GIVE A CHILD A FAMILY AFRICA

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CHILDREN BELONG IN SECURE FAMILIES

GCF ON THE MOVE IN MAY..

Equipping others in Zimbabwe

"I was thinking that I know it all, but this training proves to me that there is a lot that I need to change or implement in order to have good results in my work."

"Let's advocate for those in need! Sometimes you do something you know is not good … now I'm equipped to say stop."

Encouraging words by participants, trained by Nozuko Mkhwalo, one of our GCF colleagues tasked to travel to Zimbabwe in May. Around 100 people working with vulnerable children outside of family settings were empowered and given tools to always have the best interest of every unique child in mind. Roles and responsibilities, teamwork, communication and individual plans for children were only a few topics the training days touched on.

Emergency Safety Parents

As you may have heard, GCF is phasing out institutional care with children at our centre and is refocusing, moving our care into the community, and diving deeper into preventative work. What that means is, instead of having a centre, children who were removed are instead welcomed into temporary care in screened and trained emergency safety families in the communities around us. While our team works with the local social workers to find the best solution for the children concerned, they remain in these families. Meanwhile, GCF provides the same services as a child at our centre would have received, such as health care, therapy, occupational therapy and more. Just in a family environment instead.

We are always looking for new families to enter this journey with us. If you are local (UGU District) and have an interest in this, please contact sthembile@gcf.org.za. If you are living elsewhere, but would still like to support us, we are always in need of funds. https://gcf.org.za/donate/

Sweden trip

You might wonder, 'why is Sweden of such importance to GCF?' The connection has been there from the very beginning of the organisation's history, when Monica Woodhouse's (GCF's ED) parents arrived in South Africa as missionaries in 1948. The contact with their home country was maintained and the relations have continued.

Monica and Anna-Karin Öhrnstedt's (GCF employee with roots in Sweden) recent trip to the very same country, are back on South African soil. They had an intense time with a fully booked schedule of appointments with long-term funders and supporters, presentations about GCF's work in churches and lovely gatherings with ex-volunteers. New contacts were created and ideas about possible, future collaborations were discussed.

Monthly giving

The importance of giving a monthly donation cannot be overstated. It is an investment in GCF Africa that will help us to do more preventative work, creating a lasting impact on families and communities. Monthly donations provide stability and predictability, enabling us to plan and implement long-term initiatives. They fuel the organization's ability to deliver vital services, support vulnerable communities, and drive meaningful change.

By committing to a monthly donation, individuals become integral partners in GCF's mission, offering sustained support that can transform lives. It is a testament to the power of collective action, where small, consistent contributions add up to create a significant and enduring difference. Together, through monthly giving, we can build a brighter and more compassionate world for all. All our payment platforms have an option to give monthly. Choose one here.

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