

Host Talking Points

- [SHARE A PERSONAL WELCOME]
- We are here today for young girls in Zambia.
- And if you're honest, you may be wondering what these girls have to do with you.
- In so many ways, it's a cause that feels far away and foreign.
- I'm guessing most of you have never been to Zambia...you might not be able to find it on a map, and if you're like me, you can't really imagine what it's like to grow up there.
- But let me tell you why it matters:
 - These girls—the girls we're here to support today—are humans just like us.
 - Children just like your daughters and sisters and friends you know and love.
 - But they have been dealt challenge after challenge in their young lives:
 - Economic poverty. Poor healthcare. Limited education. Social expectations that underestimate the role women can and should play.
 - And for these girls, in particular, the trauma of sexual abuse and pregnancies far before any girl should need to think about becoming a mother.
- The Kukhoma Project serves girls who have been abused and raped—and, consequently, gotten pregnant at 10, 11, 12 years old.
- And then, because of a culture of shame and stigma for abuse victims, these girls are often left without shelter, food, healthcare, or the support they so desperately need.
- In fact, the Kukhoma Project is the *only* maternity home in Zambia that accepts teenagers.
- And for me, when I learn about trauma and suffering like this, I do not have the option to turn away.
- I hope you won't turn away either.
- [SHARE PERSONAL STORY ABOUT LEARNING ABOUT/GETTING INVOLVED WITH TKP]
- In response to such difficult circumstances, The Kukhoma Project has created a home for pregnant girls and young new moms.
- At the TKP house, girls find security and healing.
 - They receive high-quality medical care so that they can deliver their babies safely.
 - They get help with their schoolwork so they can continue studying—or they receive vocational training if traditional academics is not the best option.
 - They build skills that will help them support their new families—things like farming and sewing.

- They receive counseling and care so that they can begin to process their trauma.
- And after two years, they return home—ready to move forward from the unimaginable.
- It's a remarkable model. And it's one that's only possible with your support.
- None of this—the house, the garden, the classes, the medical care, the transportation, the recovery—is possible without you and me.
- “Kukhoma,” when translated, means “to hope for.” It exists to bring hope to girls who thought they would never find it again.
- And that's why we're here today. To bring hope and restoration to young girls just like the sisters and daughters in your life.
- You can make a difference right now—and I challenge you to do exactly that. Join me. Make a gift. And get involved with this incredible organization in any way you can.
- Will you say yes today to building a bright future of hope for young girls who have suffered more than they ever should?
- Will you make a financial gift, commit to prayer, or take your next steps to get involved with this amazing organization?
- [GIVE DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GIVE/LEARN MORE]
- Thank you for being here– and please let me know if you have any questions or want to chat more.

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