



*Thank you*

*You planted a seed of hope  
in Lufwanyama.*

*Watch it bloom.*

The Seed

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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.

## Hope for a better future for Benny

Benny, 15, lives in a village in Lufwanyama. His future looked bleak. He didn't want to go into farming, but living 50km away from the nearest big town limited his choice of career.

Benny, his friends, and 300 other children went to a local careers day. "My school did not have enough money to take us, but thanks to sponsors we could get there," says Benny.

Careers days show children like Benny the possibilities open to them. Benny was inspired by doctors, nurses, police officers and teachers. Now he can see hope for the future.

"I know that I want to be a police officer because of what they taught us about discipline and fitness. I liked what the officer said about trainees getting an allowance," he says.



**TOP RIGHT:** Thanks to you, Benny (front) and his friends discovered new opportunities. **BOTTOM:** Benny dreams of becoming a policeman, thanks to the careers day. © 2016 World Vision



*“I had not thought of being anything but a farmer like my father. After this, I know there is a lot I can hope for. I am grateful for the opportunity to have participated in this day.”*





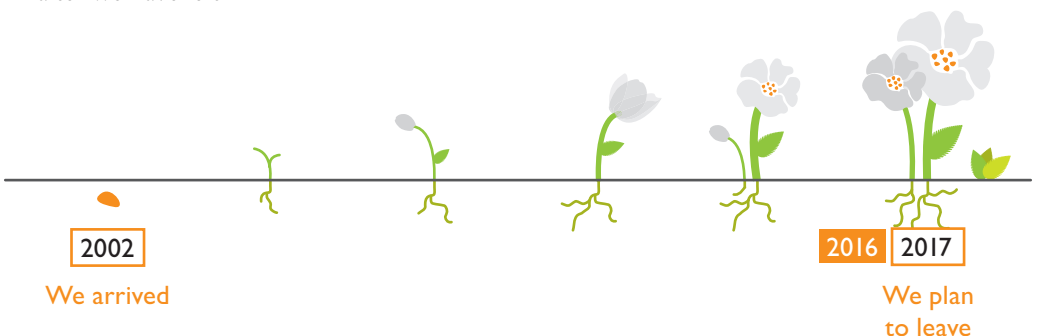
# We've come a long way, and we're still making progress — *all thanks to you.*

We've been working with the community of Lufwanyama since **2002**. Back then children faced many problems: the fear of diseases like malaria, HIV, AIDS, and worm infestation; poor education and sanitation; hunger; and a lack of safe drinking water.

Since then, things have begun to change for the better. Many families have mosquito nets, so their children are no longer afraid of catching malaria; boreholes bring safe, clean water to the community; and new schools have been built closer to children's homes, helping more children reach their potential.

Despite these improvements, we really need your continuing support to ensure all the good we have managed to achieve isn't lost.

Thanks to your incredibly generous sponsorship of your sponsored child, we can stay in the area for another year or two. We plan to leave next year in **2017**, as we are confident that by then 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.

- \* **7** schools learned about hygiene, helping children stay healthy.
- \* **270** children went to workshops on preventing HIV and AIDS.
- \* **180** farmers learned to use their tools better and grow more food for their families.
- \* Vulnerable children now grow up healthy with wholesome food and regular check-ups.
- \* **267** families have taken loans to expand their farms and their earnings.
- \* **310** households have repaid loans with the increased income from new businesses.
- \* **26** health workers advised over **3,000** people on how to prevent HIV and AIDS.
- \* **527** children have been to career talks and sessions on child rights.

*“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](http://www.worldvision.org.uk/my-sponsorship). See back cover for more details.



**TOP LEFT:** Sponsors provided a goat – now Isaac, father of five, sells goats to pay school fees. © 2016 World Vision. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Thanks to you, Edina knows how to grow crops to look after her family. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Milika, 15, enjoys the school quiz because it helps broaden her knowledge.

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## 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

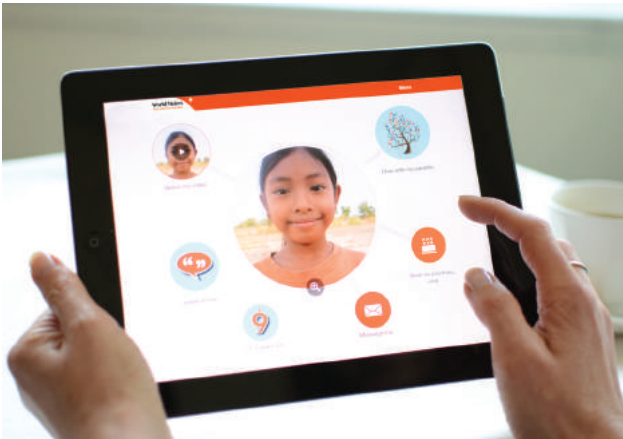
You're already creating a legacy by giving real hope to your sponsored child and their community. A legacy of permanent, positive change. By leaving a gift in your will, you can continue to bring life in all its fullness to vulnerable children for generations to come.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.worldvision.org.uk/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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