

# Outreach Partnership Program Updates

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**T**hank you.

Thank you for showing up.

Thank you for celebrating the small joys and big wins, finding creative ways to fundraise, advocating for the mission of Outreach, sharing our story, being a mighty voice for this important work and partnering with us to support local leaders and community-led groups who are developing lasting solutions to poverty-related issues.

We envision a world where communities are working together to overcome the challenges of chronic poverty and your partnership makes this vision a reality. Thank you! We are proud to present you with this partnership update so that you can get a glimpse of the good that your generosity makes possible in the country you choose to support.

Enclosed you will find a copy of your 2020 giving report which includes a summary of the contributions made towards your partnership throughout the year.

Finally, we've also enclosed a recognition gift as a token of our appreciation for your continued support! We hope that this gift finds a place where it can be proudly displayed and shared with those that made this possible.

2020 was a challenging year for all of us, but if anything, we've learned that together we can do hard things. Thank you for your continued partnership. Through grace and grit, we will continue to change the world together. From everyone in the Outreach family, thank you for your trust and support. You make so many good things possible!

*We hope you enjoy this March 2021 edition of the Partnership Program Updates! If you need more resources to share with your group, please visit our website at [outreach-international.org/resources](https://outreach-international.org/resources). If you have specific questions about your giving report or just want to say "Hello!", please contact Marsha Penrose at [m.penrose@outreachmail.org](mailto:m.penrose@outreachmail.org).*



## Harvesting Change in Zambia

In 2018, Oliver from Kapisha, Zambia was living in a two-room, grass thatched house with his 5 children, 2 nieces, and his wife. Oliver was renting a 15 x 10 meter plot of land where he was cultivating crops, but many of the crops died because of lack of water. He was trying to water his plot by hand, using a small bucket and carrying water back and forth from a small water source. It would take days just to water his small plot. The work never seemed to end. Because his family was relying so heavily on the crops for food and income, Oliver made the difficult decision to keep his children home from school to help care for the crops. **Even with all of their work, the sale of Oliver's vegetables only provided about \$5 per week for the family.**

In September 2018, Oliver joined 29 other farmers from his community to analyze and address their issue of poor crop

yield due to insufficient irrigation. Through the facilitation of Kennedy, an Outreach International supported Human Development Facilitator (HDF), the group wrote a proposal to Outreach International and accessed 10 treadle pumps to irrigate their crops. After accessing the pumps, the farmers saw almost immediate changes. They were able to water larger areas of crops in a short amount of time and were able to water year round! This exponentially increased their crop yield and gave them time to contribute to their families and farms in other ways.

**Now, two and a half years later, Oliver has increased his yield so much that he is making, on average, three times more than he was before!** This has allowed him to purchase his own 50 x 50 meter plot of land, send all of his children back to school, and build a sturdy, six-room home. Oliver shared, "This project has brought joy to me and my family. We are now able to have three meals a day and be able to live in a decent house. Thank you!"

In addition to Oliver, other group members benefiting from this project have been able to purchase land, build better homes, send children to school, and so much more due to their increased income and access to reliable, nutritious food. Another member, Boyde, shared, "When I joined this group, I never thought I would access something as valuable as a treadle pump. It is my dream come true! Now I am able to grow vegetables throughout the year and my kids are back in school." Our friend Oliver is a recent, shining example of one way your support changes lives. May the future grow more bountiful with every new season in Kapisha, Zambia!