



# Sonrise Orphan Care Zimbabwe

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## Stories from Zimbabwe – Collected by Al Miller in November 2009



Persuade Chidamba — Age 12 — Grade 3

Persuade is one of the orphans from Musana. Both of his parents died more than four years ago. Persuade lives with his widowed grandmother in Gutsa village which is 2.5 kilometres along the dirt road that leads to Musana.

Although Persuade is 12 years old he is only in grade 3. After his parents died he was unable to go to school because his grandmother could not pay the school fees and he did not have a school uniform. When the orphan care center started in Musana he was able to go to school again because they helped pay his school fees. But then the schools were closed again for a whole year because of the poor economy and the school teachers weren't being paid. Now the school is open again and although he still doesn't have a uniform he is allowed to go to classes.

Persuade's favourite subject in school is Shona. He has learned to read and write in Shona and loves to read stories. Persuade also loves to play soccer at school and is always very happy when the people from Sonrise come. They always bring a new soccer ball and he can play at soccer at Musana as well. Persuade wants to be a truck driver when he grows up but for now he needs shoes and clothes and a school uniform.

**Zimbabwe Orphan Care:** Thank you for your generosity. As of February 1st we were able to forward \$9,275 to help the Zimbabwe church feed and care for impoverished children in seven Orphan centres in Zimbabwe (Kadoma, Musana, Rugare, Mbare, Bulawayo, Wedza & Glenora) and one in Mozambique. This cares for at least 289 orphans.

## Sonrise Zimbabwe 2010 Missions Trips

We have unique opportunities this year to help make a difference in Zimbabwe with projects to develop the infrastructure of ACOP for caring for orphans. A team from Vernon is raising funds and will travel to Zimbabwe with Al Miller in mid-April to build the first dormitory at Musana. Sonrise will send a team from May 2-20 to finish the dormitory and help construct several buildings at Kadoma. It is still possible to be part of the May team but you must contact us immediately.

We are also planning a second team for August 17 to September 7. This team will do some children's ministry, contribute to several building projects and potentially do some medical clinics. Missions flights are difficult to get at that time of year so we are booking our tickets this month; sign up now if you have an interest to participate in this team.

**Please continue to help us increase our partners through distribution of the video and pamphlet.**



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