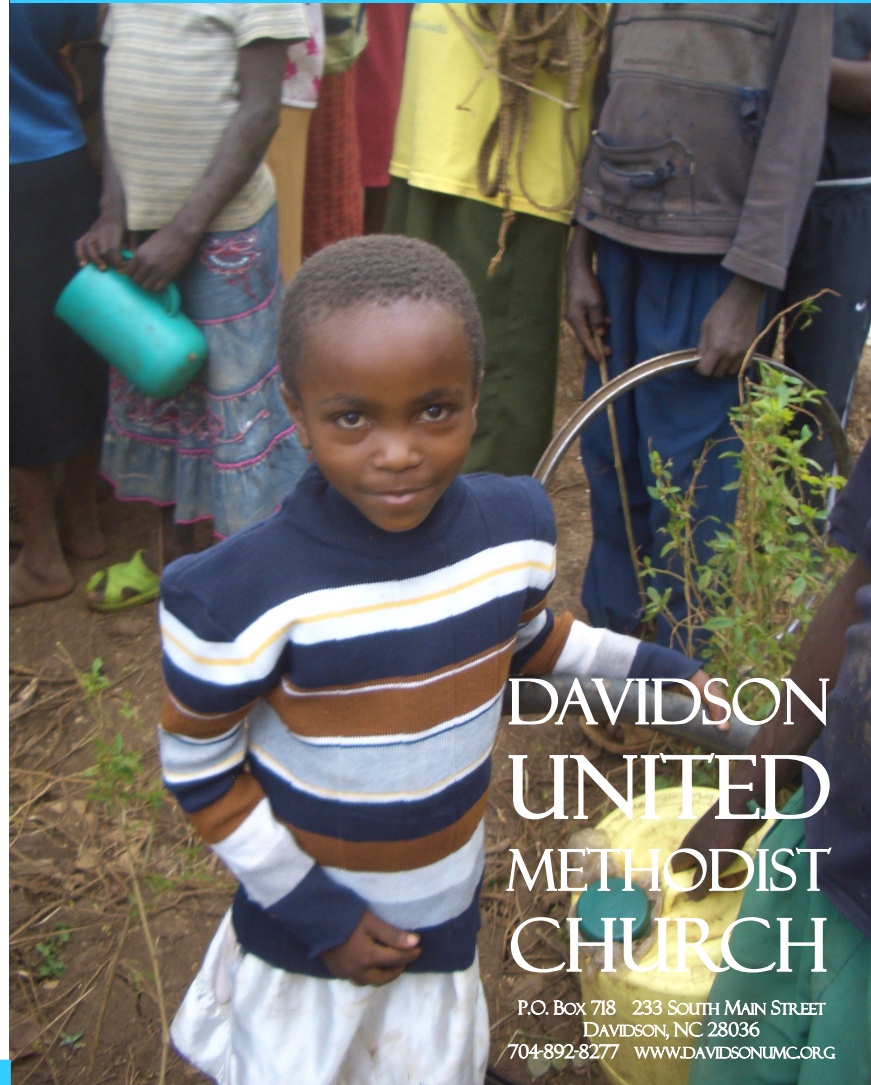
Our ZOE mission team meets Abraham proudly standing in front of his home that he, ZOE staffers, and a ZOE mission team built last year. He is grinning ear to ear as he opens the door to his room to show us his bed and mosquito net. As he shares his story and quotes his favorite scripture, he cannot stop smiling. There are few dry eyes in the group.



Just think when ZOE found Abraham several years ago he existed in a one room, ramshackle shed with his younger brother and a cousin he had taken in. His sister had to live elsewhere. Now his family is together. Moreover, they're feeding themselves and Abraham is propagating trees which he sells to the government. The young fellow orphaned at eight has come a long way. Please pray that Abraham and his family will continue to prosper and share God's love.

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INTRODUCTION

In October of 2009, the founder of ZOE Ministry came to DUMC and captivated a room full of people with stories and vivid pictures of the orphan villages that ZOE has created in Kenya. Since then, DUMC members Mary Deal, Suzanne Miller, and Jo Karney spent 12 days travelling in Kenya to witness this ministry first-hand. They met the children, saw Zoe Ministry in action, and came back saying, "WE'VE GOT TO STAY INVOLVED WITH ZOE AND GIVE THESE KIDS A CHANCE!"

Mary (704-895-1644), Suzanne (704-478-0986), and Jo (704-892-9550) would welcome your calls and questions as you consider investing your time, talent, and dollars in a mission trip with ZOE.

WHAT IS ZOE MINISTRY?

ZOE Ministry cares for, loves, and educates orphan children through their teenage years. When they graduate from Zoe, they are healthy, skilled, and able to sustain themselves and a family. DUMC supports a family of children in an orphan village. See ZOE in action by searching for "Zoe Ministry" videos on YouTube.



WHAT WILL WE DO?

We will travel with ZOE staff (from USA and Kenya) to visit and work with the children of an orphan village that ZOE has created. We will see how this Christian mission has changed the lives of these forgotten children with the love of Christ that comes to them in the form of shelter, family, vocational education, worship, food and the greatest gift: Being taught the skills to be able to pass on this blessing to others. When you return, it is my hope that you will be "courageous advocates" for the godly work of ZOE here in DUMC and beyond.

WHEN ARE TRIPS PLANNED?

DUMC members are invited to participate in the following mission experiences to Kenya in 2012. ZOE runs these trips, so feel free to go as your schedule allows.

February 8-17

May 21-30

June 26 - July 5

August 27 - September 5

ITINERARY

Our itinerary will be modified several times during our stay; however, the schedule below is typical:

Day 1 – Depart USA

Day 2 – Arrive in Africa

Day 3 – Travel to base hotel (a guesthouse)

Day 4 – Visits with ZOE Orphan working groups/mutual help project

Day 5 – Visits with working groups/mutual help project

Day 6 – Worship at local church, visit with working group

Day 7 – Visit with working group, see anti-AIDS club presentation by working group members

Day 8 – Visit with working group

Day 9 – Travel to capital city to depart

Day 10 – Arrive home

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

ZOE Ministry does everything it can to keep the costs for trips down. Costs include airfare, \$25 Kenyan visa, any pre-trip immunizations you might need, plus \$100 per night in country, which covers your meals, lodging, and all in-country travel (including a game park excursion in Kenya when such a side trip is possible).

IS IT SAFE?

ZOE will travel only in areas that they know to be safe and it is ZOE's African leaders who make this decision.

WHAT MEDICATIONS WILL I NEED?

Check www.cdc.gov, the State Department travel site and see your doctor. Anti-malaria and a cipro-like drug for diarrhea are basics.

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS?

We will stay in a Western-style hotel in the capital on the first and last nights of the trip. The rest of the time, the hotel is a guesthouse convenient to the orphan village. It usually has hot and cold water, and it is less comfortable than most are used to. Usually, each person will have their own room. Rooms can be noisy, so Zoe recommends that each person brings Tylenol PM/earplugs. The food is quite good and Internet is available.

WANT TO GO?

Contact Rev. Jeff Hassel (jhassel@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277) or see any of our three Zoe advocates for more information!