



HOST ORPHAN SUNDAY

A FRAMEWORK FOR HARNESSING THE POWER OF YOUR ORPHAN SUNDAY EVENT

The Purpose of Orphan Sunday Zambia

Orphan Sunday Zambia is a movement of the Church in Zambia — inspired by the Word of God, rooted in our national heritage as the birthplace of Orphan Sunday, and committed to mobilising every province, every congregation, and every Christian to care for vulnerable children and families. Orphan Sunday is observed on the **second Sunday in November** — but however your church chooses to participate, the heart of the day remains the same. This day is an opportunity to be reminded of the power of doing it together.

Not Just a Day — A Resource

Orphan Sunday is a *"hinge"* that connects two critical components of a much fuller strategy: **Front-End Planning | Event Execution | Back-End Follow-Up**. It is an opportunity to catalyse a new focus on caring for the vulnerable — or to celebrate all God has already done and provide clear on-ramps for others. It's more than a day. It's a strategy.

Four Aspects of Planning

1

Assemble a Team

Let this be team-driven with a diversity of tasks. One person oversees communications; another gathers follow-up information; another liaises with the pastor; another works with NGOs and government partners.

2

Plan With the End in Sight

Create a vision for what you want to see — not just at your event, but in the days and months that follow. Work backwards: What systems, partners, and next steps need to be in place before the event?

3

Craft Your Message

Establish a culture everyone can participate in. Make sure everyone casting vision — from the pulpit to social media — speaks the same language: Everyone Can Do Something!

4

Utilise the Existing

What is your church uniquely good at? Find what's already happening — children's homes, kinship care networks, social welfare programmes — and invite people to strengthen that work. Don't reinvent the wheel.

Event Execution

Ideas for Your Orphan Sunday Event

From full sermons to community marches — find what works best for your church:

- Preach a sermon on God's heart for the fatherless
- Pray publicly for orphaned and vulnerable children
- Invite families who care for orphaned children to share their story
- Organise a community march or awareness event
- Host a fundraiser for a local children's home or kinship family
- Organise a service project — a home repair day, a clothing drive
- Screen a short film or testimony video
- Offer a clear call to action with a specific next step

Creating a Smaller Circle

Your event casts a wide net. Then create a smaller "circle" — a bridge event — for those who want to go deeper. Leave every attendee with one clear next step: sign up for the bridge event.

The Bridge Event

The goal: move people into smaller circles so they can get connection, resources, and support. The most impactful option for Zambian churches:

A Luncheon Immediately After Church

Food freely provided removes barriers. Held immediately after church, it creates a relaxed environment where stories are shared and community begins.

What to Do at a Bridge Event

- Share Stories — Let people introduce themselves and share what drew them here
- Introduce Leadership — Answer: Where do I go? Who do I talk to?
- Cast Vision — Why are we doing this? How? What's next?
- Define Next Steps — Everyone leaves with a clear, actionable plan

One Full Month of Promotion

Each week: announce through WhatsApp groups, social media, emails, stage announcements, and personal invitations.

Orphan Sunday Zambia Resources

Access graphics, promotional tools, and coordinator resources for Orphan Sunday Zambia events. Visit:

OrphanSundayZambia.com

For the combined Field, Preaching, and Event Guide — or to connect with a coordinator in your province — contact:

