

HAYES BARTON'S GLOBAL IMPACT -by faith

In 2018, I traveled to Rwanda to see first-hand the fruits of our donations and commitment of resources, and the difference that is being made in these children's lives. As a result of our giving, Hayes Barton's partnership with Zoe (zoeempowers.org) has pulled, and continues to pull, vulnerable children around the world from extreme poverty in three years. From Zoe's start-up, Hayes Barton financially supported the relief organization and sent groups of our members to work with the orphans. Then, we at HB had a role in enabling the empowerment program to develop. Zoe's empowerment means that it gives orphaned, impoverished and vulnerable children the tools to succeed. But it is the children themselves, through hard work, who move from begging to being bosses in three years.

Seeing the amazing program in action and meeting the hundreds of children that we are supporting and have supported since 2012 was incredible. Denyse, who at age 17, supported her family of four younger children. She was in her second year of the Zoe Empowerment program, and one of her income-producing businesses was running a small shop in her village. She and her two fellow Zoe group partners had smiles on their faces as they showed us the wares in their tiny shop. Denyse then asked if she could pray, and here is her prayer:

*...We remember that we are orphans and that you supported us.
You gave us all we have received.
They (donors from the U.S.) supported us for making our lives better.
We know they prayed for us day and night.
We pray You, Lord Sir, that you bless them abundantly.
When they come to you in Heaven, treat them like queens and kings.
Be with them wherever they go.
You may not forget what they have done for us.
Thank you for the continued supporting of us,
For their commitment. May you bless them seven times seventy.
We thank you, Jesus. Amen*

Doesn't that say it all? Gratitude to God for helping the ZOE program thrive through our donations. Thanks be to God for Hayes Barton's faithful stewardship to Zoe and for His support and guidance to these vulnerable children.

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