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Youth Discipleship & Development

FOR AN INCREASINGLY REDEEMED AND TRANSFORMED AFRICA

In 2014 we began a class with just 12 students from the local community. Knowing that there was a need and hoping to inspire teens we began offering a



business and discipleship class every Friday. Throughout the hot summer months we tackled all kinds of topics on business and Jesus and sweated our way through each class. By the end of the term 7 students had completed the course, while the

other 5 dropped out. Disappointed but still hopeful we decided to offer the classes again specifically aiming at youth. We wanted to give them the chance to acquire new skills and to teach them about Christ.

In January 11, 2015 we opened our doors to the surrounding communities. Within the first few months we had over 200 students. We began offering classes daily while utilizing different volunteers throughout the community and partnering with the local church to teach a variety of topics including: sewing, metal bending, business, agriculture, music & music



production, personal finance, sexual prevention, food preparation, discipleship, computers, reading and writing and clubs and sports. Students also volunteered their time as a free service to our community in helping to keep it clean and making it a better place. These classes evolved into the Kachimfya Program which is a Bemba (lang. in Zambia) word that means “Overcomer.” We now provide a one year program with 8 classes a day Monday through Friday. Each term students take exams and at the end of the year they can graduate. In the last 3 years we have had over 600 students attend our program and over 400 graduate. Out of our graduates 32 have gained scholarships to college, others have received jobs in the community and some have started their own small businesses with the skills they learned in the Kachimfya Program.

Throughout the year students form different clubs. This allows them to remain active after classes are finished and encourages their dreams to pursue their individual talents. One of these clubs is Outreach. Weekly outreaches are held throughout the year to minister and build relationships with those in the community. We have seen

many surrender their lives to God through this ministry and become a part of their local church.

The Kachimfya Program is open to all youth and as a result we have had students from all religions, sexual orientations, and backgrounds come. We have seen a countless number of lives completely transformed by the power of God. Children of chiefs, the rich, orphans, muslims, street kids, prostitutes, homeless, the abused, raped, homosexuals and thieves...all people have entered through our doors and have had the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



In addition to this program we have also been able to help rebuild a local church, give local congregations agriculture skills for farming, and provide local businesses with employees from our graduates. Many students have formed their own micro-enterprises to ensure income for their families.

While two administrators are paid staff almost all of the teachers are volunteers from the local churches. We've spent over \$50,000 during the last 4 years with outfitting classrooms for the use of teaching different skills. We have purchased specific equipment for agriculture, computer class, cooking class, sewing class, etc. We have also used these funds to pay staff and to cover operational costs over the last 3 years, while covering the cost of lunch and transport for all volunteers on a monthly basis. The buildings were given to us and we recognize that this was a miracle provided by the hand of God! In addition to the youth center we have an onsite job training program (Kachimfya Cafe) for our graduates, which in turn provides the monies needed to be a self-sustaining cafe/youth center, and provides scholarships to local universities.

After 3 years of investing our time, money and energy we have been able to empower nationals to carry on the vision of the Kachimfya Program. In September 2017, the youth center was handed over to the local church and is now being completely run by locals.

We thank God for what He is doing because we know that in ourselves this would not have been possible. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to minister in Zambia. We have been able to reach a whole community of youth with the hope of Christ and teach them skills in order to make a living. Each day we hear a new story about how this program has changed a life or given someone hope. Our goal is that each individual would know how valuable they truly are and that through applying the knowledge and skills given to them they will have the ability to change their future and that their lives will continued to be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

We would like to plant another youth center in 2019, in the eastern province of Zambia. Thank you for partnering with us in order to build futures and bring others the hope of Christ.

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