



EVERY

EVERYONE EVERYWHERE

STAYING POSITIVE IN ZIMBABWE

Orphaned, abused, and HIV-positive all before her 10th birthday, Mary* was in need of a savior – and she found two.

Mary's parents died when she was 8, leaving her and her siblings orphaned. An uncle took them in, but he was abusive, forcing her to do heavy manual labour in the fields. Another uncle heard of her bad situation, took her away from the fields and took her to the city, giving her access to better health care and a good school.

It was there that Mary met Youth for Christ.

Mary became the first HIV-positive teen to attend a Youth for Christ Holiday Camp. While at camp, she shared her heartbreaking story of losing both parents and the challenges that she lives every day. After the camp, Mary approached Susan, one of the Youth for Christ staff, and excitedly shared how she met Christ at camp and had decided to give her life to Him.

Mary is now 17 years old, following Jesus with her whole life, and helping others to do the same. God is using her heart and life experiences, placing her in a leadership role in the HIV-Positive Teen Support group. They

*name and photo changed to protect the identity of the young person



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GROWING UP IN A LAND NOT THEIR OWN, "THIRD CULTURE KIDS" FACE UNIQUE CHALLENGES. THROUGH YOUTH FOR CHRIST'S YOUTHCOMPASS PROGRAM, YOU ARE HELPING THEM FIND COMMUNITY AND GIVING THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE JESUS TOGETHER IN NATIONS LIKE SLOVAKIA.



meet every month at the Youth for Christ Centre in the city of Bulawayo. On top of that, Mary is a peer educator. She is able to go into the city schools, sharing her story about Jesus and talking to other young people about HIV and AIDS! Her desire is to inform young people about the pain and suffering of being HIV-positive and how Jesus walks with her through it all. She encourages those who are HIV-negative to preserve their status. She encourages those who are HIV-positive to be responsible about care for themselves and those they come into contact with. And she tells everyone, whether they are HIV-positive or not, to come to Jesus who gives them a full life, both here on earth and in eternity.

Youth for Christ in Zimbabwe is dreaming of the day when every young person in Zimbabwe and Africa has heard about Jesus and knows it is possible to remain pure and prevent the spread of HIV. To that end, YFC in Zimbabwe created tools that are enabling them to challenge youth to "Keep it Real, hear the right voices and make God Choices." "Khetha" is the name of the creative arts ministry of YFC in Zimbabwe that is communicating this message of hope to the youth of Zimbabwe. Khetha means to choose life, and the Youth for Christ teams calls youth to "khetha" through music, dance, and drama.



Thank you for making it possible for Mary, and other HIV-positive youth, to feel hope and joy even in the pain of HIV and AIDS! Because of your donations, Youth for Christ reaches youth in the HIV community with the Gospel and joy of Christ and they, in turn, are reaching others. Your support is breaking down walls and helping to create positive communication.