

# Who We Are

## Equipping Women...

...with the Gospel, entrepreneurial skills, job training, health education, and wellness checks to bridge the gap from hopelessness to empowerment...

## Vision

To share the love of Jesus Christ...

...directed at uplifting and ministering to women in their challenges and leading them to be strengthened in their walk of faith and equipped in their personal lives."

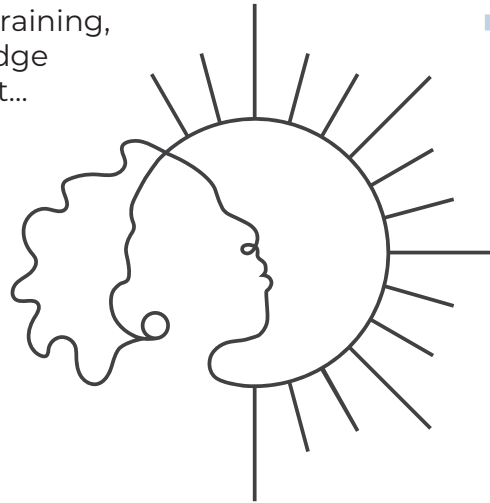
Hebrews 4:16

## Outcomes

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Grounded in the Word  
Devoted to Christ and His mission  
Empowered for Life  
Skillful in running a small business  
Providing for her basic needs and those of her family  
Giving back to her community

**thriving Woman of Mercy!**



**MERCY  
HOUSE**

## Mission

**a Christ-focused organization...**

...addressing the needs of women in the Ndola community and throughout the Copperbelt region of Zambia"

## Our Core Commitments

Equip women in their daily commitment to grow spiritually moving from basics to maturity.

- Evangelism
- Spiritual Growth
- Discipleship

Walk alongside women in becoming financially sustainable.

- Business Education
- Financial Sustainability
- Micro-business Village Banking

Equip women in improved nutrition, hygiene, and health practices leading to wholeness for themselves, their families and communities.

- Health and Welfare
- Personal/Family Relationships



## Doreen M. Zimba

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**M**rs. Doreen Zimba is a Zambian Christian leader who has dedicated her life to serving and teaching women for sometime. She began her women's ministry in 2004 alongside her leadership role at Northrise University (NU), a university that she co-founded with her husband, Dr. Moffat Zimba.

She served at NU as Deputy Vice-Chancellor for 18 years, sits on several advisory boards, leads an interdenominational women's Bible Study group, enjoys engaging women one on one, spending time with family and friends, cooking, and reading. She has special liking for flowers and appreciation of space, as to her, both reveal the grandeur of God's ingenuity.

In the journey of starting a university, Mrs. Zimba found her passion for women as she saw how much Zambian women were eager to serve God but often lacked a place of spiritual growth through in depth study of the Word of God and fellowship. She believes that one of the key ingredients of effective ministry and impact in our communities is a dedication to study God's word, which results in a transformed mind, heart, and soul.

Mercy House was born out of reflection and compassion on the plight of Zambian women who are eager to grow in the Lord, desire to transform their lives and that of their families, but often have limited resources and skills.

The history of Mercy House (MH) dates to 2007, when the founder, Mrs. Doreen Zimba, and her ministry friends based in the US, began to interact more personally with the women of Ndola. Together, they have led and mentored many women of Ndola through a biennial Women's conference hosted under a community impact program of Northrise University called Impact Ndola.

Naturally, women are relational and tend to share their deepest needs with one another. Through the interactions with the Conference attendees and the women of the Bible Study group, other needs besides growing in the Lord were discovered. Women expressed physical, emotional, and financial needs that they and others continue to experience.

Through discussions, prayers, and thoughts, God put a desire in Mrs. Zimba's heart and her friends to intentionally minister to Ndola women in more specific ways. With this desire came a dream to start empowering women.

Initially, the Lord provided some funds for women to begin micro-businesses. Some women have been raising chickens, making peanut butter, buying, and selling secondhand clothes, selling rice, growing crops for sale, and so on. In the process of starting micro-businesses, it was discovered that most of the women were not equipped with adequate skills to grow businesses.

After much reflection and prayer, the vision of Mercy House was born. A place where women would come to be disciplined in their walk with the Lord as well as empowered to become "micro-entrepreneurs" to enable them to meet their needs, those of their families, their communities, and beyond.

