

YWEA 2012

I want to personally thank you for your continued support of YWEA throughout the years in Eastern North Carolina. The face and format of YWEA will take on a "new look" in 2012, and we have been invited by the International Youth and Discipleship Department to be "out in front" in this process. Eastern North Carolina has been looked upon as an innovator with YWEA through the years, and now we have been invited to take on a new and fresh opportunity.

Our "Anchor" project in 2012 will be building a Ministry Training and Retreat Center in Central Africa. This worthy project is in Lusaka, Zambia. This will be the primary focus for 2012 for many of our states here in the USA. However, as you know, we have intentionally been raising awareness and attention in recent years on the hurting and needy children around the globe. This year, we want to specifically target several places where innocent children need care and compassion. So, we will partner with Dr. John Gregory and Children of the World to minister to several orphanages around the world. This is where you come in!

The International Youth and Discipleship Department has invited us to center our attention on a different project other than the Zambia project. A few other larger states in the Church of God will be doing the same thing. Each of the top 8-10 states in the Church of God will have their own YWEA project to raise funds for, and all of the other states in the USA will raise funds for Zambia. Through this new venture, we will be able to commit to a specific Orphanage and make a significant difference for the children there! Our impact and influence can be tremendous!

YWEA 2012 - Santa Cruz, Bolivia, "Haven of Hope"

After meeting with our State Youth Board, we have decided to focus our attention on raising funds for the Haven of Hope orphanage in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, South America. This Church of God orphanage in Santa Cruz desperately needs the assistance of Eastern North Carolina. This will be our project this year. No other state will be raising funds for Haven of Hope.

There are many needs at Haven of Hope, but the two that stand out are:

- Financial support to house 80 children. Right now they can only afford to house 30 children, leaving 50 empty beds everyday.
- Financial support is needed to finish the kitchen/cafeteria Building.

In order for us to meet these needs, we need to raise \$72,000.00 for the orphanage. We can do this if every church commits to extending your arms to Santa Cruz, Bolivia.