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# A Way in the Wilderness



These are the stories.

These are the souls.

These are the portraits of  
the lives we're changing.

Zambia is a unique place. If you choose to visit, you'll move along narrow roads and see smoky fires burning in the fields. The sky feels bigger here, unhindered by city structures. During the summer, its red-dirt landscape turns to dust. During the rainy season, the ground becomes a lush green. Fifteen-year-old Queen has lived in Zambia her whole life. Discover how your partnership safeguarded her from a future of exploitation.

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## AN UNSTEADY START

Although Zambia is rich in culture and natural resources, it also faces severe economic poverty. Queen lived with her parents until she was in the seventh grade. Her parents' divorce turned her world upside down. She was sent to live with her aunt in Kitwe, a town in what is known as the Copperbelt region.

Queen's aunt was widowed 12 years ago and struggled to make ends meet. Female-headed households often face exploitation and higher levels of poverty. Poverty levels have been rising in Zambia for the last few years.<sup>1</sup> Queen explained what this has meant for her, saying: "After staying with my aunt for seven months, she asked me one day to contribute toward running the home. I asked her how. She said, 'Do what your friends do at night and make sure you learn to fend for yourself.'"

Like many teenage girls around the world, Queen was put in a terrifying position where prostitution was presented as the most viable path to survival. Queen decided she would rather risk everything than go down that path. Stepping into the unknown without support or a safety net of any kind, she bravely chose to run away.

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***UNICEF reports that "many children and adolescents in Zambia face multiple vulnerabilities including household poverty, exposure to violence, family separation, lack of education, malnutrition, HIV, early pregnancy, and child marriage."<sup>2</sup>***



## WHAT IS MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY? ---

We often think about poverty being related to finances, but for many children like Queen, poverty goes well beyond money. At least 70 percent of children in Zambia are multidimensionally poor—which means they face deprivations in two or more key areas at once.<sup>3</sup>

This is based on the Conventions on the Rights of the Child,<sup>4</sup> which outlines three main categories children have a basic human right to:

- **Survival and development (adequate food, shelter, water, and education)**
- **Protection from exploitation, cruelty, violence, and child labor**
- **Participation in society through birth registration, freedom of expression, and freedom of association**

## RUNNING FOR HELP ---

Queen faced an extremely uncertain future. She sought shelter in a church member’s home within the community. She explained the situation to the church elders, and they agreed she should not return to her aunt’s home.

The elders asked the members of the congregation if anyone could take Queen. One family volunteered to have her work for them as a live-in maid. It was a safe place for Queen to stay and a way for her to earn a little money. But she dreamed of more for her future and wanted to go back to school.

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## STREAMS IN THE DESERT

"I was told there was an organization by the name of Orphan's Promise that was helping children," she said. "I was placed in the Orphan's Promise support program where I received support for two years. Today my life has changed completely, as I can attend school!"

Because of your partnership, Queen has been able to get an education without wondering how to pay for it. And she is not the only one! Your support is helping 20 at-risk children across two schools in the area have access to a quality education and a safe place to learn and grow. Through the program, families also receive food assistance. A weekly Christian club was formed at school, and the kids are learning more about Jesus together. A whole new world is opening for them as they continue to study. Education is essential to unlocking a better future, better job opportunities, and more stability.

**Queen is a beautiful example of resilience and strength, even when she is faced with difficult circumstances. She is continuing to pour herself into her studies and is excited for the future. Her goal is to encourage other girls to never lose hope in the Lord who helps those who trust in Him.**



## INCREASE YOUR *generosity*

The most effective way to give and maximize your gift is to give a recurring monthly gift. If you'd like to become a monthly partner with Orphan's Promise, please check out the information below. We'll count on you to ensure our commitment to these children is fulfilled!

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**Thanks for your generosity.**

**We look forward to making a difference together.**

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## HUMAN-TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

One of our core initiatives is to help prevent human trafficking. You are actively helping to ensure that more at-risk children like Queen never have to experience the trauma of human trafficking. Now that she has a safe place to live, a good community, and access to a quality education, Queen is much less vulnerable to being exploited in the future. Thank you so much for helping us protect children from harm and provide them with a safe, stable environment!

## PRAYER POINTS

Pray for provision and protection for vulnerable kids in Zambia like Queen.

Pray for Queen's studies and her future.

Pray for government officials and community leaders to find more ways to prevent human trafficking.

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