

Zambia's Gift to the World Discussion and Prayer Guide

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

—2 Corinthians 8:1-2,7

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Zambia's Gift to the World especially highlights the love and sacrificial giving of Christians in Zambia for the orphan. What most struck you about the ways Zambians are expressing God's love for orphans?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-10. Do you feel your home church is more like the church in Corinth or the Macedonia? What might God be saying to you through this passage today?
- 3. Consider that Orphan Sunday—which is now impacting lives around the globe—began in a small church in a hard-pressed community in Zambia. What does this say about how God likes to work?
- 4. Pastor Billy tells us that if Jesus is our Master, we should note that, "His way of doing ministry was not just in words, but also in deeds." Do you agree? What does it look like to reflect the ways of the Master in our ministriy to orphans?
- 5. Margaret Harawa makes a bold statement: "The cross is never crowded. As long as Christ is the center of my home, it is never crowded." What do you think she meant by this? Have you ever experienced this reality in your own life?
- 6. Bishop Ngandu observes "Love is an expression." What are some specific "expressions" you could use to show love to orphan and vulnerable children in your neighborhood, church or around the world?
- 7. Thoko expressed, "I don't even think I would know that there's a God up there, but because of that love [from caring Christians], I found love." How do visible expressions of love for orphans reveal God's heart and character—to orphans? To the broader church community? To a watching world?

Please close this time with prayer for orphans, both in your area and around the globe. Pray also that God would inspire and equip His people to care for orphans wisely and well. Finally, ask God for insight as to how He would desire you and your church to live out this call.

