



SET YOURSELF APART

ZAMBIA

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STUDY & EXPLORE

The education systems in Zambia and the U.S. are a lot alike. Injustices are the same; lack of funding is the same; the inability to reach or engage every child is the same. There are issues of extreme poverty, teenage pregnancy, lack of resources. Both countries need to figure out how to raise globally-minded individuals dedicated to the service of humanity.

TEACH & DISCOVER

This experience made me want to teach on a global level. It affected the way I think about **connections**. Children need to be globally connected early on. Most kids in the U.S. tend to be self-centered, have a sense of entitlement, and are consumed with “first world problems.” Connecting to children in other parts of the world broadens a child’s scope and helps her understand that we are all human beings, we all face struggles - some more than others.

GROW

As a woman of African-descent, I placed great importance on seeing Africa for myself. There are many negative perceptions about the continent. Going to Zambia allowed me a direct experience with an African country, and to obtain an accurate and unbiased narrative of its culture and people. ***I pursue change.*** Traveling abroad changes you; immersion in another culture changes you; getting lost and being unable to communicate effectively changes you.



Phylicia at the U of Zambia (right), with children at the Roma Girl's School (bottom), with a boy at the University Teaching Hospital Special School (left)

“The ability to compare and contrast our lives with the lives of others allows us to stand in solidarity with, and serve as advocates for, one another. When you can say that you have a companion across the globe, that individual and cultural struggle begins to affect you in a new way, you understand it on a deeper level, you think about it more critically. THAT’S the importance of global connections - to truly raise critical thinkers, we must view the world through more than one lens.”

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FAVORITE ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM

- Meeting women and children at the Chikumbuso Orphanage
- A first encounter with zebras ... just chilling by the road.
- Laughing with school children about our Western accents.
- Spending a whole night watching Nigerian movies with Dr. Shandomo’s niece, Fiona.