

Mercy Touch

- caring for those who cannot care for themselves -



The children at Mercy Touch

The Orphanage

Mercy Touch is an orphanage in Ndola, Zambia, serving a critical need for 16 children. Founded in 2001 by Rev. Bernard Mukwavi, it provides shelter, food, clothing, education (both Christian and secular) and a loving environment to children who are orphaned or have parents unable to care for them.

The orphanage is located in two homes:

- **Garment of Praise**
- **Oil of Joy**

Each house provides for eight children, a house mother and a manager.

When finances allow, Mercy Touch also maintains:

- A feeding program for other malnourished children in the area
- A Christian sponsorship program for area children providing for school needs and bible study
- A farming project for growing vegetables to supply the homes

The Need

The cost of caring for these children is approximately \$1030 monthly at each home. This provides for food, clothing, medicines and school supplies. This amount also covers the house mother's salary, cleaning supplies, transportation and utilities.

The other ongoing need is for basic household equipment. One home has an immediate need to replace a failing refrigerator, and both homes dream of a freezer and a washing machine.

My Opportunity

Here I can make a difference by becoming a part of the growth and education of these 16 children. Is this a "drop in the bucket" in the worldwide need to help children? For sure! So do these children really count? Absolutely!

Donated funds go directly to the Mercy Touch account in Ndola, Zambia. Call 203-238-7784 for additional information.

The donation of \$1 per day (\$360) would be a major gift to help provide for one of these children for a year.

The donation of a needed appliance would be a blessing to the children.

Gifts in any amount are most welcome.



Annah



Elijah

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