



NEW MERCIES

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# New Mercies Ministries Project Partnership Opportunities

Though we have vision for serving in up to three nations simultaneously, we are currently focused on Rwanda. Therefore, all projects listed below (in general order of priority) refer to that location. Also, please note that most projects that are currently being implemented could continue with more funding. Your partnership on any (or all!) of these projects would be a significant blessing for all involved (including you!).

We encourage you to get involved at any level by supporting what projects you feel most led to, intrigued by or excited about. You also might choose to participate by joining a short-term team, committing to serve with us full-time, praying, investing financially, advocating among your peers, becoming a church or corporate sponsor, gifting frequent flyer miles or doing something else – let's get creative and get involved!

## "Faith Village" Related Projects

### **"Faith Village" Children's Community Project: Building**

This non-traditional orphanage is a place where children will live in homes as a "family" with caregivers and other orphaned and abandoned children. At the center of this project is, "To reflect God's heart of love for the rejected and forgotten of the world by providing a place and opportunity for orphaned and abandoned children to grow into leaders in their communities, the nation, the world and the Body of Christ. More info can be found online at [www.newmercies.org](http://www.newmercies.org) and [www.faithvictory.org](http://www.faithvictory.org).

COST: Building is underway! We are blessed to have raised more than \$120,000 of building support and would love to multiply these funds quickly. This project is clearly bigger than our natural ability to carry it out and we trust that God's vision is accompanied by His provision. The Rwandan government has dictated that our homes must be "stacked" to conserve space. Therefore, we are constructing townhome style buildings each with four self-contained family units. Each of the 12 individual townhome units will cost approximately \$40,000 to construct. This total changes quickly with the fluctuating cost of building materials. This amount is also moderately reduced each time we are able to provide a short-term team or individuals to assist with construction.

### **"Give Like You're Going!" Campaign**

We love our short-term teams! Taking teams to Rwanda is one of our favorite things to do as we see God move in big ways including providing team member finances and impacting the lives of Rwandan nationals and team members alike. We've enjoyed extending our faith with our teams as we trust God to provide the roughly \$2,500 per person it takes to make the trip. And the money always comes in.

Now, we're asking you to support our Faith Village orphanage project and pledge to, "Give Like You're Going!" Pray, work, fundraise and sacrifice like you're getting on a plane. Then, instead of heading to the airport, a celebration begins at home with a team trip to the bank to send our project funds. Accept our challenge and commit to giving orphaned and abandoned children a chance to thrive.

COST: \$2,500 per person

## **Be a Forerunner!**

Prepare the way! Begin to pray and give now for a child who will one day call Faith Village home. Your monthly gift will first go to preparing a home. After construction is complete, your gift will continue to support a child who lives in the home. Sponsor a child before her birth and give her the important knowledge that she was never actually abandoned.

COST: \$40 per month per child.

## **Matching Funds**

Here is a disconcertingly common model in relief and development work: Internationals fund a project, locals do all the work; internationals have all the authority, locals have all the responsibility. Being members of the global Body of Christ, we are certainly meant to work together. However, we have more to offer than money and local people have more to offer than labor. Releasing the local church and giving ownership to local people helps ensure vital project sustainability. One way that we can get local churches more broadly and personally involved is to allow them the blessing of participating financially as they are able. Providing matching funds is a great way for us to encourage this.

COST: All matching funds will be focused on the orphanage project at this point. We aim to incrementally collect matching funds of \$15,000 USD for each of the four building phases. We will begin this project when we have at least \$500 committed. Funds need not be released until equivalent Rwandan funds are collected.

## **Orphanage/Children's Community Project: Nutrition and Health Training**

The prevention of malnutrition is important in general, but is particularly essential in allowing us to be effective with our Orphanage Project. Without an effort to educate area mothers and help them care for their children, the likelihood of them abandoning their children for a better life at the orphanage is high. Our goal is not to fill the Orphanage but to eliminate the need for one. Therefore, this program will run parallel to orphanage construction and, Lord willing, will be ongoing.

COST: \$1000 TOTAL: \$600: food for 50 participants, \$150: Instructor housing, \$250: Educational materials

## **Child Sponsorship**

Commit to sponsoring a full home of children (6 kids) at the orphanage for the first year.

COST: \$40 per month per child. 1 child for 1 year = \$480; 1 home for 1 year (6 children) = \$2,880. Excess funds not used on living expenses will be saved for a child's schooling.

# Other Projects

## **Trauma Counseling Training**

Trainee Sponsorship: provide funds for a leader from a rural area to receive training at a Trauma Counseling Seminar in Kigali. Expenses may include materials, transportation, meals, and lodging.

COST: \$150 per person

## **Bible Distribution**

Purchase Bibles in Rwanda's native language (Kinyarwanda) for those who participate in the wide variety of projects on which we partner. Among the literate, there are many who cannot afford or do not have access to a Bible. Many of these are new believers who have accepted Christ during the course of their project participation.

COST: Each Kinyarwanda Bible costs about \$6.00. Any amount sown into this project is a blessing.

## **Sociotherapy**

Sociotherapy is a program facilitated by our local partners (Faith Victory Association) and funded by a large European organization. In sociotherapy, community members come together for 15 sessions to build trust and to engage in conflict resolution. The group is comprised of estranged spouses, people living with HIV and AIDS, genocide offenders, genocide survivors and others. A striking picture of forgiveness and reconciliation, many groups desire to stay together after completing the sessions. However, funding is often not available to assist in this transition. This is where we come in! New Mercies has formed a special relationship with some of these groups has helped them through this transition by providing funding for cooperative income earning activities. One group works together to grow and sell crops; and is now self-sustaining after using New Mercies funds to purchase land, seeds and tools.

COST: Any amount helps!

## **Sports Camps**

If you've ever watched the Olympics or World Cup you know that there are few things that transcend culture and help build relationships as effectively as sports. We'd like to bring coaches, players, and officials to put on instructional soccer, basketball, and tennis camps in Rwanda. The camps would provide an amazing opportunity to share the gospel and begin to disciple the young athletes.

COST: \$2,600 (estimate, will vary depending on which sport and number of participants): \$1,000 for facilities rental, \$1,000 for equipment, \$600 for food (50 people).

### **Short-term Ministry Teams**

Do you have a sense of adventure and a heart to serve? Join us for an exciting, challenging and worthwhile ministry trip! Rwanda is well-known for the genocide that occurred within its borders in April of 1994. During this time, between 800,000 and one million people were killed in only 100 days. That's up to 10,000 people each day in a nation about the size of Maryland. What we may not hear about as often are the tremendous ways that God is restoring hope and affecting change – and He has allowed US to participate in this process! People of all ages and abilities are encouraged and welcome to participate.

COST: Variable: dependent on length of stay and time of year. For a typical 2-week summer trip, about \$2500 (at least \$2000 of this is airfare). We're happy to pass on budgeting and fundraising tips!

### **Computer/IT Training**

We have been doing computer training in Rwanda for the last five years. We can hardly teach quickly enough! As computers have become commonplace in much of the world, some level of basic computer knowledge is becoming increasingly essential for developing nations to remain connected to the rest of the world and to the resources many of these relationships offer. We are in the initial phases of developing an IT training center. We began this process on our last short-term trip and hope to see it through. A Center would eventually provide a self-sustaining income and would increase the efficiency of churches and organizations in ultimately reaching the lost using today's technology. The classes themselves can also be offered to unbelievers as a means of delivering God's Truth to them.

COST: \$1000 TOTAL: \$300 to subsidize the purchase of a ~\$600 computer for training use and then offer for a trainee to purchase for \$300, \$200 for books, simple software and other training materials and \$500 to help pay a salary for a part-time trainer (who we would train and then launch).

### **Snacks for Children with HIV/AIDS**

Vulnerable children infected with HIV/AIDS typically have access to medication (anti-retrovirals). However, these medications can make one very sick when taken on an empty stomach. Many infected children are poor, so often have little food. Providing a small snack for these children during school helps them to stay healthier and continue attending school. Because of the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS, many of these kids do not like others to know that they are infected, so it works well to open a small snack bar where all children can buy something, but infected children know that they do not have to pay. This extra income from other kids also helps with project sustainability.

COST: About .30 cents per child per day for snacks. \$100 gets a school started.

### **Sports Ministry with Victims of Gender-Based Violence**

There are groups whom we have served that are comprised of children (mostly girls) who are victims of gender-based violence (physical/sexual). They love simply having someone spend time with them. We enjoyed playing soccer with these children and would love to do this more intentionally and consistently.

COST: \$200 for balls, cones and other sports equipment – even little “pinny” jerseys.

## **Kibungo/Nyamata Vocational Orphaned Girls Tailoring Project**

This program is comprised of orphans and other at-risk young women. Several program participants began heading their household after being orphaned at a very young age (some as young as 8 years). The tailoring and other handiwork skills they learn in this class give them a way to provide for themselves and their younger siblings for whom they care. Funding this training is a far more productive and sustainable alternative than continually paying children's school fees. There are costs associated both with running the school and with getting the participants launched out on their own. When the girls graduate, they are able to start their own business but need help getting started. For example, they can purchase their own sewing machine for \$150 and can use \$100 for the purchase of equipment (material, thread, etc.) to give them a start on making something to sell. As each woman begins to make a profit, these loans are paid back and passed on to benefit another person. About 80% of women actually pay this money back.

**COST:** \$250: Microloans in \$250 increments to help girls get started (explained above), \$150 - \$200: Sewing Machines for the school, Any amount: purchase materials to help defray the cost of running the school.

**THANK YOU** for your prayerful consideration of these opportunities!

### **An important note regarding project funding:**

Everything you give for projects goes towards those projects. Since all international staff and helpers raise their own support, 100% of the money you give for projects goes completely and directly to those projects. For example, if a staff member flies to Rwanda to work on our orphanage project and stays at a guest house while there, he or she covers these costs as a part of personal support. However, a Rwandan widow responsible for cooking at the orphanage is considered part of the project and is thus paid with project funds. Should you have further questions about the use of funds for personal or project support, please do not hesitate to contact us ([charlie@newmercies.org](mailto:charlie@newmercies.org); [karen@newmercies.org](mailto:karen@newmercies.org)).