



# Zambia

## BUILDING CONNECTIONS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S GLOBAL VILLAGE PROGRAM

### DID YOU KNOW?

25% of the population lives in the capital city of Lusaka

The national bird is the Fish Eagle

Copper is one of Zambia's main exports

### HABITAT FACTS IN ZAMBIA

**Families Served to Date**  
3,009 families

**Construction Types**  
The average house size is 35 sq. meters. Using local materials, most rural houses are built using burnt bricks and corrugated iron roofing sheets. The houses are simple with separate bedrooms, kitchen and a living room. The design allows homeowners to extend the house in the future.

**Number of Affiliates**  
Tiyende Pam, Katete, Kaoma, Kawama, Pada and Ibenga

**Host Months**  
February-October

**Team Size**  
12-20 members

## Building Together For a Better Future

Despite the occurrence of rapid urbanization, it is estimated that 60 percent of the population still live in remote rural areas, where conditions are extremely poor. Villagers rely heavily on subsistence agriculture for their income and struggle to afford the frequent necessary repairs to their mud, wattle and grass thatch-roof homes. Cracked walls invite rain and rodents into houses, which can pose serious health risks. Families are crowded into a single room, which usually also serve as a kitchen, and children are exposed daily to life-threatening environments. These poor living conditions feed a cycle of poverty that continues to hurt this vulnerable population.

## The Global Village Program

Join a Global Village team and you can make a difference in the lives of Zambian families in need of simple, decent places to live. You might just find your own life changed as well!

### Why join a Global Village team?

Global Village offers international volunteers the opportunity to take part in "hands-on" construction or renovation of homes in more than 14 countries in Africa and the Middle East. Participating in a Global Village team offers a unique travel experience and an unforgettable chance to be fully immersed in the local community. Team members experience personal growth through cultural and linguistic challenges, and return to their homes transformed

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## What do the volunteers say?

"The time I spent working for Habitat for Humanity in Zambia was the most rewarding holiday I have ever had. While with Habitat you get to help people at a grassroots level, and really see how the money you raise improves people lives. We lived with and worked alongside the local community, getting to know the people we were helping, and understanding their culture and way of life."

Graham Villiers-Tuthill, Zambia 2008



## Logistics

### HOW TO GET THERE

Most project locations can be reached by international flights to Lusaka International Airport.

### TRANSPORTATION

Both long-distance and daily transport to and from the work site is typically in the form of a private van with a hired driver. The transport cost includes the airport pick-up and drop-off, transport to/from the host project, and daily transport to the work site.

### LODGING

Lodging in urban areas will either consist of guesthouses or hotels. Teams can expect to sleep in beds with bedding provided and semi-reliable electricity. Rooms are typically two to four per room with shared bathrooms and toilet. Rural lodging is primarily in local homes or school buildings. Pit latrines and bucket showers are available.

### FOOD AND WATER

Meals are either prepared by local families or taken in the hotel or guesthouse. Groceries can also be purchased in cities well in advance and stored at the project location. Please notify the GV coordinator of special dietary needs prior to arrival.

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart for Lusaka

Day 2: Arrive in Lusaka; greeted at airport by HFH Zambia staff; transport to hotel; overnight

Day 3: Travel to host project site with HFH Zambia staff; welcome orientation with local staff member; welcome dinner

Day 4–7: Work from 8am–4pm; free time after work to clean up; team activities

Day 8: Visit market, orphanage, etc.; possible half-day work on build site; cultural experience in the community

Day 9: Visit local church; other cultural activities

Day 10–12: Work from 8am–4pm; possible cultural visit; free time after work to clean up; team activities; farewell celebration

Day 13: Travel to Lusaka; free time; overnight in Lusaka

Day 14: Depart for Home

**Join us** in a journey of adventure — discovering joy, purpose, community, hope and life.

**Start making a difference now!**

