



The women of Kantolomba Compound celebrating the new Community Center and their first possibility of having health care. The center will house the sewing cooperative, a medical facility and classrooms. It will serve as a gathering place for residents as they work together to transform their community.



With 85% unemployment in Kantolomba, men have had little hope of providing the basic necessities for their families. The Men's Cooperative provides men their first opportunity for employment and offers mentoring to help them be successful.

## How to participate...

A great way to begin is to read our [Africa trip blogs](#) or watch one of our [videos](#) on the website.

You can **sponsor a child**. Visit our gallery of photos of the kids in our school/food program and let your heart choose the child that most inspires you.

Enable someone to have a sturdy roof to protect their home from washing away in the rainy season through the **Roof Loan Program**.

**Purchase a product from Africa** or an **Africa Gift Card** through our [Keep It Simple](#) store online.

Have a fundraiser. No idea is too small or too large. Read about others in our [fundraising blog](#).

Support the **Men's Cooperative**, a mentoring and employment program.

Make a **donation** of any amount.

Any contribution creates a miracle in someone's life in Kantolomba.

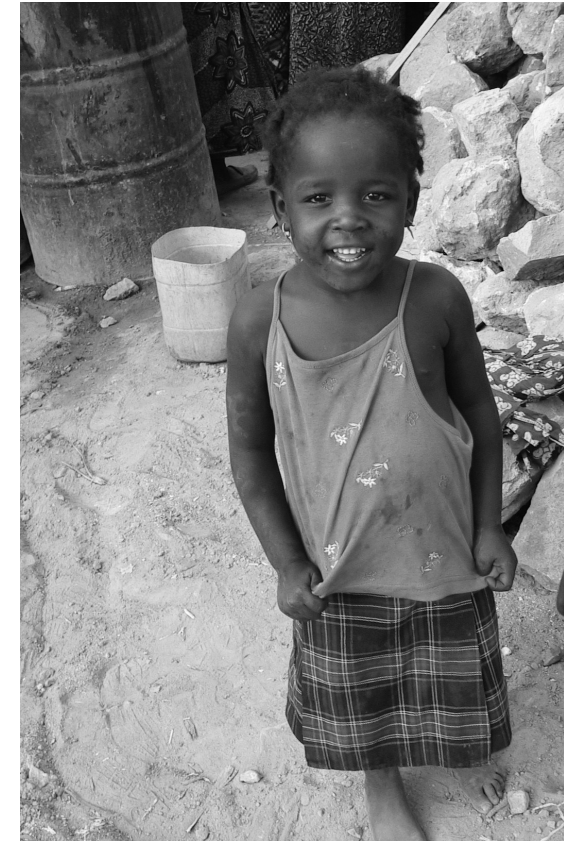
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## THE AFRICA VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROJECT

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Transforming an impoverished slum in Zambia into a thriving, sustainable community.

When Living Compassion was introduced to Kantolomba compound, a slum on the outskirts of Ndola, Zambia, we found a community of 8,000 adults and 3,000 children lacking in all basic services: no safe drinking water, medical care, employment, adequate housing, electricity, or schools. We asked a resident, "What would you do if you had money?" "I'd feed the children. Many are not eating," she answered. We enthusiastically responded, "We can help with that." In August 2005, we began feeding 40 children. By 2008 that number had grown to more than 350, plus the children are now going to school. The last three years have been an amazing adventure for Living Compassion and the people of Kantolomba. In October 2006, we bought a large plot of land and built a second school to serve 10- to 15-year-olds. A medical center is now under construction on the property, and we have purchased several adjacent properties on which to build more schools. We have dug a well to provide the first safe, clean water to Kantolomba. We are supporting micro-businesses by importing local crafts for sale in the United States. Proceeds bring much-needed income to this poor community and expand employment opportunities. This is just the beginning. Over the next few years, in partnership with the community of Kantolomba and many others, we will provide safe housing, electricity, and a sewage system. Read our blog for more stories and pictures from Zambia at [africa.livingcompassion.org](http://africa.livingcompassion.org).



The Africa Vulnerable Children Project's sponsorship program offers the opportunity to sponsor a child and have that child's photo as inspiration for supporting the program.



Women, like Josephine, have their first opportunity for employment as part of the Living Compassion Sewing Cooperative. Her income has recently made it possible to put a permanent roof on her family's mud brick home and purchase enough food each week for her whole family.



The first well providing clean drinking water.



Through the Living Compassion school/food program over 350 children are receiving a meal every day and attending school for the first time.



These women are celebrating the new roofs showing up throughout the compound. Thanks to participants in the Roof Loan Program these newly employed women are able to secure loans to purchase sturdy roofs for their homes. During the months of heavy rain each year, a third of the homes in Kantolomba wash away completely and many others are left barely standing.