

Hands of Hope October Newsletter – 2011

“LORD of hosts said, ' Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the **orphan**, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.'” Zech 7:9-10

Wheel of Fortune for the Unfortunate

Karen Buchanan who goes to Westgate Church in San Jose, CA was on Wheel of Fortune and decided to **donate** her winnings to Hands of Hope. Channel 7 News heard about it and wanted to do something on their program. I have put the link to the video if you would like to view it. The Lord provides in so many ways!

A Child Headed Family

Michelle Maseko is 12 years old, and in the fifth grade at a rural government school in Thombothemba, Zimbabwe. She is also one of 50 children who come to the feeding program run by the Praise and Worship Centre Church. Like many of the other children who are fed on a daily basis, Michelle's story is one of sadness and loss. Michelle's mother died in January of 2010. After her death, Michelle was living with her stepfather. However, her stepfather was abusive and neglected both her and her sister. The two sisters were then sent to live with Michelle's uncle and aunt, both of whom were sick at the time. As a consequence, they moved out of their uncle's home, and became a **child-headed family** (a common term for a family consisting of orphans). Michelle's



older sister, Sisa, now 15 years old, cared for both of them, but they had to stop attending school because of the difficulty of having money for food, school fees and uniforms. The church is planning a new effort to give Michelle 5 indigenous chickens to raise, and thus provide long-term funds for them.

Pastor Gideon's church also has an orphan home for 14 precious children that have been abused in some way. Because of your faithful support we are able to partner with Pastor Gideon in loving orphans in Jesus' name!

For Him and for the children,
Glen and Patty

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