

Message – Brandon Chaplin

New AM Series – Gaining
Perspective this Christmas
Message 1: Listen Carefully

A man dressed as Santa Claus, wearing a red suit with white fur trim and a red hat with a white pom-pom. He has a white beard and is wearing glasses. He is holding a red sign with the word "Sale" written in white, stylized letters. He is pointing with his right hand towards the sign.

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Isaiah 58

**ISA 58:6 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?"**

**ISA 58:7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?**

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Zambia

A young boy breaks stones at a quarry, Zambia, 7 March 2007. Child workers can get jobs as street vendors, quarry workers, water carriers, porters, domestics, well and refuse-tip diggers, carpenters, market cooks, grass-cutters, bottle collectors – and prostitutes.

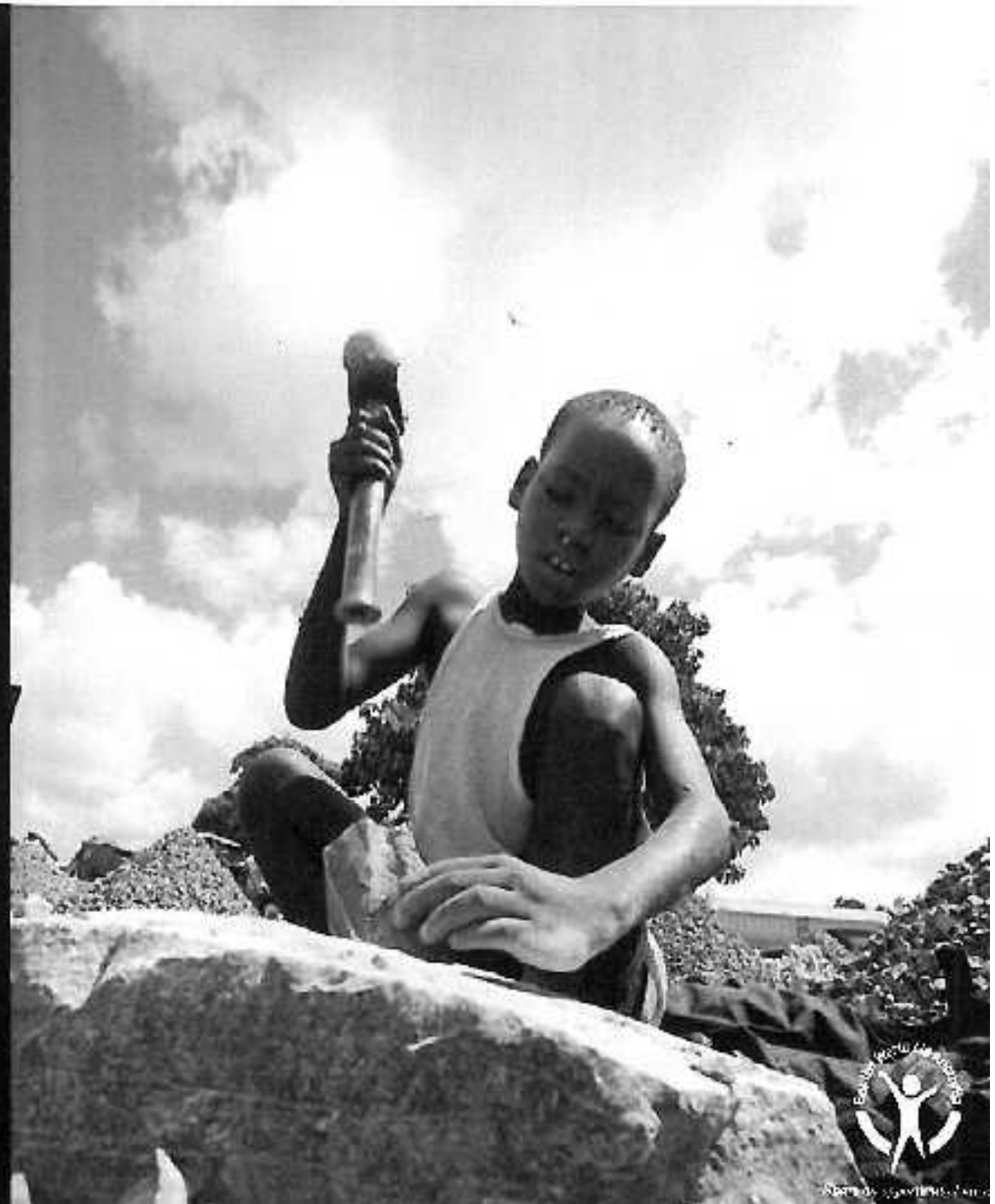
The problem of ballooning child labour is due to rising joblessness among parents as companies buckle under Zambia's harsh economic climate and a cost-saving government cuts back on its public sector wage bill.

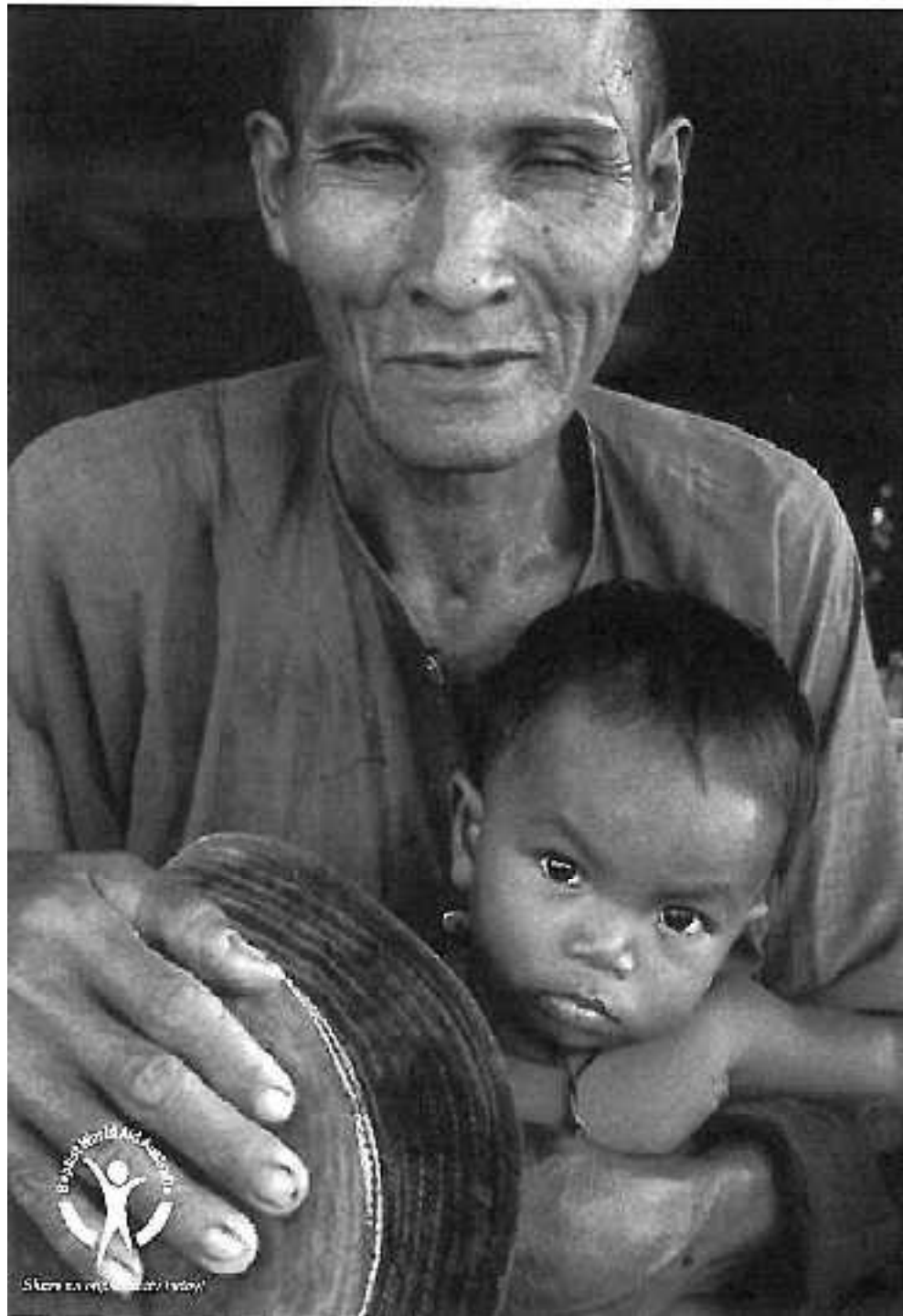
Over 90% of child labourers earn as little as US \$3 a month

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Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

In a country where more than a third of the people live in great poverty, disabled people are the poorest of the poor. Discriminated against at every level of society, they are seen as 'useless'; a burden on the family and the community.

Unable to participate in education and employment opportunities, many disabled men, women and children live as outcasts, begging on the streets for their survival.

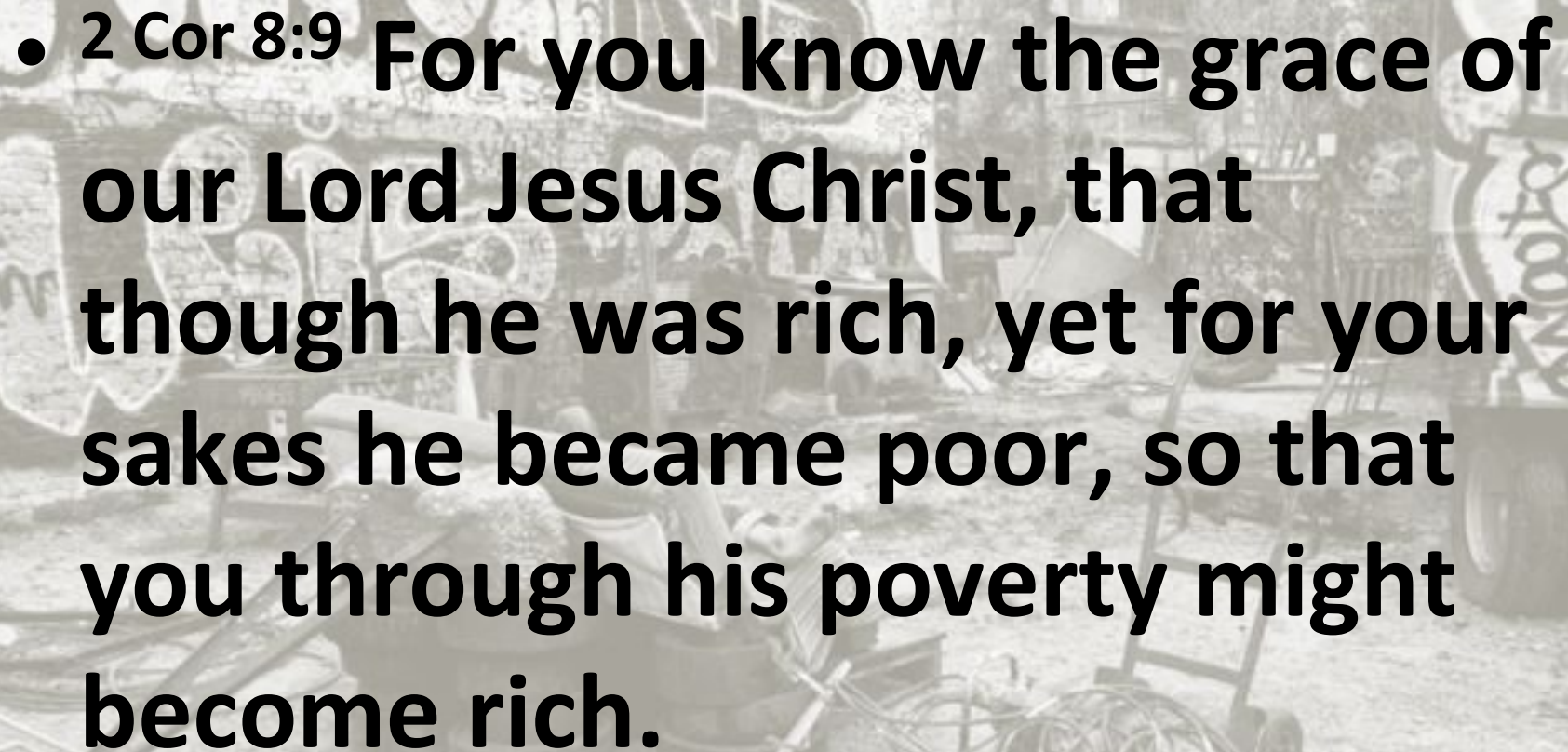
This blind man begs on the streets with his son.

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- **2 Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.**

