

Speak to Africa

We have a special opportunity this month to speak words of encouragement *and* to give toward justice for people in Africa. Don't miss it! Through March, you can write a note of encouragement on the *Building Hope* banner in the North Campus lobby. And you can contribute toward the construction of the "Life Discipleship Center" needed by our Outreach Partner, *Life to Life Africa*.

Life to Life Africa shares the love of Christ and spreads the gospel of Christ through addressing the physical and spiritual needs of orphans, widows and the elderly in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe. Mike Sulc and his *Life to Life* team teach farming techniques and job and life skills to the people of Chinhoyi. Their ministry of practical help done with compassion and dignity paves the way for them to share the good news of Jesus. It's an amazing ministry!

Life to Life now needs a larger, better building for their classes and meetings. That's where we come in! By each of us giving as God enables us, we can raise the \$20,000 needed to build the 3,200 sq. ft. "Life Discipleship Center." We've challenged at least 800 people at Hopevale to give \$25 each to construct 4 sq ft of this project. Will you help build the Center?

Here's how to get involved:

- **Learn more** about *Life to Life Africa* and our *Building Hope* project by stopping by the Outreach Desk or going to <http://hopevale.org/#/outreach/church-wide-projects>.
- **Write a note of encouragement** on the *Building Hope* banner in the North Campus lobby any time on Sunday.
- **Give as God leads you** toward building the Life Discipleship Center. You can drop your gift (cash or check) in the boxes near the Outreach Desk, or you can give online at https://hopevale.ccbchurch.com/trx_submit.php?type=public_gift.

If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all. It's good advice as far as it goes—which is not far enough. How do we help our children with the jealousy, frustration, or hurt behind their tendency to trash-talk someone at school or a brother or sister? Although it can be hard, listen patiently to them. Then as much as possible help them name what they're feeling—jealous, angry, hurt, or _____. From there, support them in resolving the root of the trash-talk. Pray with them as they pour their frustrations out to God.

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Tell the Truth

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God? The Witness Oath

1. Have you ever served on a jury or been a witness in a lawsuit? Share what the case was about. How important was it that the truth about the situation come out?
 - Jeremiah 9:23-24—
 - Proverbs 6:16-19—
 - Micah 6:8—
 - Isaiah 42:1-4—
2. Do you think we should care more about justice being done in our community OR about sharing the gospel with our community? Consider these verses.
 - Proverbs 11:12-13—
 - Proverbs 12:18—
 - Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32—
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6—
3. Pastor Ken said the Ninth Commandment calls us to *love others by protecting their reputation*. Share a time when someone said things about you that were wrong. How did you feel? What damage did it do to your reputation?
4. Should we always tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth to or about another person? Do you think there are times when it would be wrong? Consider these Scriptures then give an example.
 - Proverbs 11:12-13—
 - Proverbs 12:18—
 - Ephesians 4:25-27, 29-32—
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-6—
5. Are you having a hard time speaking well of a particular person right now? Why do you think that is? What can you do to please the Lord and love that person?

*You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Exodus 20:15*