

March 20, 2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I want to thank you for all of the love and support you give to this ministry.

A lot of new things are happening. God is opening new doors for sharing His love and goodness with the vulnerable women and children of Zambia and I wanted to make you aware of these exciting changes.



Alvin Malott, Penny Stull (two of the Loads of Love board members) and I are back from our 11 day trip to Zambia. The three of us were amazed every day at how God went before us and prepared the way. We felt God's presence so strongly.

HELP for Zambia was started in 2019 as a very small, grass-roots organization. Although we are still a growing ministry, we are at the point of needing to be properly registered in Zambia, and have a legal board consisting of Zambians and Canadians. During this trip we were able to establish this. Since HELP for Zambia has always been under Loads of Love, we are now officially named Loads of Love Zambia, no longer using the name HELP for Zambia.

Although we have always worked with local churches in Zambia we've been feeling the nudge from God for some time now to partner with a Zambian church.

Maranatha Church is a thriving church in Kitwe, Zambia. This church regularly holds crusades, runs outreaches, and has an extensive visitation ministry. They have 6 services each Sunday, some in English and some in Bemba. This church truly is reaching their community for Christ. After meeting with the church leadership on zoom before we left Canada, and then having in-person meetings with them while we were in Zambia, we all agree that God has put us and Maranatha Church together as partners so that we both can be more effective. As the Bishop of Maranatha said, where we are weak, you are strong. Where you are weak, we are strong. Together, we can make a significant impact in reaching Zambia for Christ. We are so thankful for this new partnership and are excited to do ministry together.

This coming May 13, there are 12 of us heading to Zambia. 7 of the team members are from Evangel Community Church, and 5 are from St. Paul's Congregational church. The 12 of us together represent a variety of skills and talents, but all of us have a common goal-to bring Glory to God through our involvement in missions.

Our main project in May will be to work with the Zambian people on commencing building a cement chicken barn that will hold 1000 chickens and 1000 eggs which of course will hatch into chicks. We will also help finish the wall that was started last year. We had intended to wall in only a small portion of the land but ended up deciding to do the entire 6 acres. The protective wall is over half way done, but we still need to make more bricks to complete it. As we finish the wall and build the chicken barn, this business will become profitable. All profits from this business will go towards furthering the ministry to vulnerable women and children. It will supply the day to day operating expenses of the ministry, and towards digging a deep solar well to bring clean drinking water to not

only our property, but to the surrounding community that struggles to find clean water, it will go towards building a women's shelter to bring healing and protection to abused women and children. Eventually, the profits will go towards the day to day expenses of running the women's shelter including paying staff, maintaining the property, and feeding the residents. God is providing for us in a way we never expected-through a chicken business!!

One of our main goals has always been to promote sustainability. Of course we need to invest financially for the first several years to get things established, and I know we'll continue to fundraise for special items like sending a container of humanitarian aid and other projects as God presents them to us, as there are always more needs to be met. We also still owe \$39 000 to Loads of Love, who holds an interest free loan for us for the 6 acres we purchased in Zambia. Our goal next year will be to burn the mortgage!

Through creating this chicken and egg business, we are putting Zambian Christians in a position to be able to care for their own people. We are allowing them to have a means to spread the Gospel through meeting some of the physical needs of the community without the shame and powerlessness that comes with being financially dependant on others.

To finish the protective wall, we need \$15 000. To build this large cement chicken coop, purchase the cages, solar incubators, feeding troughs, chicken food, eggs and laying chickens, the total cost is \$50 000 Canadian to get this up and running. We are so thankful that so far we have raised \$33 000.

This week we are finishing up our soup fundraiser. We are busy preparing for our second annual Fundraising Gala Dinner and Action on April 13 being held again at St Paul's Congregational Church. We are holding a Mother's Day vendor sale on May 4. All of the money raised will be going towards bricks for the wall and building supplies for the chicken coop.

Then we fly to Zambia on May 13. What a busy time, but filled with joy and excitement for what God is doing!

If you would like tickets to the Gala on April 13, they are available at Evangel Community Church, St. Paul's Congregational Church and Loads of Love, or feel free to contact me by email listed below. Please see attached poster.

I want to thank you for your prayer support, financial support, love and encouragement as together we answer the call of Jesus to go into all the world to preach the good news to everyone.

If you would like more information, please contact me anytime at Loadsoflovezambia@gmail.com

May God Bless You

Crystal Krogman and the board of Loads of Love Zambia



April 13
5:30-9pm

Ticket includes
Chicken Dinner
Live Music
Live Auction
Silent Auction

All proceeds go
towards making
the **Zambian
Women's Shelter
Sustainable**
**St Paul's Congr.
Church**
**450 Park Ave W
Chatham**

\$45 per person
(**\$25 tax receipt issued per ticket**)



Tickets available at St.Paul's,
Evangel and Loads of Love
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