



LAND OF HOPE

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My journey, "the journey" God placed me on to an unknown Land of Hope, began in April 2006. Men from my church invited me to join a mission project in Zambia, Africa. I initially resisted joining this team, but due to health issues that led to a career employment decision, God caused my way to Zambia. The task was to assist in the construction of a Bible college associated with Gospelink. While in Zambia, we had the opportunity to share the Gospel in many schools and orphanages with thousands of children. I experienced the smiles, tears, and joy as hundreds of children learned of the Gospel, the story of Jesus, and claimed Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:1 'Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God concerning them is, for their salvation.' I returned home, realizing God was stirring my heart for something greater.

May 2021, my son and I boarded a plane to make my eleventh return to Zambia. Our third trip to the Karubwe forest, Chibombo village, two hours outside Lusaka, Zambia. My previous trips were filled with the joys of building a church, building water wells, mentoring and teaching sessions, assisting in large orphan feedings, and leading many on one's first flight and mission to Africa; this trip was much different.

Psalms 37:4 Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you your heart's desires.

On this day, May 23, 2021, we walk onto the land purchased three years earlier. On this day, my son and I met up with my best Zambian friend, Pastor Davis Daka, and his son, Joshua. THIS DAY..... we opened the doors and moved eight orphaned children into what has been named "THE LAND OF HOPE." YES, over 15 years ago, God caused me to interrupt my career path and guided my steps to fulfill HIS plan. God caused me to connect and develop a deep relationship with Davis Daka.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

JAMES 1:27

Please understand: my family and I did not draft a master plan to build an orphanage in Zambia, Africa. I said yes, Lord, to join a Zambia mission trip in 2006. But over time, God made His heart's desires become more of my heart's desires.

Psalm 20:4 "May He give you what your heart desires and fulfill your whole purpose."

We can all make a difference. I know this because for many years and each trip to Zambia, I would pray and ask God to "help me make a difference or show me, Lord, how I can be used to make a difference." You can "make a difference." God has provided the Land of Hope. Our role is to develop further, steward these 50 acres, and make it home for 100 plus orphans over the next five years.

God's words from Jeremiah 32:41 fit for The Land Of Hope: "I will take delight in them, and with my heart and mind, I will faithfully plant them in this land." Thank you, Lord, for the LOHA that will make a difference and give real hope.

"In the end, the only thing you truly own is your story."

I've read the last page of the Bible. It's all going to turn out all right.

-BILLY GRAHAM