



Mpika Relief Fund



Supporting the Mpika Village of Hope Orphanage

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Would you like to sponsor a child?

Sponsorship is a wonderful thing. It gives the child a great feeling that someone cares for them and children who have sponsors generally try very hard at school. They feel really motivated and loved. The joy of seeing them grow and develop has its own reward.

Sponsors can write directly to the child they sponsor at the orphanage. However please be aware and patient when waiting for a reply as the postal system is very slow in rural Africa and the workers at the orphanage are very busy and it may take some time before someone is available to sit down with the child and help them to reply.

Gifts can be sent to the child you sponsor but we recommend that they are not too expensive as this singles them out from the other children. It is nice to send something they can share. Postage is very expensive for heavy things. If we send a container we try to include a gift box for each child and staff member.

Visits to the orphanage can be arranged with prior notice. We can help with travel advice and arrangements. It is an experience you will never forget.

Adoption – we have never arranged any adoptions nor do we have any plans to do so at present. Mpika is such a lovely place and we think it would not be wise to take them away from there.

Sponsoring babies is also very rewarding but as they are obviously not able to understand who you are or write letters to you the contact may only be by updates from the Orphanage staff. Because of other demands on their time this may be sporadic.

For the most part the children have all thrived and done well but tragedy does sometimes strike and two babies have died despite the best medical help available. This is obviously hard for a sponsor. The other thing that may occur is that a family member comes forward to care for a child who was previously unable to support them. This is carried out with great care and involvement of social services. In this instance we will discuss this with the sponsor, and if they wish to keep in touch with the child they have sponsored (particularly if they built up a relationship with them) we will do all that we can to keep contact going.

Are you are interested?

For a sponsorship pack which gives you full details please contact The Sponsorship Secretary, Mpika Relief Fund, 2 Commercial Street, Denholme, Bradford BD13 4AD