

OUR BEGINNINGS & VISION

In 2003, Tom & Amy Morrow felt the call to do mission work in Africa. After praying, it seemed that Zambia would be the country of choice for them and their 6 children. So, Tom went first to scout it out. You don't just take your family of 8 to the middle of Africa without first checking it out! When visiting a University Campus there, he stood and opened his Bible, and he was surrounded by students, begging him to tell them more. At that moment, he said he never felt so in God's Will in his whole life.

In going, the Morrrows had dedicated 10 years of their life to the Lord to Zambia. They felt like less than this would not be enough to see a visible change in the country.



They began working with other missionaries there, giving classes on health (malnutrition there was huge), AIDS (there was medicine, but they had to be convinced) Malaria was taking lives also. He wrote home, "Death is everywhere, every day. Our housekeeper just died, and friends we've made have passed on as well. There are orphans everywhere trying to survive."

Of course, reaching them with the Gospel was the priority of their list. Thinking to reach Zambian leadership with Bible Classes could help change things. He started with Bible classes and leadership classes with chiefs. Then, in seeing so many tiny little churches all around, he started giving the pastors Bible studies as well. They were self-proclaimed pastors who only knew a few Bible verses and lots of good songs. Nothing in depth. JuJu (similar to Vudu) was rampant. He would convince the pastors that JuJu wasn't good, and they all agreed, but on Monday morning, they'd be back visiting the Medicine Man to cast spells. The roots ran so deep that they just couldn't pull out of it. You'd have to start with babies and teach and train them from start to finish.



When going way up into the bush, far from the big cities to show the Jesus Film (the old reel-to-reel) with Campus Crusade for Christ to those who didn't even have electricity or running water at the time, he saw how needy they were. That village was losing its people. Mothers were dying in childbirth; babies weren't surviving without their mothers to nurse them. It was a difficult time for all.

It all came together that this was definitely what the Lord was leading them to do...



To open an orphanage for babies, then raise them with a solid foundation in the Word and emphasize that they should stay in Zambia to help their people.

People brought babies who were dying... they saved as many as they could. Some still died because Grandma waited too long, or they were born with AIDS from the mother, and more. In the end, after about 8 years, they had saved 33 children from death and were pouring into them the good news of Jesus Christ.



After about 18 years of hard work, and stressful living, Amy's strength had weakened. She had contracted malaria numerous times which weakened her body, plus other physical ailments that needed ongoing treatments that needed better care which would be in the States. After the heart-breaking decisions, they decided that they would have to move back to the States, leaving the orphanage in the hands of the good volunteers there.

Margaret and Brendon cared for the children for almost 4 years after that. It was then decided to close the orphanage. The children were older and stable, and their relatives (aunts, grandmas, older siblings) were found to care for them.

We had some sponsors and donors who were giving towards the children's education. Once a child is in secondary school (8th-12th grade), they can go to boarding schools which is very common in Zambia. Each term is 3 months, then they are home for one month. Many of the families are very poor, barely being able to feed the extra mouths, but they are willing. We know that in boarding school, they will have 3 meals a day, and good supervision and good schooling. So we are happy for this opportunity.

There is a very good Zambian woman there, Dorcas, who worked for Tom & Amy for about 10 years. She loves those children as her own. She is our contact to give school supplies, food, clothing, things they need. She also visits the families to make sure everything is alright.

Our vision for these children remains the same. To continue raising them up in the Lord, giving them good education that will help them to do what the Lord leads them to do.

