



HIV / AIDS

Quick Facts from *Zealous Love: A Practical Guide to Social Justice*

To try to make others comfortable is the only way to get right comfortable ourselves, and that comes partly of not being able to think so much about ourselves when we are helping other people. --George MacDonald

Overview

In recent years, HIV and AIDS have received greater media attention. Thankfully, many gains have been made because of increased awareness, education, behavioral change, advances in and greater access to antiretroviral medication, and more funding from wealthy countries. Nevertheless, tens of millions of people still suffer from this horrible disease. Many of those affected are children, and have been infected through no fault of their own.

The devastating impact of HIV / AIDS is wider than just the person who is sick. What happens to a young child when one or both parents die because of AIDS and the orphan must become the head of his or her household? What about the impact on a family who has lost two children to AIDS already, while their third grows sicker every day? What about the economies of several Sub Saharan countries which are virtually on the edge of collapse because so many of their workforce is affected?

Quick Facts

- AIDS is the world's fourth leading cause of death in low and middle income countries.¹
- Since 1981, over twenty-five million people have died from AIDS.²
- In 2005, AIDS killed approximately 2.2 million people, and in 2007 another 2 million people died.³
- More than two-thirds of all the adults and 90 percent of all the children who have the HIV virus live in Sub Saharan Africa.⁴
- Worldwide, there are approximately 33 million people currently living with HIV.⁵



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¹ UNAIDS, *2008 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, p. 15,
http://data.unaids.org/pub/GlobalReport/2008/JC1510_2008GlobalReport_en.zip

²UNAIDS, *2008 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, p. 15,
http://data.unaids.org/pub/GlobalReport/2008/JC1510_2008GlobalReport_en.zip

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid., p. 33-39

⁵ UNAIDS, *2008 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, p. 16,
http://data.unaids.org/pub/GlobalReport/2008/jc1510_2008_global_report_pp11_28_en.pdf.