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45 Years of Help a Child! Zambia Jubilee Project

Help A Child is celebrating its 45th anniversary! The work of Help A Child began in the Netherlands when Prof. Hans and Anky Rookmaaker, the founders of the Dutch branch of L'Abri Fellowship, received a direct appeal for help from India. In response to this appeal they started to make inquiries which brought them face to face with so much misery and suffering, they felt bound to begin a relief action. They placed an article in their church newsletter which resulted in many donations. This led to the foundation of "Red een Kind" (the Dutch name of Help A Child) on March 28th 1968. We've been blessed to be able to make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of children throughout the last 45 years. In this anniversary year we are asking for your support for our Zambia Jubilee Project.

Zambia – Southern Africa

The districts of Chama and Mafinga are located in the Muchinga province in northeast Zambia. The government provides almost no financial assistance for education in these remote areas. Therefore parents have banded together and decided to start schools themselves for their children. Thirty schools have been established by

parents of this region in recent years. Help A Child needs your support to provide assistance to the parents and children in this part of Zambia to sustain and improve upon this important educational initiative. This kind of project, started by the local community themselves, is the type that Help A Child is particularly pleased to



support. However, there is much that needs to be done to insure that these village schools are able to provide the quality of education that will benefit the children the most. We want to provide teacher training in order to raise the standard of education at these schools. Well trained school administrators are necessary to allow the schools to flourish well into the future. Our goal is to equip these schools to become the foundation for real and lasting material, social and spiritual change in this region. This will cost much time and money. Help A Child is supporting the parents in this region to help bring these goals to fruition. Help A Child is also helping

the parents to find jobs and establish businesses of their own in the area. This translates to an investment in the future. This project is being subsidized in part by the Development and Cooperation Office of the European Union. We are asking you to help us provide our portion of the funds to enable this project to succeed.

6000 Children

Through this project 6000 children will be given the chance to go to school while parents and teachers will be trained to provide them with the skills they will need to offer a suitable education. We are committed to helping these 6000 children who will be instrumental in the future of this region. The duration of this project is 3 years, after which the communities will take over full responsibility for the future of the schools.

Education is the engine of society. When children are provided with a good education they have a better chance for a brighter future and their communities also benefit as a result. The children are able to see beyond the



confines of their villages and become inspired to achieve the best they are capable of. This begins with the individual child and is subsequently passed on from generation to generation. But children can only develop in this way when undergirded by a solid education. Therefore parents and teachers need the training to lead these schools, to provide quality education and to be attuned to the needs of the most vulnerable children. In this way children are allowed to develop their talents according to their abilities.

Natasha, a mother from Chama, says: "I never knew a school could make such a difference. Because the government school was too far away and too expensive, many children

didn't go. Now we've started our own school. There's a lot we need to learn because running a school isn't easy. Teaching classes isn't something that just anyone can do for example. But we are proud that we've made a start and that our children can now go to school. Now we need help for our next steps. It's wonderful to see our children being given the chance for a brighter future."

Please join Help A Child in celebrating its 45th anniversary by supporting this project with your gift of any amount designated to the **Zambia Jubilee Project**.