

# FOLLOWING LIVINGSTONE'S LEGACY



**IN ZAMBIA, THERE** is a monument honoring the famous missionary David Livingstone (1813-1873). Livingstone had many roles, including physician, explorer, and evangelist. He deplored slavery and established a university to enhance the lives of Africans.

Following in the footsteps of Livingstone's zeal for reaching Zambia, ACTION has missionaries there who are touching young lives. Over half of Zambia's population is below the age of eighteen. Many live in poverty, and more than two-thirds of the children in Zambia cannot read.

George (not his real name) was born with HIV/AIDS. His father died from HIV/AIDS complications, and his mother was also HIV positive. At the age of five, weak and malnourished, George began receiving assistance from a church feeding program associated with ACTION.

Antiretroviral therapy (ART) medication, free and available in Zambia, is a potent cocktail of medicines that keep the virus dormant. Still, excellent nutrition is necessary for the drug to be metabolized. Because of George's young age and malnourishment, his medication was causing severe side effects, including seizures.

Observing his situation, the local church's feeding program sent George home with soya meals to eat during the week to ensure he was getting enough calories to continue the ART. Over the next ten years, he grew



stronger; today, he is a healthy 16-year-old.

The lad is currently teaching Sunday school. He often goes to the church to help sweep the building, pick up garbage, and garden in the church's small farm plot, which serves the feeding program. This young man does these things without being asked; George has a heart to serve at the church, where he's grown into a responsible young man with a bright future.

ACTION Zambia has a place for you to be a missionary to the Georges of that African nation. For further information, please write to [info@actionintl.org](mailto:info@actionintl.org).

# A GREAT PRIVILEGE

**A CHILD FELL OFF** a dock and was drowning because he did not know how to swim. There were no adults around to help him. But twelve-year-old Peter jumped into the water, bringing the young lad to safety.

Children are capable of being not only life savers but also soul winners. One of the great privileges of being a children’s worker is having the opportunity to equip children to share Christ with others. This involves deliberately connecting with children wherever they are, whether on the street, at school, at a playground, or in a home. Children tend to make friends easily because their bandwidth is wider in social circles. It is part of their DNA.

A Lifeway Research study of 2000 unchurched people found that only about forty-five percent said anyone had ever explained the benefits of becoming a Christian.

Church members sometimes believe that only adults can lead others to Christ, but the Bible tells us otherwise. When some religious leaders criticized children for praising Jesus at the temple, He rebuked them by quoting Psalm 8:2: “You have prepared praise from the mouths of infants” (Matthew 21:16).

Kids are not embarrassed to be asked to participate in an event. Their hands always shoot up. Kids are naturally more fearless because they have not experienced the sting of rejection or embarrassment as much as adults have.

Children are not as cynical as adults. During a recent Bible club meeting, we noticed the children’s tenderness of heart as they listened to simple spiritual truths. Children get into less trouble and are more obedient to God than teenagers or adults. The church needs to see kids as valuable ministry workers.

Children learn quickly. I have noticed that when they are given multi-colored salvation bracelets, they want to share Christ with others. It becomes natural for them because they are natural learners. Let us not underestimate children’s ability to help change lives for eternity.

ACTION is looking for workers to help children share the Gospel. Come and join us.



*After ministering for many years in Colombia, Phil and Mariela Legal now minister to needy people on the U.S./ Mexico border*

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