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“I will sing of the
Lord’s great love
forever; with my
mouth I will make
your faithfulness
known through all
generations.”

~ Psalms 89:1

From the President

Dear Friends,

God is so trustworthy! When the time for this trip came, due to unforeseen circumstances, we were down to two team members. How could we accomplish such a large task with only two volunteers? Not to worry, God, in His infinite wisdom provided everything and everyone needed to carry out His plan. All we had to do was trust Him. Read on for the story of how two very remarkable US volunteers teamed up with many willing Zambians to bring God’s love and mercy to several rural villages in Africa. God does not disappoint!

In His Peace,

Carol Fanelli



JOINING HANDS TO SERVE GOD - Andrew Brighton

What an amazing experience my wife Trisha and I had during our trip to Zambia, Africa this summer. I would first like to thank all the supporters that made this possible. You have helped make a difference in the lives of others in another part of the world. A special thanks to the Lions Clubs in this area and to Hempfield United Methodist Church – without your support this trip would not have happened!

I am very grateful for the partners that came alongside We’re All God’s Children to plan and develop this mission trip. The support that they gave was incredible. What a blessing to be able to minister alongside two amazing men of God – Vincent Luwizhi and Cosmas Zimba. It has been a privilege getting to know them and



Vincent Luwizhi and family

their families over the past seven to nine years. Vincent and Cosmas made all the arrangements for our eye vision clinics.

The dedication and commitment that these two



Cosmas Zimba and family

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men have to help the less fortunate showed to us their amazing servant hearts. They are truly a role model on how to serve in Jesus' name. We also enjoyed getting to know their lovely families and wonderful children.

Another key partner was Dr. Watson Kaputula, a
Zambian Ophthalmologist. He willingly partnered with us at all of the vision clinics. His dedication to helping the underserved in the area of eye care is truly inspiring. His love and compassion for his fellow Zambians was very evident, especially with the children.



Dr. Watson Kaputula

Our main mission was to hold free vision check-ups and provide appropriate eyeglasses for those in need. We brought a new eye refractor for Dr. Watson, as well as 2,500 pairs of eyeglasses and some school supplies. The itinerary included visits to four villages to hold 2-day vision check-ups. This meant eight vision clinics in nine days. We also planned to visit the Mango Grove Youth Group which is led by Cosmas.

We arrived at the Lusaka, Zambia airport on August 12, 2019, and were greeted by Vincent, Cosmas, Dr. Watson, and Katherine Muammar. Katherine is with YWAM Lusaka

and very graciously provided a letter of invitation for our Zambian visas. We are thankful for all the prayers that allowed us to go through customs without any issues. It was then with joy that we were able to present the brand new refractor to Dr. Watson!



Andy presents the refractor to Dr. Watson.

A unique aspect to this trip was that we were not bringing a team of people to run the vision clinics. We would be relying on village community members to help us. In most cases, these were the teachers of the schools where the clinics were held. School was not in session while we were there, so this worked very well. Vincent and Cosmas had again laid the groundwork for this by enlisting this help prior to our arrival. What a joy it was to work alongside these helpers!

The routine at each location was fairly similar. We would arrive first thing in the morning and determine how to set-up the clinic (very dependant on the facilities of the village). We would then unpack our supplies and train the helpers. Dr. Watson would typically address the people waiting for the clinic to begin, and then we would start.

The first 2-day clinic was held at Karubwe Community School in the Chongwe District. This school was started in 2017 by Pastor Alfred Lubinda and his wife Mary – two very lovely people. They had no desks and very few supplies. This year they have over 200 students. A big need in this village is water. This area is very dry and windy this time of year, so many people had eye irritations. Dr. Watson was able to diagnose this and WAGC was able to buy medicine to give to them on the second day of the clinic.



Karubwe Community School in the Chongwe District

Our second clinic was held at East View Community School in the Ngwerere District. At this clinic we were able to screen 264 people, of which 171 received eyeglasses.



East View Community School in the Ngwerere District

Our third clinic was held at Lusaka – West YWAM. A very nice medical clinic was available at this site for our use. We were able to screen 283, of which 173 received eyeglasses. Please keep this medical clinic in your prayers as YWAM discerns the best way to organize and open the clinic. There is a great need in this area for a medical clinic.



Lusaka – West YWAM Medical Clinic

Our fourth clinic was held at Kabanana School for orphans. We were able to screen 166 people, with 133 receiving eyeglasses.

As part of these vision screening clinics, it became evident that the helpers (mainly teachers from the schools hosting the clinics) were very capable of performing the vision screening with standard eye charts. We met with Dennis, the Headmaster at Kabanana about the possibility of the teachers running vision screenings for all of their children when the school year started up in September. The idea would be that the teachers would hold the vision screening sessions and develop a list of all the children



Kabanana School

that required eye care. Vincent would then contact Dr. Watson to schedule school visits to help these children. We were able to leave vision screening material with Dennis and 2,000 pairs of eyeglasses with Dr. Watson.

On Sunday, we had the privilege of attending the Mango Grove Youth Group which is led by Cosmas. We had both been to Mango Grove School in 2012 and we were amazed at the changes that have taken place in a few short years. What joy to see the children from seven years ago now young adults and walking with our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our two week trip went by incredibly fast. Before we knew it, it was time to go home. We were privileged to have led eight vision clinics. We were able to screen 897 people and give away 520 pairs of eyeglasses – praise God! During this time we met and worked with amazing people who love God and desire to help their neighbors. This is what Jesus asks of all of us. We thank God for His guiding hand every step of the way. We give Him all the glory!

A REPORT BY THE NUMBERS

August 14 - 22, 2019 - Eight Vision Clinics Held

897 People Screened including:

687 Adults (21 & older)

210 Children & Youth (20 & under)

520 Eyeglasses Distributed including:

116 for Distance

404 for Reading



YOUR PRAYERS CARRIED US - *Trisha Brighton*



Andy & Trisha

Andy and I took eight suitcases full of supplies, including 2,500 pairs of eyeglasses donated by the Lions Club, to Dulles Airport. We had a remarkably easy time of checking them in and a comfortable 20 hour flight to Lusaka, Zambia. Upon arrival, we received our visas and quickly cruised through customs. Awaiting us on the other side was a wonderful greeting from our partners Vincent Luwizhi,

Cosmas Zimba and their friends, along with Dr. Watson Kaputula who was very excited to see the refractor we carried. It was evident that God had prepared the way for us to help give sight to Zambians. We are grateful for the many friends of WAGC who prayed us through our entire time in this African country! For our health, safety and extremely productive time in Zambia we give thanks to the Lord! Even as the little unexpected “bumps” occurred along the journey, we saw God’s hand covering us and giving us His peace and guidance.

Our gracious hosts were Vincent and Samantha Luwizhi, missionaries partnering with WAGC. They provided us wonderful meals, clean and spacious rooms and sweet fellowship along with their four beautiful daughters. Even a generator that provided electric and water was available when the power was turned off.

Our first day consisted of culture acclamation such as \$1 equals 13 kwacha, driving on the left side of the road, or mandatory power shutdown daily. As a team, we met and trained on the eye refractor. With Cosmas Zimba, another partnering missionary, we traveled the next four days to two different villages. At each village, Andy assessed our space and divided the rooms up into five different areas: registration, eye chart area, refractor room, a glasses receiving room and a counseling/prayer area.

As a glimpse of our time in Zambia, the following describes what a typical clinic day looked like: Cosmas, Dr. Watson, Andy and myself, drove to the first village, Chongwe, via busy city roads with no lines, stop signs, street signs and very few traffic lights, then “off-roaded” on dirt and large rock filled roads for quite a distance. Being a passenger in the vehicle was an experience in itself! This landscape was very dry with little vegetation and no grass. The school had started in 2017 and had almost no supplies. The teachers and pastor walk two hours each day to get to this school. There was no electric or well, called a borehole, in this village. It consisted of two straw

buildings, one with a straw roof and the other a metal roof. One of our challenges in this village was getting our refractor room dark enough to be able to “read” each individual’s eyes. We saw many eyes that needed not only glasses but medicine due to the dirt and dust that was constantly blowing in this dry land. The next day when we returned, we were able to provide medicine and eye hygiene instructions to those needing it.

It was such a blessing to have Dr. Watson, a Zambian ophthalmologist, with such vast knowledge working alongside us. He seemed to speak any language we encountered in our travels. He identified many eye issues such as cataracts, glaucoma, allergies, an eye tumor, and vision problems related to hypertension and diabetes. Every person over the age of 50 years was examined by Dr. Watson due to the increased risk of eye diseases. He plans to follow up in the villages where we served. This is such a gift to those we examined who do not have the financial ability to visit a doctor or any form of travel to get into the capital city of Lusaka.



Dr. Kaputula advises Trisha on vision results.

This is just one example of how the Vision Clinic ran each day. Each village or compound had a different sense of community to it. Local community leaders or teachers enthusiastically helped us run the clinic or assist with anything that was asked of them. In two of the locations, we were excited to see that the work that WAGC helped to start 12 years ago was still thriving. Each day we left tired yet content knowing many received glasses and that God had provided for these beautiful new friends.

To the many friends who envisioned, organized, prayed, donated supplies, money and sacrificed in one way or another, we say thank you. Vincent, Cosmas and Dr. Watson also extend their appreciation and express their deep gratitude for making the Vision Clinics possible. Please know that the support given to We’re All God’s Children over the many years has been gratefully received and used to serve others with integrity and accountability here in the U.S.A. and in Africa. We look forward to serving the Lord with you through this wonderful ministry wherever the Lord leads.

A GREAT GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA - *Dr. Watson Kaputula* *Primary Eye Care Specialist - Zambia*

I will briefly write here my experience of having met and worked with you and your team including my recent meeting and working with Andy and Trisha.

My name is Watson Kaputula. I'm a Zambian citizen and a primary eye care specialist or Practitioner as well as a member of the Lusaka Lions Club.

Sometime in 2015, I was contacted by Pauline Chiko, a member of the staff at a Christian group called Youth with a Mission (YWAM). I had previously met Pauline in 2001 at a Catholic church in Lilanda Compound, one of the densely populated areas in the city of Lusaka where I was conducting a free eye care community screening and sensitization activity. Pauline informed me that she had some visitors from the USA who were involved in community based programs including eye care activities such as screening for eye diseases and dispensing free glasses. She asked me if I could join and work with them.

Since I naturally like community work and helping those in need, I easily accepted. Later I was introduced to Carol and the team. I was happy to meet Carol and the team. It's a wonderful team. Together we planned to go to the YWAM Christian Centre for screening. With my basic diagnostic equipment, I was very happy to do the work I enjoy doing and agreed to join them.

We did the work as a team; I did not have a refractor to help me do the work quickly, but it became easy because the visitors had one. We did the work for two days. It was very gratifying for me to work with people that have similar interests and values like mine.

After two days of work, Carol and the team realized that I needed a Portable Refractor to enable me to do my field work easily. They promised to try to help through well-wishers and the local Lions' Clubs there to get a refractor. A year later, I was informed that they had managed to raise enough money to purchase a new refractor for me to use.

Four years later, Andy and Trisha came to Zambia for

community work and finally brought the refractor to me. In addition to the refractor was a consignment of over 2,000 pairs of prescription eyeglasses. I do not know what to say really for all this kindness.



Eyeglasses sorted and ready for distribution

I worked alongside Vincent, Cosmas and their teams of volunteers in the compounds where they manage community schools - Kabanana, Karuwe, Ngwerere and we ended at the YWAM Centre. We had a complete ten days program and really enjoyed our work. It was tiring but very exciting and satisfying. It was wonderful working with Andy and Trisha and the whole team. We screened over 787 adults and 210 children and gave out 404 readers and 116 distance glasses.

It was a remarkable achievement.

It is my hope and prayer that God will grant me many healthy years to come so that I'm connected to you and your Christian team and to remain able to work with you in saving those in need. God is wonderful. I thank God that He gave me this skill and strong desire to help those in need. I do not have to be rich to help, the will and strong desire to help the needy is enough, because God will lead me to a place where resources will be found to help those He wants me to save. We are all God's children and we need to take care of one another.

I feel that your organization is doing a wonderful and great job for humanity and that you are the right people I can work with because you are doing what God wants me to do and what I love doing most. WAGC is doing a great job and I thank you for your generosity and love for Mankind....

The Refractor is a great gift to the people of Zambia and they are saying thank you for enabling them to read, see better and work well with the glasses. It will be great to see you again. You are a great team. May God bless you abundantly... and keep you healthy and safe.



Dr. Watson (center) in Lions vest with volunteers

YOU BRING HOPE - Cosmas Zimba
Country Coordinator Grassroots Heroes Zambia

I want to take this opportunity to thank WAGC for their support and especially your time with us here in Zambia over the past years. It has really meant a lot to us. As a ministry, one of our goals is to do a health program in all the communities we serve because we believe in a holistic approach to bringing transformation to a life.

Community members are always excited to hear the news that we are going to host a vision clinic. It means a lot to our communities as it improves the well-being of the members through helping care for their sight.

A lot of people are now able to see/look, write and read. The smiles that brings on people's faces ... that is hope in itself. People that have received the services/glasses came back to school just to say that now they can read the Bible, now they can help their children with reading (homework) to name just a few things. So many have been helped through this program.



Cosmas, Andy & Vincent

We feel very encouraged when you guys come and support our vision. In this we feel that our vision is being fulfilled in Jesus' name. Thank you for being our partners in fulfilling God's call.

Well Project in Alfamary Community School
(Karubwe Community)

Alfamary Community School has over 200 children from grade one to seven and most of these children are underprivileged or orphans. The school has many challenges including: the school structure itself, and the lack of proper latrines, basic school supplies and water - the very basics needed to provide an education.

We are happy to announce through our partnership with the Community School Leadership and through We're All God's Children, our US partner, we were able to install a well at the school. Now the children will not walk long distances to fetch water for the school, instead they will have clean water right at the school.

The drilling company at the site drilling... The kids are watching and excited...





***This is a life-time water solution! Thank you for your support.
We pray that this well will enhance their education.
Cosmas***

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE? SUMMER 2021 MISSION TRIP PLANNED

Plans are currently underway for our next mission trip to Zambia in the summer of 2021. This will allow for maximum fundraising and help ensure a larger team with diverse talents bringing more opportunities to share God's love. This report shows how God multiplied the talents of our two US volunteers but imagine how much more could be accomplished with a larger team. More Gospel outreach to children and youth, health seminars, sharing educational skills with teachers, teaching life-skills to adults - the possibilities are endless. If you can't physically join us can you spread the word to others who might be willing? Can you help by giving generously or participating/leading a fundraiser? Are you interested in bringing clean water to an entire village?

"If we are willing to surrender and serve God by serving others, we will see miracles."

Contact us now for more information on how you can serve God by serving others in Zambia.



The children at East View Community School enjoyed learning Bible songs.



A FOLLOW-UP FROM DR. WATSON KAPUTULA

We are pleased to report Dr. Watson has been able to utilize the refractor in two different vision clinics held in October and December of 2019. From Dr. Watson:

I include a brief report of an eye care community screening and sensitization activity that was carried out at Game Peri-Urban Clinic in Chilanga District by the Chilanga Lions Club and the Lusaka Pharmacy in October. We screened 238 adults and 170 children distributing 150 eyeglasses and 128 bottles of medicinal eyedrops.

We had a very successful eye screening in a rural community (Chipapa Community) of Kafue district in November and it was a very satisfying experience. Out of 125 people seen, 27 readers were given out and 5 glasses... 115 were adults and 10 children.

Dr. Watson adds, "They are very, very grateful to you, and the members of the New Jersey Lions Club and all those who contributed and sacrificed their time to ensuring that the machine for checking their eyes is made available and for the glasses that have been donated. They are praying for all of you."

