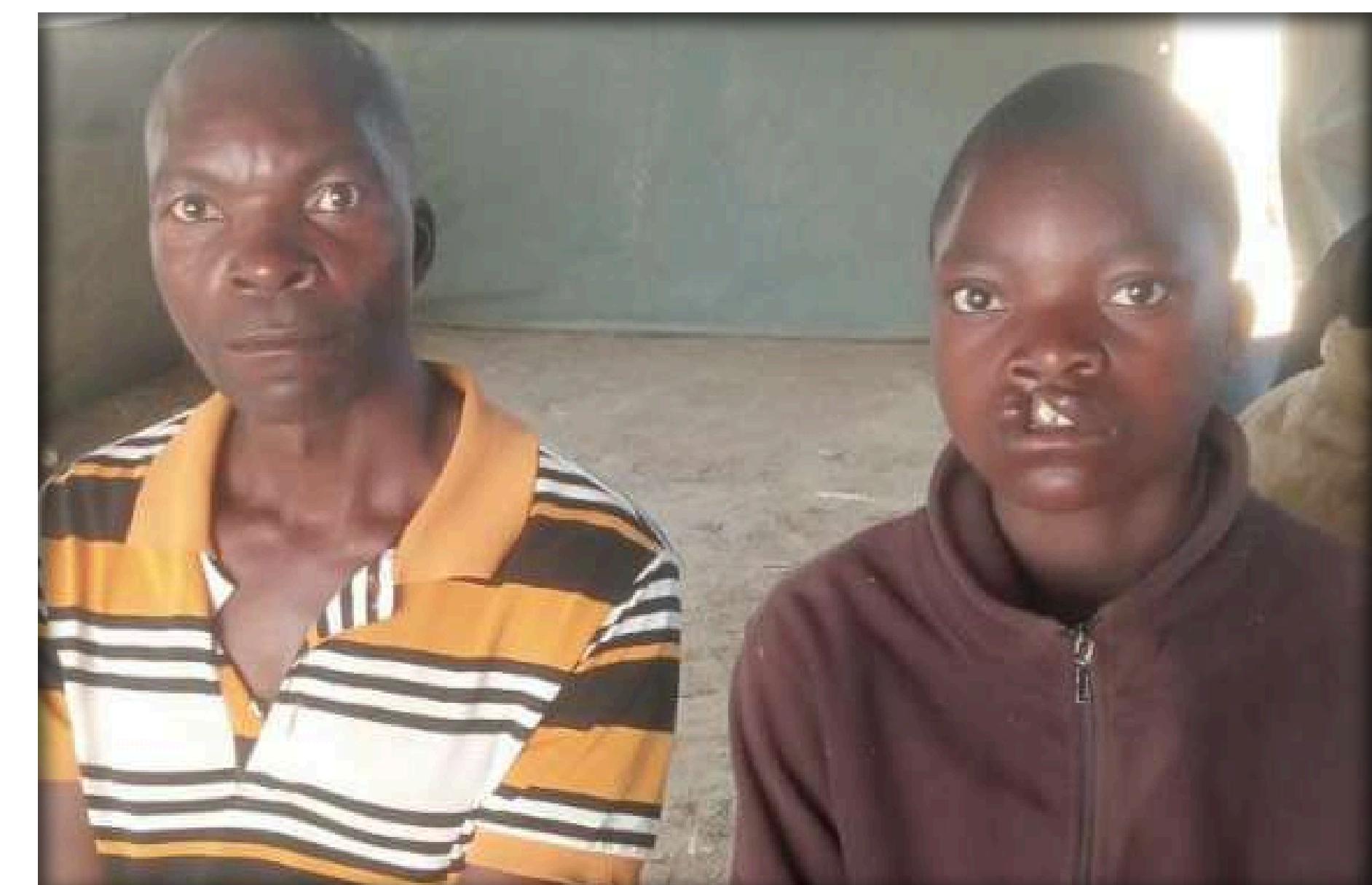


# Steven's New Smile: From Rejection to Redemption

Steven's parents were farmers living **nearly 300 kilometers from Mazabuka**, a small city in Zambia. When they discovered they were finally expecting their first child, joy filled their home.

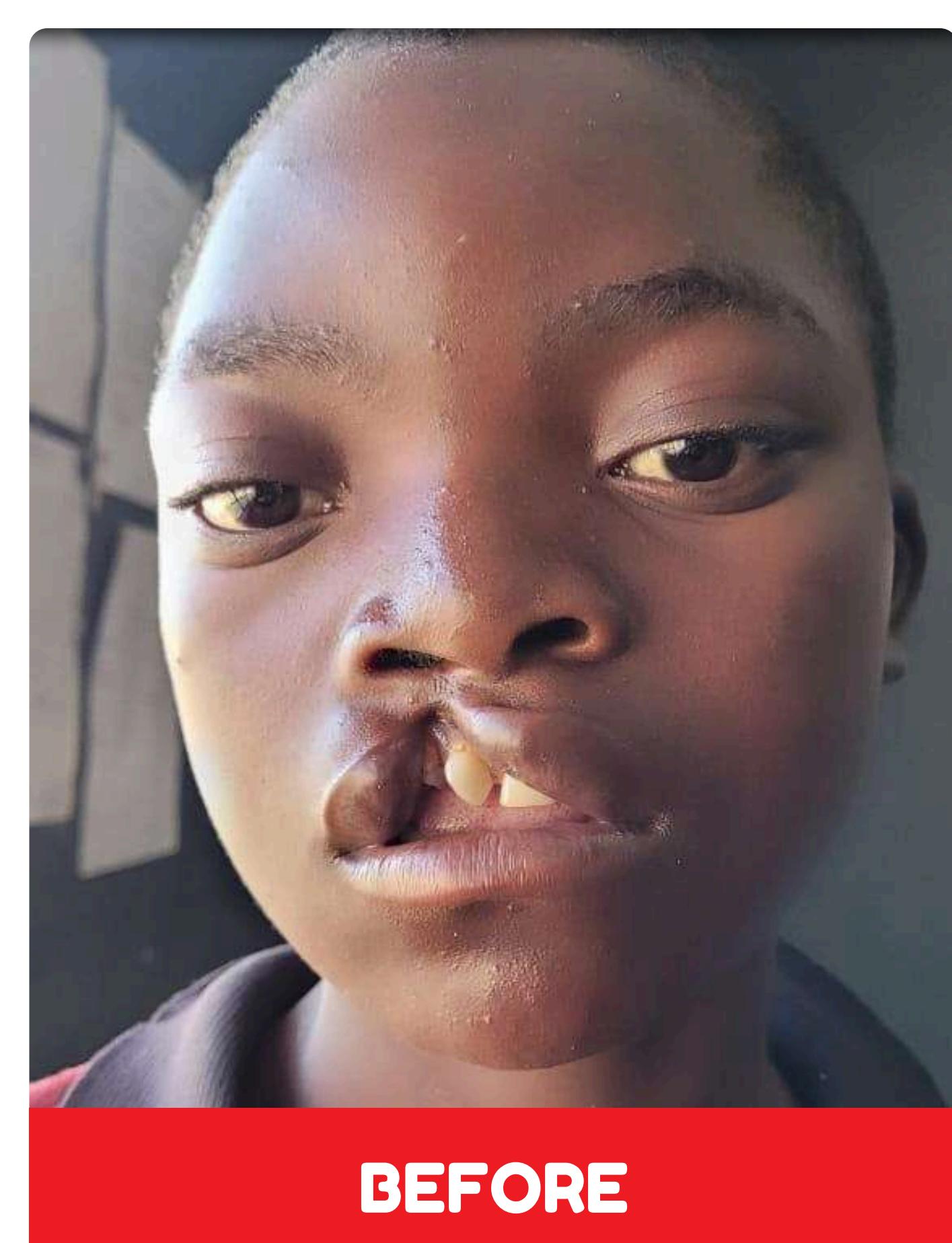
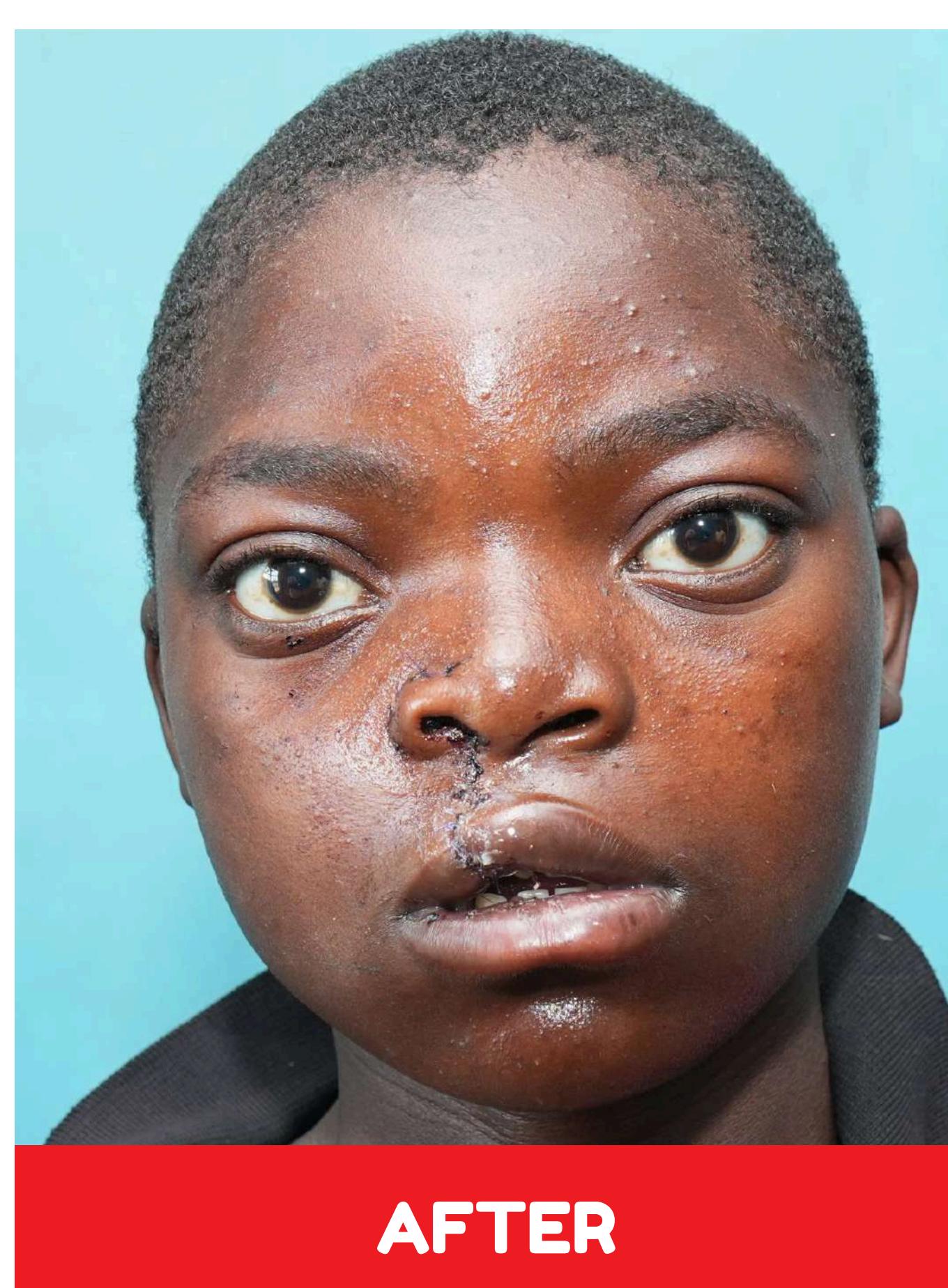
During her pregnancy, Steven's mother craved one thing—**chicken**. She ate so much of it from their farm that, when supplies ran short, **she even took chickens from the neighbor's coop**. It became a family joke—until the day Steven was born. **When his parents saw his tiny face marked by a cleft lip, joy turned to shock. Steven's father was heartbroken—and wracked with guilt.** He believed God had seen everything, even the stolen chickens, and that this deformity was a punishment for their wrongdoing. **Still, he chose love. He accepted his baby boy with open arms.**



But Steven's mother could not bear it. Overwhelmed by shame and fear, she walked away—leaving her husband to raise their son alone.

Desperate for help, Steven's father carried him to a surgeon when he was just two weeks old. But the doctors told him the baby was too young for surgery. With no one to guide him further, he believed Steven would never qualify for treatment. So, for **fourteen long years**, Steven lived without surgical care—his smile hidden, his confidence shattered.

Everything changed when a community health worker handed his father a small flyer announcing a Love Without Reason cleft mission coming to Mazabuka.



AFTER

BEFORE

That simple piece of paper opened a door of hope they had long thought closed. At last, **Steven received his life-changing surgery—completely free of charge**. Today, he smiles with confidence, and his father beams with pride. **Their family has been restored, and their hearts healed.**

**Steven is a hero. And because of you, you are his hero too.**

**Your monthly gift of \$50 or \$100 helps children like Steven receive surgery, hope, and a second chance at life.**

As this giving season begins, we invite you to join the Philipians Circle—a family of monthly supporters transforming lives across the world.

**Join the Philipians Circle Today!**



## Learn more and join the cause today!



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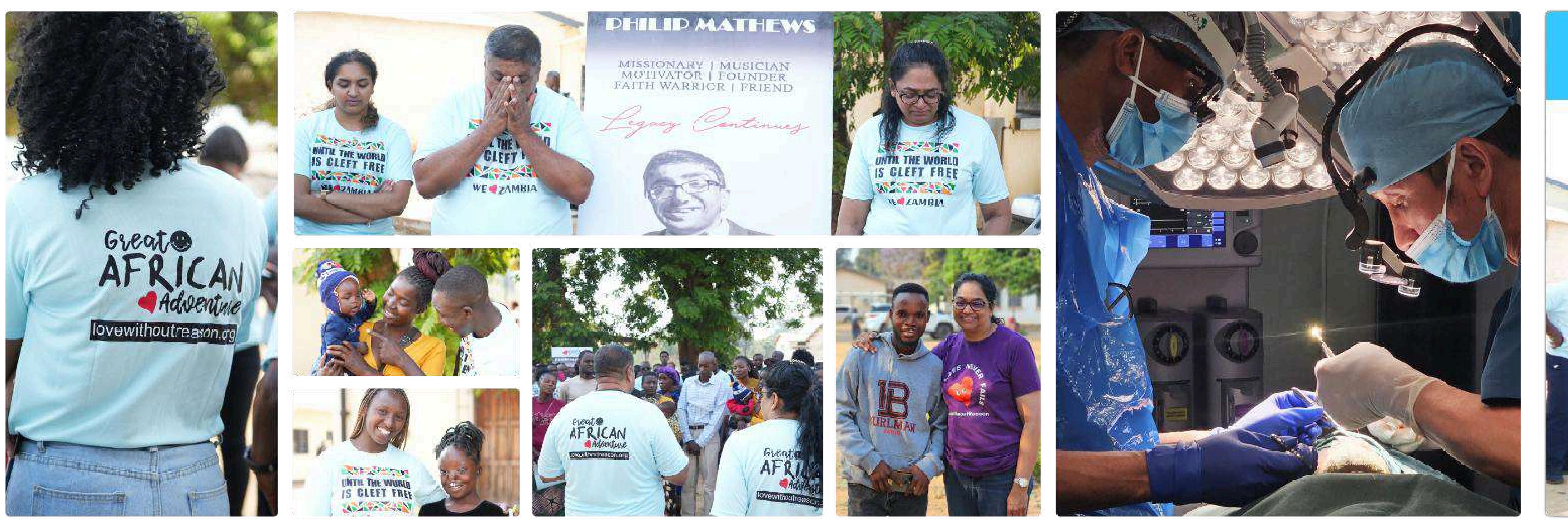
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## Mazabuka, Zambia September 2025





## End the Year in the Most Beautiful Way – by Beginning Someone's.

As this year comes to an end, your generosity can write the next story of hope. Every gift – whether through year-end giving, stocks, or a legacy gift in your will – helps restore smiles, heal hearts, and empower lives.

In just this year alone, 179 surgeries have been completed across Africa and India, and in November, our team will travel to Bihar, India, to bring healing to over 100 children waiting for cleft surgeries – many have waited their whole lives for this chance.

Your love reaches farther than you can imagine. Join the Philipians Circle or make your year-end gift today to help ensure every child in Bihar receives the surgery they desperately need. Let your compassion live on through every smile you help restore.



## Upcoming Events

- **Love Without Reason Open House.**  
*December 15 - 19, 2025*  
Come and get your last minute Christmas shopping done!
- **People, Not Products webinar**  
*January 7, 2026 at 12 noon (EDT)*
- **Father Daughter Dance**  
*Saturday, February 7, 2026*



## 2026 Cleft Missions

- **February 14-18, 2026 Garissa, Kenya**
- **February 22-26 Cleft mission to Assam, India**
- **May 2026 Nairobi, Kenya**
- **September 2026 Uganda and Zambia**
- **November 2026 Bihar, India**



**Until the world is cleft free!**