

# NYUMBANI VILLAGE

## HISTORY

2005 – Dedication of Nyumbani Village.

2006 – Nyumbani Village opens with two grandparents and 19 children.

2007 – Nyumbani Village begins sustainable organic farming projects: growing and harvesting jatropa and castor plants for their oils, reforestation, and dairy and chicken farming.

2008 – 83,550 melia tree seedlings planted on 50 acres at Nyumbani Village as part of 500 acres from the Trees for Children program. Opening of Hotcourses Primary School.

2009 – First graduating class of the Polytechnic.

2010 – Opening of Lawson High School.

2011 – All Form 4 Lawson High School students receive passing results on their final examinations, with 1/3 receiving university admission grades.



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# WELCOME TO NYUMBANI VILLAGE

Reclaiming Kenya's Culture  
One Orphan At A Time

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## HOPE FOR KENYA'S ELDERLY AND CHILDREN

"WITH AIDS, THE  
WAGE-EARNERS  
ARE GONE AND THE  
ONLY ASSETS THE  
ELDERLY INHERIT  
ARE A GROUP OF  
ORPHANS. SINCE  
THERE IS HARDLY  
ANY SAFETY NET IN  
AFRICA, THE  
ELDERLY ARE  
TRULY DESTITUTE."

FATHER ANGELO  
D'AGOSTINO

Nyumbani, "home" in  
Swahili, was founded in  
1992 by the late Fr. Angelo  
D'Agostino, S.J., M.D., a  
physician, psychiatrist and  
Jesuit priest.

Sister Mary Owens, IBVM,  
Nyumbani's Executive  
Director who shared Fr.  
D'Agostino's dream from  
the beginning, provides  
continuing leadership and  
inspiration for all the  
Nyumbani programs.

Nyumbani Village is  
located in an arid area near  
Kitui, three hours from  
Nairobi. It is now home to  
more than 725 orphans and  
70 grand-parents.

## A Sustainable Model for Kenya's Present and Future



Village Manager  
Nicholas Syano  
with a melia tree

Nyumbani addresses the  
challenges caused by the  
unprecedented decimation of  
an entire generation of  
Kenyans.

The Village will ultimately  
house 1,000 orphans and 100  
elderly grandparents. It  
presently has primary and  
secondary schools, a medical  
clinic, community center,  
polytechnic school, worship  
hall, administration building,  
resource center, guest house  
and a police station.

The Village is designed to be both self sufficient  
and bio-friendly using Western technology  
while maintaining Kenyan culture.

An extensive sustainability program has been  
developed at the Village including organic  
permaculture, agro-forestry, bio-fuel  
production, carbon farming and livestock  
husbandry. Five hundred acres of melia trees  
are planned to make the Village fully self-  
sufficient by 2018.

Each home is allocated a half-acre of land and  
access to water in order to encourage self-  
reliance. The Village is nearly self-sufficient  
now for fresh vegetables.



## Nyumbani Village Gives Surviving Victims of HIV/AIDS a Fighting Chance

Nyumbani Village is a complex, pioneering  
settlement incorporating local cultural values  
in its operation and implementing steps to  
empower villagers and local people in  
surrounding communities to embrace self  
reliance, and create a more secure future.

Nyumbani Village is the prototype for  
additional villages in Kenya. As a solution to  
the problems caused by the loss of a generation  
due to AIDS, Nyumbani Village is a successful  
solution to retain culture, build stability and  
offer millions of Africans hope for their future.



Children of God Relief Fund is a 501 (c)(3)  
organization supporting Nyumbani in  
Kenya, to provide a loving home, medicine,  
education, community outreach and  
village-based elder and orphan care to  
individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

