



Thank you

*You planted a seed of hope
in Keembe.*

Watch it bloom.

The Seed

Your 2016 sponsorship update
from your sponsored child's community in Zambia.

Thank you for helping to bring hope to your sponsored child's community.

A brighter future for children like Queen

Queen, 15, lives in a village in Keembe with her family. It was hard for Queen to get a good education because her school lacked money. There were four pupils to a desk and eight to a textbook. Many girls stayed away because there weren't enough toilets. Some dropped out to get married, or became pregnant and had to leave education altogether.

Thanks to you, Queen's school now has seven more teachers. Ten girls are back at school after having children. More than three-quarters of children in grades seven and nine passed their exams. Parents campaigned successfully for more equipment. Now parents are involved, there are more improvements – a new classroom, extra toilets, and toilet renovations. "The huge benefits of an empowered community," says the deputy head teacher.

Thanks to you, Queen's life has changed dramatically. With a better-equipped school, she can concentrate on studying hard and reaching her potential.



TOP RIGHT: Queen no longer shares a desk or textbooks. **BOTTOM:** Children have a new classroom and their own textbooks – all thanks to you. © 2016 World Vision



“I was inspired by our parents who asked for more desks from the local council,” says Queen.





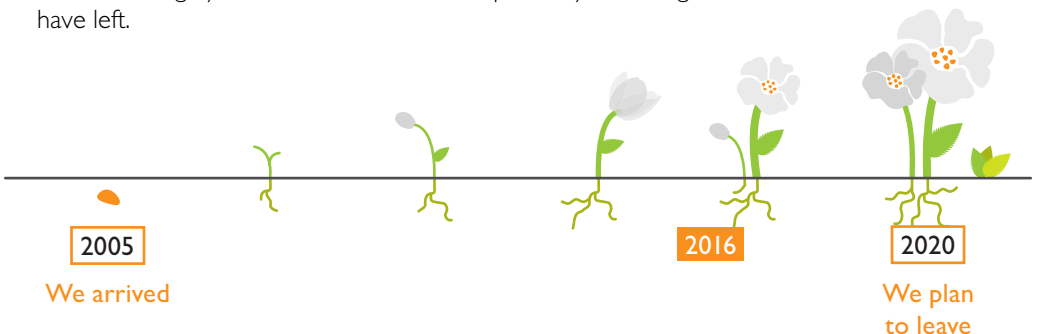
We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Keembe since **2005**. Back then children faced many problems: low household incomes; malnutrition; lack of sanitation; the remote locations of clean water; poor health due to preventable illness; poor-quality education; and being orphaned through AIDS.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Fewer children are frightened of catching diseases, with many now fully immunised against common illnesses; dozens of new water points have been built, providing children with clean, safe drinking water; and more children are recovering from malnutrition – their health is checked regularly, helping them grow up healthy and strong.

Despite these improvements, life is still hard for your sponsored child, and we really need your continuing support to ensure all the good we have managed to achieve for them isn't lost.

Thanks to your incredibly generous sponsorship of your sponsored child, we can stay in the area for another four to five years. We now plan to leave in **2020** as our colleagues in Keembe recently asked us to stay a bit longer, but we will only go once we are confident that the change you have made, and the hope that you have given, will continue after we have left.



How you have helped this year...

We've picked out a small selection of the ways you have helped to bring hope to your sponsored child and their community. The reality is that you've helped us achieve much, much more.

- * Families earn more from farming now they know dried vegetables sell for more.
- * Mothers have learned to prepare healthy meals using locally produced foods.
- * **65%** of children have had essential vaccinations.
- * Children grow healthy and strong by eating orange maize, rich in Vitamin A, grown by their community.
- * **1,480** children have had school supplies, clothes and toys.
- * More children want to go to school now schools are better equipped.
- * **917** children can go to school and have a brighter future because they now have a birth certificate.
- * **300** patients are seen at rural health centres every day now more people know they get free healthcare.

“Seeing the video is very touching and makes my sponsorship more real to me.” Gillian, Newtownabbey.

Have you seen your video from your sponsored child's community showing just how much your support means to them? Watch it today.

Register now at www.worldvision.org.uk/my-sponsorship. See back cover for more details.



TOP LEFT: Modia and her friends are delighted they learn in a well-equipped school. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Your support helps Irene look after her orphaned grandson Hector, his brother and her seven children. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Thanks to a loan of orange maize seed, Mukuba grows healthy food for her children.



How do children like your sponsored child feel when they hear from their sponsor?

We asked sponsored children to share their thoughts with us...

"I keep them in my secret box, so that no one can get them." Elina, 5, Armenia.

"I want to spend Christmas Day at church singing songs for my sponsor so that God can bless her." Bibian, 15, Zambia.

"I am happy to receive a Christmas card from my sponsor in the UK. I've shown it to my friends and I keep it in my bag. I want my sponsor to visit me, and I would love to say hello to them." Sokly, 15, Cambodia.

However you choose to stay in touch with your sponsored child – whether by writing, emailing them on My Sponsorship, sharing photos or just taking a few moments in a busy day to think about or pray for them – thank you for bringing hope to your sponsored child.

Keep an eye out in the post as we'll send a Christmas card for you to send to your sponsored child in a few weeks' time.

ABOVE: Christmas cards add a spark of excitement to a normal day for Letson, 5, from Zambia.

"I am very happy to see that I am in your thoughts. You are so special to me. I am thankful for all you have done for me."

Gentiana, 12, Albania.

For the long-term, for lasting change, **for ever.**

Thanks to you, and other sponsors who are equally generous, we can work alongside a community for 15 years. That gives us time to help them bring about lasting change themselves, so they can continue to care for children long after we've left. When we do leave, it's because they're strong enough to stand on their own two feet.

Amanda (pictured below) has sponsored six children over 31 years, including Wasim, who she met in person on a trip to Bangladesh. She knows how it feels to say goodbye after so many years...

"It was a wrench... [but it was] so lovely to have that connection with Wasim and to see him grow and progress, and now we're sponsoring Joya. So we have every hope that she will progress as well as Wasim did."

Mary has been a sponsor for 34 years. In this time she's sponsored eight children. She tells us what this was like for her...

"As I never married and haven't had children of my own it's been a blessing knowing that I have helped in some way to improve the lives of children a long way away and let them know that I care about them and love them. I will always be a sponsor and support World Vision even when I'm gone."

How you can improve the lives of children for ever

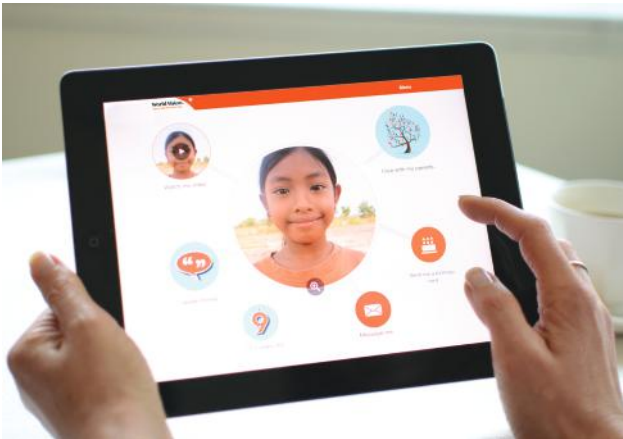
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

To find out more about this way of giving, please call our Legacy team on

01908 84 10 60 or email legacies@worldvision.org.uk



Feel closer than ever before



“I love being able to send a message. It’s so easy to do and brings them closer as part of the family.”

Ruth, Billingham.

Go to My Sponsorship today

My Sponsorship is the place on our website where you can find out more about your sponsored child, send messages, see photos and watch videos.

Here’s what sponsors like about it...

“The video is amazing! Brought a tear to my eye.” Joanna, Newtownards.

“It’s great to see more photos of the community where my sponsored child lives (I went through every photo looking out for her).” Hannah, London.

“I love the part where I can send pictures and tell them about a day in my life. Seeing the videos of what’s happening in the communities just makes it so real.” Kathryn, Kings Lynn.

How to register?

Go to www.worldvision.org.uk/my-sponsorship to register today.

All you’ll need is your Supporter ID.



This Halloween, join in with other sponsors and carve a **heart** in your pumpkin as a symbol of hope for children living in fear.

For more ideas and to find out how you can get involved visit www.worldvision.org.uk/carveaheart

#carveaheart



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World Vision is the world’s largest international children’s charity. Every day we bring real hope to millions of children in the world’s hardest places as a sign of God’s unconditional love.

FRONT COVER: Rachael and Oben, both age six from Zambia, get clean water.

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