

THIS IS HOW WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Our goal at *The Lazarus Project* is to rescue, rehabilitate, educate and train for employment as well as transform homeless, hopeless street kids in Zambia. With fifty-five children, seven to eighteen years old under our care, the work has just begun.

**COMPASSIONATE GOD
Life never ceases to amaze
us as a project as we discover the
families of these children. One
such story is that of Albert Mwape.**



Albert's mother visits The Project to thank them for bringing her son home.

Eleven-year old Albert came to **The Project** on the 4th of August 2006. According to little Albert he was being mistreated by his parents that is why he left for the streets. However, in his second statement he said he was just playing on the streets and would have liked to be with his parents.



(Left) Albert's mother, two brother's and (right) Albert . Volunteer in background.



Albert visits friend that live at The Project.

Everything took a turn when the Program's officer asked him how he was doing and whether he missed his parents. After having a long talk with him on the importance of a family, he explained to her that he really missed his parents and would really love to be with them. He eventually led them to Missi Compound where his mother lived. She was so overjoyed to see her son. She thanked God for sparing her son, as she did not know where he was.

According to Mrs. Chig'andu, she had taken her son to live with his uncle in Chipata Compound. Unfortunately, there was a dispute in the home that led to Albert's auntie scolding him. This caused Albert to leave his uncle's home and head back to his parent's home. Along the way he met some boys that live on the street and made friendship with them and eventually begun life on the street.

The parents became worried after learning of Albert leaving his uncle's home and called the police to ask them to help find their son. No one could find him. But finally Albert came to the Project and we were so excited to return Albert to his parents.

Now that Albert is re-united with is family he has been enrolled in a private school located in the Missi Compound. He also took their year-end exams and Albert finished second in his class. Fortunately, the family is able to support the education of their children, but **The Project** will continue to work with them to strengthen their family values.

It is with such joy that **The Project** has such success stories. Our hope is that someday ever child that is misplaced will find solace in their home.