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Children orphaned by Africa's HIV/AIDS pandemic have lost everything.

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How easily we can recall a story that's so close to our hearts, even if it happened years ago in a country that is 8,000 miles away.

Meet some of our very first sponsors:
Jonathan and Jennifer Jenkins.

In 2003, the young couple from Bluemont, Virginia, embarked to Zambia to volunteer at [Camp Hope](#). Jennifer was a leader of a small group and recalls a young girl who would never leave her side. "She didn't speak a word of English but she stuck so close to me."



Jonathan remembers a little girl who helped him sweep an entire church. "The children ate oranges for snacks and so there were hundreds of orange peels and little pieces of craft paper all over the floor. I started to pick them up one by one, and a young girl came in there with a hand broom and helped me clean that entire church floor."

Jennifer smiles. "*It was the same little girl that was bonding with me!*" she reveals. "Every now and then, she would run off from my group and little did I know she was running off to spend time with Jonathan!"

Her name was Fidies. A frail girl, she was about 8 or 9 years old, and it wasn't long before she was Jonathan and Jennifer's sponsored child.



"We would have taken her home with us if we could," says Jennifer. "We were brokenhearted to leave her...."

Would Jonathan and Jennifer ever see Fidies again?

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In every newsletter, we will share some of your Facebook comments, so keep them coming!

Rebecca L Anderson wrote: "Love and blessings to you all! My husband and I are the sponsors of Catherine and Susan! Im so glad that we will get to see more of you through Facebook!"

Renee Brohard wrote: "Hello! Sending you love from your American family! Let us know if you have any specific prayer requests!"

Mike Farrell wrote: "Thank you :) It's an honor to sow into this awesome ministry."

Jeremy Giesbrecht wrote: "It's so good to be a part of this! I am so happy and praise God that I have this opportunity to sponsor Stephen! God Bless you all!"

Rachel Gough wrote: "This is so beautiful! Thank you sooo much EOH for creating this. :)"



Courtney Joy wrote: "I love these kids and have missed them ever since I left. So excited to get Facebook updates on them. If you are sponsoring one of them please know that they are truly extraordinary children. Your love is changing their life."

Jane Hodo Peck wrote: "Joshua, we've been thinking about you and praying for you a lot lately. I have your picture next to my computer, so I see it every day. I hope you are doing well!"

Kathy Ketchum Scheel wrote: "It is so nice to see your beautiful faces! We pray for you every night and will continue. Kelvin, we have your picture where we see it every

day. Much love and blessings to you all."



Thanks to Paule Krumpe for coming up with the name for our quarterly [newsletter](#). He suggested *Words of Hope*. Great idea, Paul! Thank you *all* for your suggestions.

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Thank you for your faithful support. We are blessed to serve together with you as we share the love and hope of Jesus Christ!

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