

# THE NEW HEROES

## STUDENT VIDEO HANDOUT

### Children's Town in Zambia featuring Moses Zulu.

"A child in the street is a child that has been exposed to a lot of vices. And this child has developed hate. This child has developed no passion whatsoever. This child has no love at all. This child has no respect of himself or herself. He sees everybody as an enemy, he can't trust anyone."

--Moses Zulu

### SUMMARY:

In a village in Zambia, an orphanage is home to 300 children, ages 8-17, who are learning what it means to be a family. Moses Zulu established Children's Town in Zambia, where one million children have been orphaned, largely due to the AIDS epidemic. He provides a family environment and education for children who otherwise would be growing up on the streets, begging and stealing to survive.

1. Farming provides cash crops and income for the orphanage and also teaches job skills to the children, who must learn to be self-supporting.
2. Until recently, an orphan in Zambia would be taken in by extended family—aunts and uncles. Now, due to devastation of AIDS, a million orphans are growing up without family ties. How does Children's Town create "families"?
3. Children's Town can take in only 300; in a country of a million orphans, it's truly the lucky few who come here. What ideas do you have for helping the others? How does this video story make you feel?
4. His idea is to produce a new generation of citizens. What are qualities of citizenship? What are basic human needs required to become fully functioning, healthy citizen?
5. If there are 60 orphans out of a population of 2,500 men, women and children, what is the ratio of orphan to villager? How many parents in that village have died?
6. Robert Redford says, "People cannot begin the process of improving their lives until they are free from violence and exploitation. Until they find sanctuary." What does he mean? What does being in a sanctuary do for them?