



HOPE CENTERS

for Children of Africa

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We are ready to go & serve!



This young man offered to give our staff members a ride during the last visit. We want to take him on a ride that will give him a chance to succeed in life. Yes, we will ask him to peddle but we hope to take some of the bumps out of the way as he travels down this path with us.

December 1st will mark a new beginning. Our Uganda staff, Alexa and Emanuel (Emma) will begin living full-time at the new ministry location. They are transitioning from Kampala to Luweero. They found two small houses to rent within the same compound. To work effectively in Uganda we must have a non-profit organization which is recognized by their government. We are placing the final touches on the constitution that will be presented to the governing authority in Uganda. The local council of Luweero (chief & council members) will assist in the process of filing for legal status.



The focus and goal remains the same; Come to the aid of orphans and widows. How;

- Ensure safe housing for orphans
- Provide educational opportunities
- Provide better access to health care,
- Improve public health by providing Mosquito nets, bedding, clothing, safe water and improved latrines
- Offer micro loans to;
 - Those who house the orphans
 - Other disadvantaged families
- Provide adult education
- Introduce alternative farming techniques, seeds that will produce better yields and the means of better grain storage.

Aid brought to developing countries often hurts those they intend to help. Giving during a time of crisis is vitally important; it often means the difference between life and death. However, as soon as the crisis is over, aid must change from giving to development; development that allows individual families and the community, as a whole, to achieve self-sustainability. In Luweero we will work from the bottom up to achieve self-sustainability. The head of each household will be given that opportunity. It will become their responsibility to strive for and attain self-sustainability.



The widows in Bunia demonstrated the need for a support system within the micro loan program. We will offer the same structure in Luweero so as to create small but vital support systems. Widows will help each other in times of need to keep individual businesses afloat. They will hold each other accountable for loan payments, all of which will foster encouragement, team-building and hope for the future. Giving hope to a widow or an elderly grandmother caring for orphaned children is truly a sight to behold!



What does that hope look like? How do we define self-sustainability for an individual family in Africa?

To answer that question, we are enlisting the help of Daniel Kioko Mutunga. Daniel worked with several non-profit organizations in Kenya. He specialized in community development. Today he is on staff with the Community Development Department at Daystar University in Kenya. In August of 2013 Daniel and a colleague, Mary Mogute, traveled to Bunia to conduct a review of BCHC. Daniel is now working



with us to create a model in Luweero that will measure growth for individual families. Much of the data we need to put the model together is location specific. With Alexa and Emma living full-time in Luweero as of December 1, they will be able to gather what is needed. As they collect the data, they will continue to search out leaders of the community, including those who may not have titles but are leaders nonetheless. We want leadership of both types to serve on the Advisory Board in Luweero.

This structure will allow widows and individual families that

care for orphans to have a voice. That small voice is vital in knowing how to approach the obstacles faced by the poorest of the poor.

Once the Advisory Board is in place, we will seek their input to finalize the model for success. The model will map out the path we are on and the goal we are striving for. As Daniel pointed out in earlier conversations, there are many paths the people of the community can take to get to the village. Some are longer. Some become impassable in the rainy season. Some are well-worn with tradition. The key to the success of this ministry is to ensure everyone is on the same path with the same destination in mind.



Please keep us in prayer as we put the finishing touches on those things that need to be in place as we launch this ministry. Our goal is to have the funds raised and implement the programs during my trip to Africa in January/February 2015.



How can you help? Donate now and have your dollars matched \$ for \$ up to \$22,000.

- Land purchase (of the \$15,000 matching funds, \$7,000 remains to be matched)
- Micro loans (matching funds up to \$5,000)
- Education (matching funds up to \$5,000)
- General fund/operating expenses (matching funds up to \$4,000)
- Purchase of mosquito nets (matching funds up to \$1,000)

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Thank you! Glenn & Sherry Mork