



I spent a year in Zambia from 2009-2010 working with orphan schools in Zambia. I have to admit that I was nervous when I left for America because I was worried all the progress the schools made when I was there would deteriorate. I was able to return to Zambia in July, 2011 with my friend Nick Sheltroun from Heritage Charter Schools. We were so encouraged with what we saw in the seven days we were in Zambia!

The biggest challenge for missionaries is to be involved in ministries in which the nationals have ownership. The school that HAC supports in Kamushanga planted grass and plants, painted the wall fence with a school sign, started a school garden to supplement the feeding program, started a small store to raise money, started a school library, started having staff devotions twice a week, started having devotions with students every day, created a school board, and bought a Zambian flag. All of this was done without any financial assistance from the west. It seems like for the first time that the teachers are now taking ownership of the school ministry. The teachers from Kamushanga added a grade 6 last year and will add a grade 7 next year. They also decided in their last staff meeting to start some small businesses like milling corn or raising chickens to raise money for the school.

HAC recently has decided to hire Emmanuel Mushota to be the equivalent to a school superintendent for the five Grace schools in Zambia. He now has the resources to visit every school on a regular basis and work with the government to get them to pay some of the teacher's salaries. We have already seen progress from him in the few months he has been on the job. Nick and I were able to visit three schools, donate Christian Children's Books, encourage the teachers, meet with head teachers, and give each school \$100 to buy textbooks. Typically, only the teacher has a teacher book while the students either have no books or they share 2-3 books in a class of 20-30 students.

In August 2012, HAC is hoping to send 5-8 American teachers to Zambia to do a week long teacher workshop for all the teachers who teach in our five schools. I can't wait to go back to Zambia next year and see what progress the schools have made again. Will you continue to pray with HAC for God to guide and protect these teachers and children as they follow him?

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