

## Stand With Africa

### A Campaign of Hope

*Stand With Africa* is a three-year campaign to support African churches and communities as they withstand AIDS, banish hunger and build peace. Join Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA World Hunger Program and LCMS World Relief in this campaign of hope.



### The Need

HIV/AIDS is the focus of *Stand With Africa* during its first year. Orphaned children are one of the tragic outcomes of the AIDS crisis in Africa.

The United Nations estimates that 12.4 million children living in sub-Saharan Africa have been left without parents due to the AIDS pandemic. These children make up 94 percent of all AIDS orphans worldwide. Last year AIDS claimed 5,500 African lives each day.

The challenge of AIDS in Africa seems overwhelming. The situation is grave, but there is also much hope. See how Lutherans are already helping... (over.)

[www.standwithafrica.org](http://www.standwithafrica.org)

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*Stand With Africa* begins by helping African people withstand the AIDS crisis.



### The Response

Lutherans are already working with partners in Africa educating people about the spread of HIV/AIDS. They are also supporting projects to train AIDS orphans to take care of themselves. Below are some examples of how *Stand With Africa* is helping Africans withstand AIDS.

- *The Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Ethiopia is training 300 educators a year for five years. These people will teach HIV/AIDS prevention in their communities.*
- *At a day care center in Kenya, a Lutheran World Relief partner teaches AIDS orphans how to cook, grow food and take care of themselves in addition to their regular school lessons.*
- *In Zambia, community leaders are using lectures, drama and sketches to educate people about how to change their behavior in order to prevent HIV/AIDS. It's all part of a Lutheran World Federation program there.*
- *In Tanzania, Operation Crossroads Africa, a Lutheran World Relief partner, assists teachers in ten schools for AIDS orphans.*

### How Can You Help?

- Keep African people in your prayers.
- Speak out for them as the U.S. government makes decisions that touch their lives.
- Give gifts to LCMS World Relief or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, marked "Stand With Africa" in the offering plate. Or, to give directly by credit card, call:  
ELCA World Hunger Appeal credit card gift line:  
**1 • 800 • 638 • 3522**  
LCMS World Relief credit card gift line:  
**1 • 888 • 930 • 4438**
- Visit [www.standwithafrica.org](http://www.standwithafrica.org) for details.

