



WHERE THE MISSION FIELD MEETS YOUR FIELD OF STUDY



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## Colaboring in God's Harvest Fields

It can be easy to get so caught up doing the work of the ministry and that we forget to take the time to reflect on and celebrate the fruit God has borne through our hands as we colabor alongside Him.

I gave birth to a son last month. Holding him in all his vulnerability and perfection in my arms this Christmas season, I glimpse a greater understanding of the depth of God's sacrifice in sending Jesus Christ for us. The charge to go into all the world to share His life changing gospel of hope burns greater in my spirit as I think of the little ones who do not yet know Christ.

Myself and our staff all willingly sacrifice our time, give our talents and give of our own finances to reach street children, youth and women in Zambia and India because we believe in this work.

WE THANK YOU for your prayers, giving and sacrifice as well. We appreciate you. As you read this newsletter, we hope you can see that we have been good stewards of your giving and that God has multiplied it to reach the least of these.

We ask you to please continue giving, praying and to give more in the coming year - whether in finances or in taking the time to pray for us individually and the people we reach.

Read about missionary Jason and his ministry among homeless Zambian youth and children (pg 4). He is now returning for his 3<sup>rd</sup> term of service.

Discover all God is doing through our economic empowerment projects with Zambian women through missionary Sarah (pg 2), Pro Development trainings by Tori and Bob Neales (pg 2) and a Rotary International grant (pg 2).

Consider sponsoring a child in India or Zambia to give the gift of education (pg 3). Experience using your gifts for God by volunteering or interning in the U.S. or abroad (pg 3).

Hear from Missionary Ally Grace the stories of youth coming off of the streets and off drugs and alcohol through our mental wellness programs (pg 4) and read about the success of our "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" curriculum.

Be inspired by the testimony of volunteers Jeff, Vickie (pg 4) and interns Hannah, Sierra and Sarah (pg 3) who served with us in Zambia this year.

Come alongside us for our upcoming 2017 goals (pg 4) in prayer, finance and celebrating with God for the people we will meet and help this year!

Bless you for colaboring with us. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

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**COLABORER SPOTLIGHT :**

Shelly Holland has served selflessly as our financial director on our board since 2013. Her behind-the-scenes work is essential to ministry!

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**

## PAVING THE WAY: MISSIONARY SARAH GROSS PAYNE

Missionary Sarah served for 1 month in Zambia providing financial accountability training to women in Chisomo's Mothers' Programme .

Sarah taught a community savings & loan curriculum to the women and identified local leaders that could continue this accountability program. These same women participated in Dr. DUBY's small business management trainings last year & in seamstress trainings by Tori Neales.



## Sewing Change: Economic Empowerment of Zambian women & families

Chisomo Centers works with street youth and children – prevention efforts include a “Mothers Programme” which teaches small business skills to mothers in low income areas so families can support children adequately. 187 children and youth are currently supported by 60 women in this program.

When CoLaborers started selling products made by the Zambian women in this economic empowerment program at Twigs and Teacups in Chestertown, MD - Chestertown Rotarians thought about more ways to get involved to build on the capacity of what the women were already doing.

After seeing the dyed cloths made by the Zambian women, Chestertown Rotary Club wrote a grant request for sewing machines and



through the grant and club donations were able to purchase 10 sewing machines. Through a generous grant from donors through Fidelity Charitable grants (Wieders), CoLaborers was also able to purchase an additional 4 sewing machines. Sewing machines enable the women to economically support themselves in a sustainable way. Rotaract and Interact club members donated sewing materials to also send over. CoLaborers International arranged for seamstress *Tori Neales* to do a sewing workshop in Zambia to teach women how to use the sewing machines as well as make various patterns and products. See *Tori's* story below.

## PRO. DEVELOPMENT TRAINING: *Bob & Tori Neales*

Bob and Tori Neales served in Lusaka, Zambia at Chisomo Centers for 2 weeks this October on a **Professional Development Training Trip**. These trips are when professionals come abroad with us to teach in their field of expertise.

**TORI** taught two 4 – day sewing workshops to roughly 60 women



teaching them to use the sewing machines CoLaborers received from grants (see above) for the purpose of sustainable economic

empowerment. Tori taught them to make several products for personal use or to sell in the local market to support their families and the street children they take in. The women were very enthusiastic about the training and learned to make throw pillows, aprons, purses, bags and other items.



**BOB** meanwhile worked with some of the older street youth to teach carpentry as a vocational skill, along with local carpenter Josphat Phiri. They did repairs at the overnight shelter including building a new wall partition for the girls dorm and reframing 6 doors, and

projects at the drop-in center – building cornhole games for youth outreaches, a dining room table and shelving. Bob mentored 4 of the older boys while doing these vocational projects – showing the value of mentoring both vocationally and spiritually.

Bob and Tori hope to return to Zambia to expand on these trainings in the future.

**ARE YOU A PROFESSIONAL INTERESTED  
IN IMPARTING YOUR SKILLS TO  
EMPOWER OTHERS? CHECK OUT:**

[CoLaborersInternational.com/  
Pro-Development/](http://CoLaborersInternational.com/Pro-Development/)

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

### U.S. INTERNS

Thank you to our Liberty University US interns, Erica McCullough (Film & Marketing) and Meghan D'Amico (Social Media) for all your hard work!! View Erica's promotional videos on the work done in India and Zambia on [youtube.com/CoLaborersIntl](https://www.youtube.com/CoLaborersIntl)

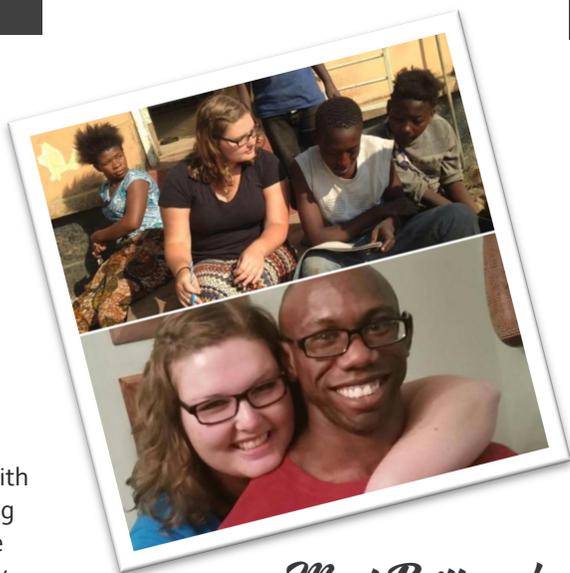
### ZAMBIA INTERNS

Washington College psychology research intern **Hjordis Lorenz** conducted mental wellness groups with street youth at Chisomo Centers using our "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" curriculum this January, funded by a Cater Society Grant.

Messiah College psychology intern **Hannah McLaughlin** continued mental wellness groups, **Sierra Purcell** assisted in basic education classes, and Messiah Alum **Sarah Pinard, M.Ed** created a basic education curriculum aimed at meeting the unique needs of street youth to prepare them to re-enter schools.

Sarah,  
**Chestertown Rotary Club & CoLaborers**

International donated money to build a small library for Chisomo Centers to use in conjunction with her education curriculum from Usbourne Books.



### Meet Brittany!

Brittany first began with us as an international intern in Zambia and now serves as our international internship director (*Luke 16:10*). Contact [Brittany@CoLaborersInternational.com](mailto:Brittany@CoLaborersInternational.com) about intl internship opportunities serving street children in Zambia in 2017.

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

*"I always knew I loved teaching, but teaching the children at Chisomo ignited an even bigger passion!"*

— Sarah Pinard M.ED, Education intern

PRAY - Join Brittany and her husband Frank as they pray about entering the mission field in the coming years.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2017!

### SEMESTER ABROAD PROGRAM

Our internship program first began in 2008 in the U.S. and 2013 abroad. In 2017, we are debuting a spring and summer semester abroad program for college credit.

### SLUM SCHOOLS

In 2015, we visited 3 slums while in India – Krishnalanka, Guntur and Mangalagiri slum. Countless people live in these settlements with no clean water, little education and opportunity. We are praying about how to bring basic education to the slums. PLEASE PRAY WITH US.

### MIKE PECK

Drug and Alcohol Counselor Mike Peck is coming to Zambia with us in the spring to lend his expertise to the ongoing mental wellness programs for street youth using our "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" curriculum. He is retiring from a MD state facility that also uses our curriculum.

### BUSINESS AS MISSION

Dr. Duby is praying about supporting economic empowerment projects in Zambia through students on business as mission short term trips.

## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Child sponsorship is one of the most effective ways to change a child's life for the better. Support children being reached by Hope for India and impact their future. Soon you will be learning their favorite bible stories, sharing their hopes and dreams and encouraging them through your letters.

Your \$25 monthly support provides food & shelter, school uniforms, monthly doctor visits and medication. As a child sponsor, you receive your child's name & photograph, our child's story, sponsorship information as well as letters & photos from your child.

[CoLaborersInternational.com/child-sponsorship](https://www.CoLaborersInternational.com/child-sponsorship)



Melissa with her sponsored child

## Missionary Jason Stansbury

Missionary Jason is in his third term serving youth living on the streets of Lusaka, Zambia as the coordinator of the Drop In Center.

There have been victories and trials and lessons along the way. Most rewarding has been the changes we have seen in the lives of the youth that he is reaching - seeing them learn to read, hearing them ask questions about God, watching them grow in confidence, get back in school and have changed lives. Jason is also helping connect volunteers to their calling at Chisomo.

An average of 50 children / youth come to the center for services each month - including education, bible studies, basic care and youth activities.

In addition to reaching these youth, Jason ministers at his local church in Zambia, on Radio Christian Voice and has been increasing the networking capacity of Chisomo Centers.

In June, Jason's parents, Jeff and Vickie, came to serve for 2 weeks leading VBS as well as shoe distribution, including specialty orthopedic shoes. They are praying about more ways to stay involved.

It is always wonderful to see God at work in our daily lives, but going to Zambia and watching God work through your own child is amazing!" - Vickie

Please pray for Jason for 2017, for the volunteers and interns shadowing him and for the youth in his care. None of this happens without your giving. Please donate marking "Jason" on the memo section of the check or [CoLaborersInternational.com/Jason](http://CoLaborersInternational.com/Jason)



## Missionary Ally Grace

Missionary Ally Grace first served with us as an intern in Zambia in 2013 and in 2016, she returned as a full time missionary serving at Chisomo Centers. This year of service, she has been providing mental wellness services and activities to children and youth living on the streets.

She has been doing individual mentoring and running groups using the "Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy" curriculum for youth that are substance dependent ([CoLaborersInternational.com/ExpressiveArts](http://CoLaborersInternational.com/ExpressiveArts)).

This curriculum is in it's 4<sup>th</sup> study now and Ally has been running a longitudinal study to see the impact of it.

Substance dependence in Zambia has been largely unaddressed by psychotherapy and criminalized by society, so she is reaching the previously unreached through her efforts.

After participants complete the curriculum successfully, they are assessed to go to Chisomo's shelter and be placed in school. At the shelter, older street kids that have completed the groups for substance dependence now lead peer support groups that we call "Recovery Friendship Groups" (similar to NA/AA, but for kids).

"As excited as I am to see my family and be home, I am going to miss this place. I am going to miss the children and their love, the friends I have made, and the culture that has engrained parts of itself in me." – Ally Grace

Ally has also been organizing the At Risk Zambian Youth Scholarship Program. You can see the stories of children in this program online at [CoLaborers.com](http://CoLaborers.com)

We are seeing local enthusiasm for Ally's efforts and for this program, as University of Zambia has been sending social work and psychology interns to assist her in these groups.

As Ally returns home after a year of missionary service, she will continue to stay involved long distance. In 2017, drug and alcohol counselor Mike Peck will go to Zambia to build on her efforts there

### TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIVING –

We can't do what we do without your giving! If you were encouraged by what you read and if you would like to help, please use the enclosed envelope to donate. Make checks out to CoLaborers International with desired fund area on the memo.