

About Little Dresses for Africa

Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit Christian organization formed to send relief to the children of Africa. Our volunteers, from all over the US, Canada and around the world, join together to create simple little dresses made from pillowcases. These dresses go as little Ambassadors to plant in the heart of little girls that they are worthy.

We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope."

In the red dirt of Malawi, a simple idea was born to not only offer relief, but to also plant the seeds of worthiness, in the hearts of God's most vulnerable: little girls.

These dresses (and now britches for boys) are distributed through orphanages, villages and schools to bring relief. During distributions, simple lessons are taught on nutrition, clean water and sanitation.



Simple patterns
CHANGING LIVES

Planting the
Seeds of
Worthiness
in the Hearts
of **Little Girls**



Sending **HOPE**



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About Africa's Children

In Malawi, like in many parts of Africa, the children comprise nearly half of its population. Many households are led by children under the age of 10, who are responsible for their younger siblings, due to the death of their parents. Three out of every ten children will die before they reach the age of five and 30 percent of those remaining will die before they reach the age of 10.



Despite these staggering statistics and serious health threats, the children go about their days with little concern for tomorrow. They are exceptionally inquisitive, creative and beautiful! Although the majority live without the basic necessities that we enjoy, they maintain positive dispositions and grateful spirits.



Changing Lives Here and Abroad

Most people want to help but don't know where to begin. In this ministry, some sew independently, others form groups or sew within their already formed groups. Some donate fabric or supplies or send donations for shipping costs to help get the dresses to the children. Volunteers are sewing all across the world, crossing age, gender and denominational lines, to bring relief to these little girls.

Your Team Can Help!

Because of the amazing generosity of so many, our original goal to take 1000 dresses has resulted in well over TWO million dresses being sent, not only to Malawi, but all over the Continent of Africa, as well as other countries in need such as Honduras, Guatemala, The Philippines, Mexico and Haiti. We encourage your team to contact us to take dresses before they travel. This is an on-going mission. We won't run out of children, so please join our effort! Together, we really can make a difference, one little dress at a time!

Why Pillowcases?

New or gently used pillowcases are readily available, in brightly colored patterns. The sun dress style is suitable for the hot climates. The hem is already in place, and the pattern is simple enough for even a novice seamstress. For a more detailed pattern, check the website.

The pillowcase dress pattern has been around since the Pioneer days, when they were made out of potato sacks. Use the pillow case pattern or your own simple variation. We encourage you to keep it simple to minimize repairs. Feel free to add lace, designs and pockets, to show your love for these little girls.



How You Can Help Us Make A Difference, One Little Girl At A Time...

I'm interested in:

- Starting a Sewing Group.** donating sewing materials or helping with shipping costs. A dress can be sent to Africa for about two dollars.
- Buckets of Hope:** Brightly colored plastic buckets, distributed to widows, child-headed families, and those suffering from AIDS, containing such items as rice, oil, sugar, flour, soap and a mosquito net can be purchased and sent for \$20 each.
- Bible distribution:** A Bible in their own native language can be purchased and sent for \$7.
- Feeding Programs:** Food is purchased during the harvest and stored for distribution during the rainy seasons. Amounts donated will be combined to help a specific village that has been identified as in serious need.
- Joining a team** going to Africa to distribute dresses and offer relief.



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God bless your good works!

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