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Dear Friends and Family,

If you are receiving this letter, you know about our passion to help orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. **Thank you so very much for your interest and support!** Dan and I are heading to South Africa again, this time with a team including 4 people from Chicago! We leave early this year — June 6 — to be present with youth who've become our loved ones at the Hope Camps. **We are asking you, on behalf of the impoverished kids we serve, for your financial help to cover the cost of the camp - about \$20,000 to permanently change the lives of 120 children and youth.** (Dan and I will be covering our own costs.)

Unfortunately, this past December, due to lack of funds, only half of the children and Youth Leaders were able to go to camp, even though they were eager to go. Every dollar goes a long way.

**The cost per child of attending Hope Camp is about \$200.** Perhaps you could cover the cost for one child or gather a few friends/family/colleagues to pool that amount? Your funds will pay the Youth Leaders and the staff — who themselves grew up through the Hope Camps.

### Why are Hope Camps so important?

When you were a little child, undoubtedly there was a time you felt you were lost. Remember the fear, the panic?



Staff make sure kids have food.

Children whose parents have passed away know what it's like to feel lost, alone, and terrified — but the feeling never goes away. Can you imagine if you were barely a teenager and had to raise your younger siblings alone? This is the life of many of the children Reachout to Africa serves. Yes, we provide food and help with securing ID (a key to receiving government help of any kind), but more than anything we provide a human commitment to support these kids.

The emotional toll on an orphan can be completely overwhelming. On top of the fears for daily food, having no shoes or school uniform signals vulnerability so that predators — bullies, rapists, even kidnappers — see them as easy prey.

Studies on resilience show that vulnerable children need at least one caring and committed adult in their lives to make it through to maturity whole. But Reachout is on the ground providing far more than just one

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adult. Each vulnerable child is loved by Youth Leaders and staff members who have “been there” themselves. They too received self-sacrificing love from those youth who were their senior, and so on.

These tragic situations can be life and death, and our leaders know it, so at Hope Camps we have repeatedly witnessed them literally *promising the children to be there no matter what*. Over the past 19 years, Hope Camps have been pivotal for hundreds of the neediest children in the community - who often go on to become counsellors, entrepreneurs, security officers, teachers, and even lawyers. Every program Reachout to Africa has ever implemented boils down to caring for vulnerable children. It is our mission to give them a hope and a future.



“We will be there for you.”

You will receive a charitable tax receipt for your contribution early in 2025. To keep processing fees low, please make your cheques payable to Reachout To Africa (mail them to our home address in the footer) or e-transfer to [reachout2africafinance@gmail.com](mailto:reachout2africafinance@gmail.com) which directly autodeposits to Reachout's bank account. If you prefer, you can donate online through CanadaHelps at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/pages/send-impooverished-orphans-to-hope-camp/>. Whichever method, we just **ask that you indicate that the purpose of your donation is for Hope Camps**. We hope you will consider taking this opportunity to make a lifelong difference in the lives of the children we will be working with.

Now you can even [donate using cryptocurrency](#) through CanadaHelps!

We thank you in advance for considering whether you can help. We would be glad to answer any questions or tell you more. Call Dan (778) 838-6824 or Tanis (778) 389-9575.

Your support is immensely appreciated.

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