



Remembrance of what has been done for you and doing it for others.

www.chikumbuso.com

Chikumbuso Widows & Orphans Project

The **Chikumbuso Women and Orphans Project** began in 2005 as a response to one widow's struggle to feed, educate and care for her children. Together with a core group of women, Linda Wilkinson outlined the beginnings of a **community based organization** whose goal would be to meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations in Ng'ombe, Lusaka.

Each woman who joins Chikumbuso is responsible for the other widows, through a mission statement that asks each person to: **Remember those who have died, Remember where we have come from, and Remember to do for others.**

Widows

In addition to a support group, weekly meetings and trainings, the women have created a micro enterprise **crocheting plastic grocery bags into purses, wine carriers and other fashion accessories.** This business gives them a stable income and a way to provide for their families with dignity. The bags they make are sold locally and internationally. **To find out where you can purchase a bag, please write to chikumbusoproject@yahoo.com.**

Orphans

The compound includes a community school targeting orphans from the Ng'ombe area. The School provides **kindergarten through 5th grade education, a free school lunch, and various after school activities.** Lacking a strong family structure and a safe place to be, orphans are often extremely vulnerable to predators and to poor choices. Chikumbuso's compound in Ng'ombe is a **unique place of love and support for children who would otherwise be on the streets.**

The Project began a sponsorship program to provide the neediest children with food, clothes, a mattress, school supplies and more. In addition, Chikumbuso attempts to match each graduate with an educational sponsorship in order to attend secondary school. **To find out more about sponsorship, please write to chikumbusoproject@yahoo.com.**

Grandmothers

Part of remembering to do for others includes caring for others in the community. **The widows of Chikumbuso currently provide home based care and support to 20 grandmothers.** With no source of income and often many grandchildren to care for, these women are on the very edge of destitution. The love and attention the widows of Ngombe, as well as the material support in the form of food, mattress and other items, go a long way to helping these women take care of themselves.

Single Mothers

Finally, the Chikumbuso Project has begun a **new venture in micro enterprise, this time targeting single mothers** from Ng'ombe. While the mothers are in a tailor class, their children play in a safe day care. Other single moms work in the Chikumbuso kitchen making products that are sold at local markets and can be purchased at the Chikumbuso compound.

Donations

Chikumbuso is a 501c3 organization here in the US. **If you would like to donate,** please send a check to: Sabrina Buehler, 350B Cossaduck Hill Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359. You can also visit us online: www.chikumbuso.com

Zikomo Kwambiri!

