



“One child at a time...”

December 2008 Newsletter

Curtis and Katie Kline Join Africa Hope Team at Upeme

We are pleased to announce that Curtis and Katie Kline will be joining the Africa Hope team at Upeme in the Spring of 2009.

This extraordinary couple will be responsible for childhood development. Responsibilities will include helping the children with homework and reading; developing a daily routine with school, chores, and devotions; assisting with sports programs; developing a personal relationship with each child and teaching Christian values.

Curtis and Katie bring with them a wealth of experiences, education, and enthusiasm which will assist them in providing guidance needed for our kids.



Upcoming Travel to Upeme

Debra Lueck and Susie Maclean are headed to Zambia in January. Susie will be there for about 3 weeks and Debra plans to stay indefinitely. You may remember that Debra lived on-site for several years. After spending time at home in the states with family and friends, she is ready to return to Africa. Debra's role at Upeme will be to take on fiscal, agricultural, educational, and building responsibilities.

Arbonne Fundraising Event

Sunday, December 14, 1-3 pm, Maclean house (319 Red Ridge Ct.)

Swiss Skin Care Arbonne cosmetics, available individually or in gift sets. All profits to be donated to Africa Hope. Zambian handicrafts including wooden bowls, spoons, placemats and napkins, chess sets, woven bowls, necklaces and bracelets will also be available for purchase with all funds going to Africa Hope. Call Susie at 241-0774 for more information.

Update on Organizational Goals

The Africa Hope Team, consisting of all those who have traveled to Zambia to assist at the Upeme Hope Children's Centre, met recently to discuss goals, priorities, and future plans. Following are the organizational goals and status updates on progress towards those goals.

GOAL: Develop children at the Upeme Hope Children's Centre and Community School who become successful and self-sustaining adults by teaching them the following:

- Personal Values including honesty, kindness, and work ethic
- Life Skills such as decision-making, money management, family relationships
- Practical Skills such as farming, carpentry, sewing, cooking, laundry, cleaning
- Christian values and spirituality
- Educational Skills as each child is able and motivated

We are currently meeting the basic needs of the children for housing, food, and education. We previously did not have staff to provide for the supervision needed to accomplish the remaining goals. Curtis and Katie Kline will be able to move this goal forward as Child Development Supervisors.

Goal: Build administrative and teacher housing

Good news! The land-deed process is nearly complete, and we are ready to push ahead with construction. We have enough funds to build a 1 BR house for Curtis and Katie, but because construction costs have tripled in the past two years, we do not have enough to proceed with teacher housing or a second administrative house. At the present time we are exploring a collaboration with another non-profit to assist us with this challenge. This is our first priority for 2009!

Goal: Develop an organizational structure for Upeme which will provide accountability for project goals, staff, and local donations/cash generation projects.

Debra Lueck is returning to Upeme to join Jackie Rundquist, where they will share administrative responsibilities.

Goal: Expand the school building to accommodate full day classes for grades 1-8, and eventually through grade 12.

This will be our second priority for 2009! The kids at Upeme Hope Children's Centre and Community School are growing up fast, and are healthy and happy. We have 7 trained, certified and enthusiastic teachers, teaching grades pre-school through 7. A former child care worker is in training for preschool education and will complete her studies in December. She will then join our staff. One of our former teachers is back in school training for primary grades; he will finish in December, 2009. Our Headmaster sets high standards, and has limited classes to 35 students; the government school has 90 students per grade.



SAVE THE DATE

July 24th

3rd Annual Africa Hope Golf Tournament
Redland's Mesa Golf Course

More details to come...



Looking for the perfect gift idea?
Give the gift of HOPE!

Alternative Christmas ideas...

Gifts will be used for the following:

- Daily meals for the kids
- Books
- Construction supplies
- Child sponsorships
- Vegetable seedlings for the garden
- School supplies



Please complete below information and mail along with your payment.

Contributor's Information:

Your Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Contribution: \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____

(Make checks payable to Africa Hope and mail to: 319 Redridge Ct. Grand Junction, CO 81503)

How do you want your gift used?

Where needed Food School Supplies Construction Other

Contribution made for:

This person will receive notification of the gift you made in his/her name

Name _____

Address _____ City _____



Vision: “Empower the people of selected communities in Zambia to care for their abandoned, orphaned and disadvantaged children.”

Mission: “Bringing hope to children by providing resources to meet their physical, emotional and spiritual needs to build for a better tomorrow.”

How You Can Help...

Offer your skills—

- Africa Hope Board Treasurer
- Other board positions
- Fundraising
- Construction at Upeme

Offer your teaching—

- Travel to Upeme to teach Christian values, life skills

Offer your financial support— (all donations are tax deductible)

- Child sponsorship
- Administrative and child development position sponsorship
- Construction costs

Offer your information—

- Tell others about Africa Hope and Upeme
- Tell us if someone you know is interested in assisting Africa Hope



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