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March 21, 2009

Dear Man/Woman of God:

“And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and *Stand in the Gap* before me for the land that I should not destroy it but I found none,” records Ezekiel 22:30. I am humbly calling upon you and your congregation to join over **one million** people who will lift up their voices in prayer on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 – World AIDS Orphans Day. We will intercede for **15 million** children who have lost parents worldwide due to HIV/AIDS. I am convinced the fact that this year’s commemoration (May 7th) is falling on the same day as National Day of Prayer (1st Thursday of May) is divine intervention. If your church does not have Thursday programs you can choose to *Stand in the Gap* on Sunday, May 10th instead.

Imagine **1.3 million** people bombarding heaven on Thursday May 7th, 2009, on one accord on a subject that touches the heart of God, orphans! The Apostle James put it this way, “Pure and undefiled religion before God our Father is to take care of widows and orphans in their time of need ...”, James 1:27. These children need you now more than ever. In addition to the trauma of losing a parent, orphans are often subject to discrimination and are less likely to receive healthcare, education and other needed services. Impoverished and often without support to educate and protect them, orphans and vulnerable children face increased risk of HIV infection. Orphans also easily fall prey to many forms of exploitation such as forced labor, prostitution and child soldiering.

It all comes down to numbers:

- How should **one** chase a **thousand**, and **two** put **ten thousand** to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up? Deuteronomy 32:30. Imagine what **1.3 million** will do!
- **1.3 million** is the number of AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe alone, the highest rate in the world
- **\$1.3 million** is the goal for this campaign
- A child dies of HIV related illness every 15 minutes
- Half of the world’s 15 million AIDS orphans are currently being cared for solely by their grandparents, according to a new report from UK-based *Help the Aged*.
- Well over **12 million AIDS** orphans live in Sub-Saharan Africa, alone.
- Experts believe that **millions more** of orphans remain unaccounted for in India, China and Russia.
- **At least 10 million more** children will become orphans due to AIDS by **2010**.

If you are willing to be the one that God finds *Standing in the Gap*, please email us at standinginthegap@dangwa.org for a **3-minute** free registration so we can keep track of the number of worshippers across the land. You can also mail in the attached form to reach us by April 30th.

To kick off our “Virgins Do Not Cure AIDS” Campaign, we are calling on Capital District children to help our children by volunteering to share their talent and help us raise funds and awareness of AIDS orphans in Zimbabwe. The *Stand in the Gap* Concert will be held at The Linda WAMC Performing Arts Studio in Albany on Thursday, May 7th, 2009 at 5-8PM. We are asking you to showcase your children’s worship talents through choirs, dancers, steppers, etc. People from all faiths and languages are encouraged to participate. This is a great opportunity to involve your youth to help other children on a global level. **There are a very limited number of performers we can accommodate so we encourage you to sign up early.** Please complete the enclosed registration form and return to us by Friday, April 24th. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”, Matthew 18:20.

The faith-based mission of the Dangwa Initiative is to empower and restore dignity to AIDS orphan girls and women in resource-limited settings who have been made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS thru provision of tangible and culturally sensitive resources. Through education and awareness, we seek to debunk the myth: sex with a virgin cures AIDS. The belief in this myth has caused an increase in the raping of girls - new born to teenagers. It is a risk factor particularly for children who have been orphaned.

Feel free to call me on 518.221.9423 if you have any questions. You can also find more information on the plight of AIDS orphans by visiting our website at www.dangwa.org.

Over **15 million** children are counting on us to answer the call so the Glory of the Lord will be made manifest in our lives. God bless you and thank you for *Standing in the Gap!*

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Teresa Dangwa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Teresa Dangwa
Founder/CEO

Enclosures:

Call to Prayer Registration Form



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Stand in the Gap Campaign
This is a Call to Prayer!

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Free Registration to be **1 of 1.3 million** who will *Stand in the Gap*

By sending in the registration form you are committing to designate a specific time with your congregation to pray for AIDS orphans. Your name will be listed in our publications and on our website as those who chose to *Stand in the Gap.*

Our church commits to Stand in the Gap on this day (circle all that apply):

Thursday, May 7th

Sunday, May 10th

Name of Church: _____

Church Leader’s Name: _____

Contact Person’s Name (if different from above): _____

Contact Phone and Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Please list our Church in your publications as follows: _____

“Pure and undefiled religion before God our Father is to take care of widows and orphans in their time of need...”,
James 1:27.

We captured our moment of prayer and enclosed the picture. (We understand that this not a requirement but if we chose to participate, the original picture will become the property of Dangwa Initiative and will be used in a collage solely to demonstrate the 1.3 million people Standing in the Gap).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please RSVP by April 30th, 2009.

Mail to Dangwa Initiative

PO Box 5125

Albany, NY 12205

Or email as a PDF to standinthegap@dangwa.org

Thank you!



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Stand in the Gap Campaign

This is a Call to Christian Youth Musicians and Performers

“And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge and *Stand in the Gap* before me for the land that I should not destroy it but I found none”, Ezekiel 22 vs. 30.

Youth Praise and Worshippers Registration
Thursday, May 7th, 2009
The Linda – WAMC Performing Arts Studio
318 Central Avenue
Albany, New York
5PM – 8PM

To kick-off our \$1.3 million Campaign will be asked for a small donation of \$5 at the door, our performers will not be expected to pay to participate or enter at the door.

Name of Church: _____

Church Leader's Name: _____

Contact Person's Name (if different from above): _____

Contact Phone and Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Please give a brief description (on the back of the form) of your group including the number of people in the group; language of your worship if not English and any accommodations you may need. Some instruments will be provided, please call to discuss actualities. Please note there is no cost to register and each group is responsible for its travel and expenses. You will receive directions and parking information upon registration. All faiths and languages are encouraged to join us. **Please RSVP by April 24th, 2009.** Thank you!

By signing we understand that this a voluntary commitment and we will not hold Dangwa Initiative liable for any loss or damage to person, or property.

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you!