



WHERE THE MISSION FIELD MEETS YOUR FIELD OF STUDY

Looking Back & Looking Ahead

2015 has been a time of harvest from efforts of past years and also of sowing for things to come. **THANK YOU for praying, giving & being a part of this!**

The year began with sending our first missionary, Jason Stansbury, to serve Zambian street youth as Chisomo Centers' drop-in coordinator. *Read more - pg 4.* This year ends with preparation to send a 2nd missionary, Ally Olkowski, to provide mental wellness services to Chisomo's youth. *Read more - pg 2.* Both were former interns.

3 years ago, I called out to God in prayer asking where our colaborers would come from. He spoke to me through Luke 16:10 and told me that they would come from our interns. Today, the majority of our staff is made up of previous interns. They started small with us and now God is doing great things through them.

Adam Stalcup also joined us as staff this year and is now our international internship director. *Read more - pg 3.*

This summer, Dr. Dave Duby from Liberty University did a small business training through us to empower Zambian women. This has opened the door for more professional development trips to follow – like Bob & Tori! *Read more - pg 3.*

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development, do needs assessments, vision cast and review financials. That all went as hoped and the trip became SO much more. *Read more on page 4.*

As we look toward 2016, here are our prayer requests – We hope to see all of the children in the Hope for India Child Sponsorship Program sponsored. It is do-able! Only 12 left! Let's make it happen!

We hope to do a training in teaching literacy with the workers at Chisomo.

We hope to teach more small business skills to women and families in Zambia.

We provided scholarships for 10 youth in the At-Risk Zambian Youth Scholarship Program through donors and grants. We hope to continue their scholarships in 2016.

We hope to see more homeless Zambian youth come off drugs and to provide trainings to make our curriculum available for wider use.

We expect to see more colaborers, like Joyell *pg.4*, join us in the harvest fields to work alongside our brothers and sisters abroad, strengthening their hands and encouraging their souls.

M. Stalcup



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Completing the Picture? "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" in Zambia, Africa

Drop In Centers and churches are often the first to reach out and care for substance dependent street youth. Yet substance dependence is a problem in Zambia that is largely unaddressed by psychotherapy and is criminalized by society.

Many of the homeless youth that come to Chisomo Centers are also drug addicted. Finding no therapeutic resources suitable for our youth and no means of referring to other organizations, we took personal action. Melissa wrote a 10 lesson counseling curriculum entitled "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy", as part of her masters degree. Dr. Lauren Littlefield of Washington College offered services as the editor and served as Melissa's advisor on the project.

The curriculum contains 10 expressive arts lessons using art, dance, game, horticulture,

drama, handicraft and music therapy. It requires just 1 literate facilitator and goes through the 12 steps, forming recovery friendship groups at the completion of the curriculum so change can be sustainable and community owned.

It was approved by Washington College's IRB, copyrighted and tested in Zambia in July by psychology research intern Brittany Richard.

A follow up study was done at Kent County Behavioral Health in MD from Sept – Dec and they announced they will purchase copies and have it incorporated into regular offerings at the center!

A third study will begin in Zambia in January by psychology research intern Hjordis Lorenz. Special thanks to the Douglas Cater Society for providing a grant so Hjordis can do this important study.

Please pray for us as we hope to plan a training in Zambia to make this counseling curriculum available to other organizations for use.



*"Part of my heart has been invested in those street kids long before I met them and my time became so much more than I ever expected. This time in Lusaka was a confirmation of my calling in the Lord and I am so grateful to have gone and to love and to be loved by these amazing kids, even with so many odds against them."
- Brittany*



"God's grace is undeniably present at Chisomo and through the work that they are doing, I am honored to have the opportunity of working along side the Chisomo staff and volunteers as a Colaborers International missionary. We are God's laborers in a field ready for harvest. It is truly a blessing to serve the children and youth by providing mental wellness services." - Ally

Missionary Ally Olkowski

Ally will be joining us as a missionary in Zambia starting February 2016.

Ally first served with us as an intern in Zambia in 2013 and continued on as a volunteer in the US putting together the At-Risk Zambian Youth Scholarship Program to provide boarding school opportunities for youth that can't be placed with families. To scholarship a youth, contact Ally@CoLaborersInternational.com

She will be serving as a mental wellness coordinator for the homeless youth and children living on the streets of Lusaka, Zambia that come to Chisomo Centers' drop in center each day. Many of these children have substance dependence, have been through trauma associated with life on the street and are in need of mental wellness services.

Ally will run drug and alcohol counseling groups for the street youth, have individual mentoring sessions with the youth and will also participate in outreaches each week to women in prostitution.

She will be using the "Literacy-free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" curriculum and do a longitudinal study while there so we can see how to best serve substance dependent street youth.

To donate towards Ally's missionary support, please make checks out to CoLaborers International with "ALLY" on the memo section of the check. Mail to PO Box 959 Chestertown MD 21602.

Special thanks to Chestertown Rotary & the Weiders of Fidelity Charitable Grants for helping scholarship Chisomo's children!

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

U.S. INTERNS

Thank you to our Messiah College US interns, Victoria Scrima (Marketing) and Leo Pusatere (Financial Planning) and thank you both for staying involved even after your internships completed!

INTERNATIONAL INTERNS

Psychology research intern, Brittany Richard from Liberty University, and education intern, Spencer Kondak from Messiah College, joined us in Zambia in July.

Spencer taught literacy classes utilizing the game based Reading Assist Program curriculum. Thank you to the Judy Center for helping select this curriculum and to the Chestertown Rotary Club for your financial support for our literacy initiatives. Donna Bedell from the Judy Center has continued to be involved.

You can read about Brittany's internship on page 2.

NEW! Adam Stalcup became our new international internship director this fall!

2016 OPENINGS!

- Gain Experience in Your Field of Study.
- Help Zambian Youth.
- See Victoria Falls & go on Safari!

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"Serving with Colaborers International not only allowed me to impact my future, but the futures of kids whose lives are so important to God. They have so many dreams and aspirations and to play a part in realizing those dreams is something that will stay with me forever." - Spencer



Dr. David Duby with the women that completed his workshop training

THE HEALING POWER OF SMALL BUSINESS

A reason children and youth leave their families in pursuit of street life is poverty. When children are reintegrated into families, the problem of poverty persists. To address this, Chisomo teaches women to make handcraft jewelry, cloth and peanut butter to sell to supplement their income. They call this their "Mothers' Programme".

- ♥ 187 children and youth are supported!
- ♥ 60 women are being empowered through small business!

Popular Chestertown, MD shop "Twigs and Teacups" joined us as partners in June to sell the handcraft jewelry made in Zambia by the Mothers' Programme. On the debut First Friday event in August, we sold out in 2 hours. This event was covered by the Chestertown Spy. Shortly after, we also opened an etsy shop.

In June, Dr. David Duby from Liberty University joined us in Zambia on a Professional Development Trip. Professional Development Trips are opportunities for professionals to provide training workshops in their field of expertise to indigenous staff abroad. These workshops seek to increase the training of the local staff or recipients of project services and gives them tools to build on the capacity of what they are already doing.

Dr. Duby led a week of management training and business consultation with more than 60 Zambian workers who seek to develop sustainable income through independent enterprises such as cloth making, hand crafted jewelry, and growing peanuts and producing peanut butter. Dr. Duby has stayed involved with this initiative and [joined our board of directors](#).

UPCOMING! Tori & Bob Neales have been inspired to help. They plan to go to Zambia in fall 2016. (Tori is 3rd from left)



Tori will teach sewing skills to the women so they can turn the beautiful dyed cloth they already make into aprons, dresses, pillows, etc... to sell. Bob will work with local Chisomo staff member and carpenter Josphat Phiri to do a carpentry workshop with the older youth at Chisomo Centers. They will teach how to build chicken coops for starting small chicken businesses and also build a garden shed on the plot of land donated to Chisomo Centers.

Please make checks out to CoLaborers International with "BOB & TORI" on memo. Mail to PO BOX 959 Chestertown MD 21620



India

Our board of Directors – Scott, David, Melissa and Shelly went to India this fall. We were there to look at program development, do needs assessments, vision cast and review financials. That all went as hoped and the trip became SO much more! We bonded with the leaders and spent time with the children in our child sponsorship program.

We visited 3 slums, several churches and the AIDS medical outreaches. It was so much to take in during just 2 weeks. There is such a depth of need and so many people. We were helpless foreigners in their land and strangers inconvenienced themselves to make sure we were okay without even a second thought.

India overwhelms the senses, drenching them in smells of marigold, curry, cardamom, over-ripe fruit and sweat. There is so much elegance in the way that everyone dresses and the generosity they show. The slums feel hopeful against a backdrop of the worst living conditions we have ever seen. You want to take more time than you have. You want to give more than you are able. You pray constantly. You hold your lips back from promising what you cannot. It is surreal, emotionally challenging, beautiful and inspiring all at once.

We are hoping to see the rest of the children (only 12 left!) in the program sponsored by February and we are dreaming of starting a mobile slum school.

We are looking for someone to volunteer here in the States for 5 hours a week to help us coordinate more resources for India.

If you are interested, please contact Melissa@CoLaborersInternational.com

Missionary Jason Stansbury

Missionary Jason Stansbury Jason arrived in Zambia February 2015 as a missionary with a lot ahead of him. It has been a journey of faith. Sacrificial and joyous at once. Lives are being changed. It has not been easy, but it has been worth it.

So far, we have seen the volunteer base of Chisomo expand under Jason's leadership alongside Pastor Aaron. 10 volunteers have helped throughout this year, many of whom also feel led to stay long term. He has also arranged for Chisomo to receive counseling volunteers from University of Zambia Psychology Association. Please also pray for Katebe Chama in particular who is serving as a youth outreach officer with Jason.

Up to 50 youth are receiving services each month at the Chisomo Centers. Jason's heart is to raise the general budget of Chisomo Centers so they can better provide reliable services to children of the street. Collaborating with local groups, they did a series of benefit concerts/events this fall. Jason has also been collaborating with other groups to be able to expand services offered – including offering unique small craft business classes at Chisomo for older street youth to attend. Jason also became a regular on Radio Christian Voice since August.

Jason's missionary support is low. He needs about \$100 extra each month to meet his cost of living goals. Please donate marking "Jason" on the memo section of the check or via CoLaborersInternational.com/Jason



MEET JOYELL. She has been inspired to also go to Zambia for 1 month to work alongside Jason with the street youth. She has her JD in international law and human rights & has already been faithful to use her gifts for human rights and advocacy in Baltimore, MD right here in the States. *Please consider donating to help her go provide services to these youth by indicating "JOYELL" on the memo section of your check.*

INDIA HIGHLIGHTS



HIV/AIDS CLINIC

175 people receive care at this HIV/AIDS clinic. 5 workers, 2 counselors and 1 doctor keep this running. Pray for Babu & Nagendaama as they lead this ministry.



SLUM OUTREACHES

We saw 3 slums while in India – Krishnalanka, Guntur and Mangalagiri slum. Countless people live in these settlements with no clean water, little education and opportunity.



CHILD SPONSORSHIP

The child sponsorship has been very effective, so much so that costs are **now only \$25 monthly** to provide food, shelter, school uniforms, monthly doctor visits and medication. 10 children are already sponsored. Only 12 left to be sponsored!! Will you help?



WIDOW OUTREACHES

7 churches participate in widow outreaches. Karuna also teaches sewing as income generation for them.

