

# HOPE Caregiver Initiative

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### HOPE CAREGIVER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### **Do I support a specific HOPE Caregiver through my gift?**

This is not a traditional one-to-one type sponsorship (i.e. child sponsorship), but delivers a multi-country level support that provides the training, resources, and accountability for HOPE Caregivers and their ministry to their community.

#### **Where will the supported HOPE Caregivers be located?**

East and Southern Africa: Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Lesotho, and Swaziland.

#### **Will I receive updates on the HOPE Caregivers I'm supporting?**

Yes. Donors and churches will receive reports on the HOPE Caregiver program. Reports will include service outputs and stories from the field, not updates on specific volunteers. These reports will be sent six months from the inception of the program in the field (January 2009), and annually thereafter.

#### **Can the HOPE Caregiver program connect in with other ministries our church is involved with?**

Not at this time. To roll out a program of this magnitude, focused attention will be made on the various elements of executing this program.

#### **How many HOPE Caregivers will there be?**

Willow Creek and World Vision's goal is to raise up to 7,500 HOPE Caregivers. This is the amount requested for 2009 by World Vision's HOPE Initiative (World Vision HIV and AIDS Program) Team.

#### **When does the HOPE Caregiver program begin on the field?**

The program will begin in January 2009 with the recruitment of volunteers in the selected African countries.



## **HOPE CAREGIVER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS continued**

### **Will the entire amount of \$2,100 need to be raised prior to the release of a single HOPE Caregiver in the field?**

Yes. Although the cost of raising up a caregiver for one year is \$700 (with a total three-year amount of \$2,100) actual annual costs vary greatly due to start-up expenses or the placement of specific training or resource elements.

In order to assure the safe passage of the program and keep our commitment to those executing this care-giving service for a three-year term, funds are raised for a HOPE Caregiver's three-year term of service prior to their training and launch.

### **What happens after three years?**

As with many of the programs World Vision executes, officers will at program initiation begin a process of building in appropriate elements to HOPE Caregiver sustainability. Certain elements of the HOPE Caregiver program may require ongoing funding for the continuance of community care.

### **If they receive a bike in year one, where does the money go in year two and three?**

They receive supplies for repairs and replacements for attrition.

### **How much of my donation actually makes it to the field?**

Outside of the World Vision overhead, 70% of donations are in direct support of field ministry, leadership training, and in-country program oversight.

### **Are HOPE Caregivers Christians and do they share their faith?**

Most of the Hope Caregivers are Christ-followers and are members of local churches, working in partnership with World Vision. They share their faith when it is appropriate, and in response to questions to which the gospel is the answer.

### **Is the local church involved in this program in Africa?**

Yes. Many of the HOPE Caregivers are selected by local partner churches from their respective congregations.

### **How will the program be administered?**

HOPE Caregiver program adherence will be administered by World Vision National Offices in partnership with World Vision regional HIV and AIDS Hope teams, partnering church groups, and Community Care Coalitions.



**Will there be an opportunity to visit HOPE Caregivers in Africa?**

Not at this time. However, we are working with country and Area Development Program (ADP) locations to see if trips of this nature can begin in 2009.

**Do HOPE Caregivers provide antiretroviral drugs?**

No. This is done through established health institutions. However, the HOPE Caregivers help monitor and encourage adherence to the drug regimen prescribed, link affected households to information and services as well as provide an avenue for medical personnel to follow up with their patients.

**Is this program for churches or individuals?**

Both. It is expected that most of the response will come from churches, but individuals are free to support one or more caregivers as well.

**Can I correspond with the HOPE Caregivers I'm supporting?**

Currently, this potential offering is being explored but the costs of infrastructure and administering such a program are currently prohibitive.

**How is this program related to the World Vision Caregiver Kits?**

The Caregiver Kit ministry will potentially be part of this program. Currently nearly 70,000 caregivers have been raised up in African countries by World Vision. The Caregiver Kit program serves to outfit these currently trained and deployed volunteers.

**Can our church assemble World Vision Caregiver Kits and provide them to our sponsored HOPE Caregiver?**

Churches can volunteer to assemble kits as part of the World Vision Caregiver Kit builds, but these will not be a part of the Hope Caregiver program at this time as they will go to other African caregivers in need of resources.

**How do HOPE Caregivers help stop the spread of HIV and AIDS?**

Hope Caregivers help reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS through prevention messaging and training, psycho/social support for infected people and their families, and compassionate assistance for those needing palliative care.

**Are the HOPE Caregivers trained in medical care?**

Hope Caregivers are trained in improved palliative techniques and receive skill training for caring for chronically ill patients. Each caregiver is given training to understand basic medical assistance but are not certified medical professionals.



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### **Are there more opportunities to get our congregation involved in supporting those affected by HIV and AIDS?**

Yes. Some of the programs churches have used to make a difference are:

- **HopeChild Sponsorship** (1.888.511.6548, [worldvision.org](http://worldvision.org)) For just \$35 a month, sponsor a HopeChild in African countries and other countries around the world and help turn the tide of the HIV and AIDS pandemic! Sponsorship provides such basic necessities as education, clean water, nutrition, health care including education in AIDS prevention, and spiritual nurture.
- **C2C Pastors Vision Trips** (1.800.270.5629, [worldvision.org/C2C](http://worldvision.org/C2C)) Provides vision trip opportunities for pastors and church leaders to see and experience HIV and AIDS in Africa.
- **WV Experience: AIDS Exhibit** ([worldvisionexperience.org](http://worldvisionexperience.org)) Come step into the life of a child in Africa whose life has been affected by AIDS in this experiential walk-through exhibit.
- **Caregiver Kit Builds** (1.888.551.6461, [worldvision.org/caregiverkits](http://worldvision.org/caregiverkits)) A church volunteer activity that provides critical resources for African AIDS caregivers, who are on the front lines in the fight against this disease.

### **Isn't the government doing enough to help combat HIV and AIDS in Africa?**

It isn't as though the government is not doing enough, the reauthorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) was recently reauthorized for over \$48 billion over five years. Even with this increase in foreign assistance, more funding is desperately needed to ensure the uninterrupted availability of treatment, care, and prevention services for affected children and their families in the nations hardest hit by this pandemic.

### **How many HOPE Caregivers are currently working in Africa and how are they supported?**

World Vision has raised up nearly 70,000 community caregivers along with thousands of others that have volunteered their time to care for those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS. They are supported through World Vision, government grants, other international and community based organizations, and local church resources.

### **Are HOPE Caregivers paid?**

Hope Caregivers are not salaried staff but committed volunteers in their community. World Vision is currently exploring ways for HOPE Caregivers to receive livelihood support through microfinance loans, allowing them to earn income to cover the time spent volunteering.