

# Hearts 'n Hugs For Kids

## Newsletter

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### ZAMBIA

I worked with Kareen for several weeks to get the sizes in place for the 50 dresses and shirts for the orphans at the *Breath of Heaven Children's Village* in Lusaka, Zambia. A couple weeks after the team from her church had delivered the outfits, she sent me some pictures. Aren't these some of the most precious kids you've ever seen!!



The most touching part of her email was the story of little Norah. When these outfits were requested, I wasn't able to buy the very small T-shirts for the little guys. But when she gave me the sizes, she just mentioned that they also had a 3 and 4 year old as well—a brother and sister. I couldn't bear for them not to be included, so I did some shopping until I found small T-shirts. In Kareen's email she said, "Norah was so thrilled with her special dress that she refused to take it off! She wore it 24-hours-a-day for several days before one of the women insisted that she take it off so that it could be laundered! Once it was dry, it went right back on!!!"



### PHILIPPINES

Dresses and shirts were sent a few weeks ago for the children at *King's Garden Children's Home* in Balanga, Bataan, Philippines. Just a few days ago I received a very gracious letter from Monica J., the director of the home. In it she said:

"... Wow, we just received the darling and beautifully hand crafted dresses and shirts for the children. Of all the donations we have received these are by far the highest quality! . . . We would like to encourage and commend you for your genuine interest and effective promotion of worldwide missions and God's precious children. Just today we went to pick up from the Department of Social Welfare a 2 month old little boy who was abandoned. A few months ago a 4 year old little boy was admitted to us who was abandoned under a banana tree by his mother. . . May the Lord continue to richly bless as you serve Him wholeheartedly in your own "mission field." What a privilege it is to join Him in His work to accomplish His plans and purposes!"



Since January 1st, 460 dresses and shirts have been sent to orphanages in Zambia, Kenya, Philippines, Tanzania and 2 homes in Uganda!

## HEARTS 'N HUGS SEWING CLUB

The first meeting of the *Hearts 'n Hugs Sewing Club* was in our home just a few days ago. There were six women who brought their sewing machines and were ready to begin sewing the dresses and shirts. We'll be meeting every second and fourth Wednesday of the month to sew outfits together. Below are a couple of those women hard at work - and other women will be featured in the Newsletter each time.

Molly



Barbara

The week of April 13th - 19th wasn't an official 'sewing club week' but that's what it turned out to be while my sister, Carolyn, from Minnesota, spent the week with me. We finished 75 outfits that were in varying stages of completion and made 125 of them beginning to end for a total of 200 outfits for the week! Because of your work, Carolyn, 200 kids in Uganda will have a new dress or shirt! Thanks for all your help!



## WEB SITE UPDATE

In the last newsletter we told you about our new web site - [www.dressesfororphans.org](http://www.dressesfororphans.org). Since that time we learned to know Ryan F. a web designer from our church. He went into our site and made some changes so it now has a much more professional look. If you know anyone who might be interested in this ministry, please direct them to the web site where they can learn all about us and also sign up for this newsletter if they so desire.

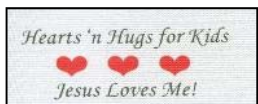
## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

While preparing for the program I recently presented to 65 women at Apache Wells Community Church, this story was given to me:

Mother Teresa was an incredible woman who served in the slums of Calcutta, India. During her lifetime, she worked with the poorest of the poor; people with diseases like leprosy and TB; those suffering with severe malnutrition; the untouchables; those that no one else cared about at all. At the end of her life, after decades of service, she said, *"I have come to realize more and more that the greatest suffering is to be unwanted, unloved, uncared for, to be shunned by everybody, to be just nobody, to no one."*

That is the plight of many orphans today!

This little tag which is sewn onto the sleeve of every dress and shirt is designed to be a constant reminder to each child that they are important, that they are worthy, and that 'Jesus Loves Me'!



## DONATIONS

*Dresses For Orphans* is a ministry of *Ripe For Harvest* ([www.ripeforharvest.org](http://www.ripeforharvest.org)). Checks should be made payable to *Ripe For Harvest* and 'Account 267' written on the 'memo' line.

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Thanks for helping us contribute to the lives of orphans - to let them know they are *'somebody to someone!'*

Darlene (to some) Darl (to others) Mom (to others)