

## **MOUNTAINS OF HOPE CHILDRENS MINISTRIES**

### **Foundational proposal for the orphanage development**

#### **Introduction**

Mountains of hope is a non-profit charity organization looking after orphaned and destitute children in Uganda.

We work in Uganda; we are assisting orphaned and destitute children and their family members regardless of race, creed or gender. Our distinctive approach focuses on working with orphaned and destitute children throughout their journey from birth to young adulthood, as well as with their families, local organizations and communities to create the environment children need to thrive.

It is our vision to provide secure accommodation and education to Ugandan orphans in a manner that will encourage them to grow into stable and mature men and women who love God, have a personal relationship with Jesus, and contribute to the community in which they live in Uganda.

It is the vision of Mountains of hope to develop a self supporting orphanage in Uganda. The funds to pay the running costs of the orphanage will be generated through a range of commercial activities. Where possible Mountains of hope will use existing facilities already established for the provision of education and the health needs of the children.

Twenty children live in a rented building and sleep ten to a room. We previously owned a building, but the government forced us to move without giving compensation for the building we lost because it was near the bar. The director James Malinga, puts forth all his income to pay rent.

Funding for the orphanage is so low that saving money to buy or purchase a building is essentially impossible. The children also have limited funds for food and school fees.

**Raise funds!** While the task ahead seems lofty, the value of a dollar is much higher in Uganda than it is in America. For example, school fees, books, supplies, and uniforms for seven children cost \$60 total. The purpose of this proposal is to raise funds for the construction of an orphanage home for the children. You will receive email updates, prayer requests, and featured stories of children at the orphanage.

#### **Accommodation for orphans and carers**

##### **Land and Building program:**

There is need for construction of housing for 100 orphans, including accommodation for carers. It is anticipated that each building will accommodate 10 children with a separate room for the house mother. The buildings to accommodate the 100 orphans will be built progressively commencing with two buildings to accommodate 20 orphans. We will employ the services of local people to assist in the building program; however the buildings will be constructed under the instruction and design criteria of the district planner. Mountains of hope is a registered entity so no individual will benefit from the assets of the organization other than the organization itself.

It will be necessary to build the classroom facilities to accommodate the students resulting from the establishment of the orphanage on the property.

### **Gardens & Landscaping**

As part of the move to self-sufficiency it will be essential to develop areas for the growing of food crops. It is anticipated that this will commence once the orphans have relocated to the property. Other areas will be set aside for recreational activities; however this too will be developed following the transfer of the orphans to the property. Such areas will be required to service both the school and the orphanage.

### **Establishment of commercial business activities to assist in transfer to self-sufficiency:**

There will always be a need for financial income over and above the need for food, which can obviously be met to some degree by growing food on the property. In order to meet the financial needs of the orphanage it will be essential to develop commercial business operations to provide such income. It is widely acknowledged that the sponsorship support model leaves establishments financially exposed, and in our case will severely limit our capacity for future developments. Consequently it is essential that financially viable business operations be developed as part of the overall development.

### **Commercial Chicken Production – Meat & Eggs**

The first of the commercial ventures shall be with regard to the supply and distribution of broiler chickens and egg production. We will utilize the production method to be known as mobile caged chickens, a North American system proven to dramatically reduce the need for supplementary feeding, and provide greater production whilst reducing the need for medication due to the cleaner and healthier environment compared to the barn style production alternative. Furthermore, this production method will enable other food production in the same area, as there is no risk of damage to other crops by free range birds.

It is anticipated that a number of micro-businesses will be established within the immediate surrounding area to assist local villagers to benefit from this development. However, whilst acknowledging that accurate profit figures of such a venture can only be established following the first trial, it can be assumed, from initial data supplied within Uganda, it is feasible to conservatively assume that the local people involved in this venture should earn in excess of 30,000 shillings (15 dollars) per month.

It is anticipated that the curriculum of our orphanage school would be extended to include the care and commercial operation of chicken farms, business bookkeeping etc. This inclusion in their curriculum will provide greater capacity to not only provide the students at that school with a wider education, but more-so almost ensure that on completing their education there, that they will have the capacity to earn money as a result of the education.

### **Conclusion**

In closing, I would like to stress that whilst we of Mountains of hope believe that God has called us to care for the physical and emotional wellbeing of the children, this is to be done with the clear understanding that the children be raised in the knowledge and acceptance of God as their provider. It is our deepest desire that all children would

individually come into a living and saving relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Growing in maturity with him, and there-by providing a stable family environment for their own families, that they might all contribute to the furtherance of the Kingdom of God and the consequential stability of Uganda as a nation.

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