



If you're looking for a book that will challenge you to change the way you think, we recommend "A Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Sterns. Richard is the President of World Vision.

Here are some startling statistics from his book:

The United States spends about \$1,780 per capita on PRIMARY and SECONDARY Education; Uganda spends around \$5 per capita. Today one in six adults in the world is illiterate, and 2/3 of them are women. There are 115 million children who do not attend school! In Africa, only 59% attend school at all, and only one in 3 will complete PRIMARY school. The reasons children do not attend school are many. For some, their families need them to work – fetching water, farming, or even working under bonded labor to pay off a debt. Others may have to stay at home to care for a sick parent, particularly in regions where AIDS is rampant. Girls are often thought to not need an education and are kept home to do domestic chores.

Richard says that education is foundational to a child's development, to the development of the community and the entire nation, and no long-term escape from poverty is possible without the methodical and routine education of children – both boys and girls!

That is why we at Hope for Abba's Children are so passionate about the schools in Zambia that are educating "the least of these" – children who would not be going to school right now in Zambia, except for the presence Grace Community Schools.

HAC partners with five schools in Zambia with a total of 898 students and 27 teachers. The student to teacher ratio in the schools is 33:1. Most of our teachers have become certified which is excellent for community schools, and we are assisting in the certification process with the remaining teachers as needed.

In Zambia, when students finish 6<sup>th</sup> grade they must take a national exam in order to be accepted into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We have 2 schools that go up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and in 2010, 99% of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in one school and 100% in the other passed the national exam. That is a testament to our great teachers! We are so proud of them!

Thank you for your support, both financial and in prayer, of the 5 schools in Zambia.

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