



# CHOSEN HOPE NEWS



## JENISON JR HIGH MAKES LASTING CONNECTIONS

*With over \$5,000 raised this school year, JfHS is impacting lives!*

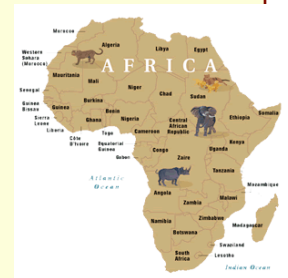
This past school year, Jenison Junior High has worked diligently to build a relationship with their “sister school” in Lusaka, Zambia. Located in the city’s poorest neighborhood, Kanyama is home to thousands of families struggling to survive, and fighting to send their children to school. With FaithWorks Schools operating free community Christian schools in Kanyama, those families can do just that! To help FaithWorks meet the needs of these young schools, Jenison students sold carnations on Valentine’s Day, held a soup dinner at school, organized a skating party, collected loose change, and played at a 24-hour band marathon! Their efforts have allowed their sister school to purchase textbooks for the first time! The junior high also collected new flip-flops to send to Zambia this spring. We anticipate this relationship continuing into the next school year, as we will be taking a group of educators to work & visit in July 2008!

### MALAWI Project!!

Two Holland, Michigan friends of Chosen Hope are preparing to embark on a 6-week long adventure to Malawi, located in southeast Africa. They will be working with Save Orphans Ministries to spend time with orphaned children while learning about sustainable solutions to the many problems plaguing this nation. Because these friends leave in mid-June and we learned of this opportunity only recently, we chose to use donated money we have saved for such projects. It is exciting to think that this has potential to become an on-going partnership!

We THANK YOU for your on-going generosity which allows us to engage in a life-changing work like this—even at the last moment.

[www.saveorphanministries.com](http://www.saveorphanministries.com)



### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

We have recently added a small video to our website, along with a page full of resources that have been meaningful to us. We’ve included great book suggestions and more! Additionally, if you’ve ever thought about getting your child’s school or youth group connected with Chosen Hope, the video might be a good place to start. It’s a brief 3 minute introduction to who we are and how we’re trying to make a difference in this hurting world. Take a look and tell your friends! We’d love to add them to the Chosen Hope family!





# Changing solutions for changing world



We do our best to stay abreast of new ways to invest our time and energies in the ways God is moving in the world. By reading, watching documentaries, and making connections with others seeking social justice, we have been introduced to a potentially revolutionary way of helping our under-resourced brothers and sisters: it's called MICRO FINANCE. What

micro finance organizations seek to do is take a small loan given by donors and offer it to a single African mom, for example, so that she can start a business of her own.

Oftentimes this can be achieved with just \$40! Empowering people to generate their own income while validating their creativity is changing villages! Now loan recipients can provide for themselves and their children while repaying a loan that will be reinvested in others. Check out the box at the right and get informed! More info coming soon.

## Resources

Small fortunes web-site  
(great site to continue learning more)  
<http://www.kbyutv.org/smallfortunes/>

Frequently Asked Questions web-site  
(comprehensive site with great content)  
<http://www.microfinancegateway.org/section/faq>

[A Billion Bootstraps: Microcredit, Barefoot Banking, and the Business Solution for Ending Poverty](#) By: Phil Smith and Eric Thurman

[The Miracles of Barefoot Capitalism: For Millions of the World's Poor One Small Loan Opens the Door to New Lives](#) By: Jim Klobuchar and Susan Cornell Wilkes

[Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty](#) By: Muhammad Yunus



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