



Life Restoration Partners International
“Working together to restore life as God intended it”

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

The Vision, Mission, and Values

Vision: Empower people in Sub-Saharan Africa to reach their full potential as part of a family that is rooted in God, called to contribute, and equipped to thrive.

Mission: Minister to basic needs of children and youth in Sub-Saharan Africa and build independence through a holistic, God-centered approach.

Values: *God-governed, team oriented, spirit of servanthood*

Life Restoration Partners International (LRPI) Calling and History

We serve orphans, vulnerable households, and youth in Zambia and Tanzania. Our goal is to strategically transfer financial and management responsibilities to local leaders to encourage the lifestyle that we read in 1 Thess. 5:11-12:

“Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may live properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.”

2004 – 2007: Short-term mission trips focusing on HIV/AIDS education programs reached thousands of youth in Zambia where approximately 1 out of 7 adults are HIV positive.

2007 – Present: Youth clubs take root through local leaders, emphasizing a Christ-centered approach to HIV/AIDS education and life skill development which represented a shift from initial short-term efforts towards a long-term, year-round approach.

2008 – Present: Ministry scope is expanded to serve orphans and vulnerable households in Zambia. Snapshot of condition in Zambia: 45% of children under 5 are chronically malnourished, 12% die by the time they are 5 years old, and 15% are orphans.

2010 – Present: “Earn It” program created to empower youth to earn their education while developing vocational skills; subsequently adopted by the local government.

2011 – 2013: Zambian orphanage supporting over 80 vulnerable children becomes more than 50% self-sufficient through farming, chicken rearing and other businesses. Ministry expands to Tanzania with HIV/AIDS clubs and support of 11 vulnerable children.

The LRPI Model

Role of Partnerships

- Grow, train, and influence leaders in the homes, schools and churches to care for the people under their authority in a manner that exalts God's name and displays His glory among their communities.
- Establish long-term, mutually accountable partnerships with active local leaders. Work together to set vision for individual orphan projects, manage priorities, develop a sustainability plan (including businesses), assist with program development and organizational infrastructure, and strategically fund critical needs and projects without developing long-term dependencies.

Philosophy for Reaching Households in Need

- Provide services to reach children's spiritual, physical, and educational needs while keeping them in a nurturing family setting.
- “Earn It” program provides jobs to give young adults the opportunity to acquire skills while earning credits towards high school, college or trade school in order to become productive adults for the kingdom of God.
- Work to lessen financial dependence on LRPI for orphan programs by promoting businesses to achieve local sustainability while also promoting the households being served through these programs to become self-sustaining.

HIV/AIDS Clubs

- HIV education and testing initiated and facilitated by local leaders who are provided with materials, trainings, and cost sharing.

LRPI Success Indicators and Expansion Goals

Education Founded and currently operate the Debbie Joy Memorial School, a private Christian school that provides education from pre-school through 2nd grade (2013), 5th grade (2014), and build permanent classrooms (2015)

Provide education that leads to gainful employment for 7th – 12th grade students and graduates. Goals for each year's graduates: 2013– 3 employed; 2014– 5 employed; 2015– 5 employed

Health

Provide healthcare and nutrition so that children grow at developmental norms and miss less days of school due to sickness and family crises– missing less than 20% of days (2013); 15% of days (2014); 10% of days (2015)

Spirit

Reach children and adults with the good news of Christ. Church / youth group meets regularly on LRPI property at the Debbie Joy School (2013), and 50% (2014) / 75% (2015) of households have a member in attendance. Children attend optional AWANA meetings– 50% (2013) / 70% (2014) / 85% (2015).

LRPI Prayer Strategy

We invite those who have a heart for children and youth in Africa (or want to develop one!) to join our prayer team as we seek to consistently bring their needs before our Heavenly Father. Alice Braisted (pbraisted@sbcglobal.net) leads the prayer team and sends out a scripture-based prayer letter via email approximately once per month. Our ministry needs and answers to prayer are kept current through inputs from African and American leadership.

LRPI Board of Directors

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- Tannen VanZwieten, Jami Ward, James VanZwieten, Megan Sheridan

LRPI Human Resources

Staff:

- Paid Staff include: part-time Zambian Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Manager, full-time “Earn It” Coordinator, Enfys Orphanage Intern, and two Debbie Joy Memorial School teachers
- Volunteer Staff fulfill all other positions: Director, Tanzanian OVC Manager, Accountant, and program managers
- Volunteers contribute approximately 4,500 hours annually, which is valued at over \$100,000 in labor.

LRPI Funding Plan

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Income	\$90K	\$97.5K	\$68.5K	Philippians 4:19

- Volunteers responsible for paying for their own travel and food when working in Africa (lodging typically provided)
- Active U.S. volunteers account for 42% of total donations in 2012; percentage expected to decrease due to expanding donor base
- Cost-sharing with local partners is standard LRPI practice and demonstrates progress towards goal of increased independence
- Donor requests to earmark donations towards special needs are honored
- Ministry results are communicated to financial partners through social media, news releases, prayer letters, and personal reports

LRPI Current Needs

Currently seeking volunteers in the following areas:

- USA-based ministry: prayer team support, researching and managing grant proposals, hosting fundraising events, assistant accountant, U.S. adoption manager, trip logistics support, CPA audit services, web site manager
- African-based / long-term ministry: teacher/education specialist, agriculture / farming consultant, nurse, nutritionist, athletic director, facilities manager
- African-based / short-term ministry: trip-specific, please contact if interested. No specific skills required to be an asset.

Funding for operational support of current programs serving vulnerable children, households, entrepreneurial development, and HIV education activities

In-kind donations of used laptops, cameras, children's educational materials, and children's shoes