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*Holiday Greetings  
 From  
 Voices of Hope  
 Board Members,  
 Students and Graduates!*

Please join us in a "Spare Change Can Change a Life" Fund Raiser on



Sat., Dec. 8th - 11AM-2PM

Bring your spare change jars to:  
**Espresso World**  
**7510 W Clearwater Ave.**  
**Kennewick, WA**  
 and join us for a cup of hot apple cider. Unable to join us? Please consider converting your spare change to a check donation that can be mailed.

**Churches, clubs & businesses are also encouraged to hold a "Noisy Offering/Collection"** by inviting their members to donate their spare change jars to the VOH Program.

**If you would like to head up a "Noisy Offering/Collection" contact:**

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**MAKE THIS A HOLIDAY SEASON THAT CHANGES A LIFE THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY.**

*The Holiday Season for Maasai Girls Can Be Life Changing*

December is known as the "cutting season" in the Maasai Tribe. While we in America are preparing in gratitude for Thanksgiving and the celebration of Christmas, the Maasai Tribe in Kenya are preparing for the negotiation of a bride price and the genital mutilation of their young daughters. These young girls will be married off to elders in their tribe who are most able to offer the largest dowry of cattle. Most of the girls are between the ages of 8-14. Young girls, and graduates who have been attending boarding schools through programs such as Compassion or World Vision come home for the holidays and without protection, are "circumcised" and married off. As young wives they will be destined to a life of poverty and hard labor.



100% of the girls in this girl's village are forced to undergo female genital mutilation in 4th Grade.

"Voices of Hope" is an active "voice" of change and advocacy in the Maasai community. We rescue post high school girls in danger of fgm and forced marriage and provide them with safety and education. Since 2006, we have provided 37 Maasai girls with leadership training and a college education. Currently we have 7 students attending school and **10 waiting for Sponsorship**. Our hope is that we will be able to provide sponsorship for all 10 by the start of Winter Semester in January. **If you and your family want to make this holiday season EXTRA SPECIAL...please consider making a donation to Voices of Hope. Compassion is a gift that keeps on giving !!**

*Mark Your Calendars for February 6, 2013-Details to Follow*

February 6th is **International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation**. Last year Voices of Hope held their FIRST Int'l Day of Zero Tolerance Event in the Tri Cities. We had 160 people in attendance. This year we are hoping to double that number. All proceeds will go to Voices of Hope Student Sponsorships.



**DO YOU WANT TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST FGM? DO SO BY HOSTING A TABLE AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT.** Table hosts invite 7 of their friends to join them at a table of 8 for the cost of \$20/person or \$160/table. Hosts may pay for the entire table or ask each guest to make their own donation. If you are interested in being a table host or helping with the event please **Contact Theo Dobie @ 509-438-7898 or [contact@voicesofhopeafrica.org](mailto:contact@voicesofhopeafrica.org)**