

PROJECT KENYA: A PREPARED PLACE

A CASE FOR SUPPORT

The mission of Project Kenya: A Prepared Place is to renew and revitalize communities within the Ukambani region of Kenya - to empower its residents to create self-reliant, viable family units, thereby establishing desperately needed potential foster homes for orphaned street children from Nairobi.

Two Places in Need

Imagine a place where water does not exist. Imagine a daily twelve-mile journey on foot on which you and your children's very survival depends. Imagine raising a family in this environment – leaving your children for 12 hours a day on a trek for water, making it impossible for them to go to school, to break this vicious cycle of poverty. Imagine subsistence wrought at great effort from sparse crops on rocky, sterile land.

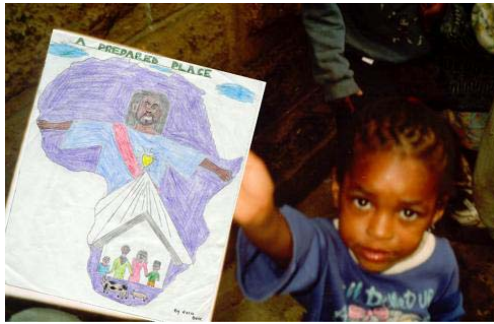


1) For thousands of families in the Ukambani, this overwhelming life is a harsh reality. Years of drought have made the Ukambani one of the most arid places in the world. The indigenous people of the Ukambani region struggle to survive against momentous challenges: a dearth of nearby water sources; a lack of schools and medical clinics; a desperate need for a stable economic and familial system.



2) Less than 100 miles away, the capital city of Nairobi faces its own humanitarian crisis. Hundreds of thousands of children, orphaned by a fierce and unrelenting AIDS epidemic, roam wild in the streets. Lacking education, socialization, and proper nutrition, they are dehumanized, fighting for food just to survive. Orphanages are overwhelmed, and cannot provide the necessary care to change the lives of these endangered young people.

One, sustainable solution



Project Kenya: A Prepared Place proposes a unified solution to these problems. Rather than providing one-time humanitarian aid in the Ukambani region, or building more orphanages in Nairobi, *A Prepared Place* seeks to produce sustainable renewal in the Ukambani region, creating structured, self-reliant communities. Once established, *A Prepared Place* proposes using these communities as a resource for placing orphaned street children from Nairobi.

A Prepared Place will:

- Provide water-delivery systems and infrastructure, to make water cleaner, and far more accessible to the people of the Ukambani region. In doing so, women and mothers will spend exponentially less time trekking to sources of water, and more time in the home providing support for the family.
- Provide seeds and animals, which, combined with new and abundant supplies of water, will create a strengthened economic base for the community, providing nutrition and an economic stake for bartering for other critical goods.
- Build schools, and clinics, two critical elements needed to break the cycle of poverty. Built with labor provided by members of the community themselves, new schools and clinics will mean increased self-reliance and improved living conditions.



When these objectives have been met, *A Prepared Place* will seek to partner with a host of organizations to place over 500 at-risk orphaned street children into Ukambani homes.

The transition from the cruel street life in Nairobi to structured family units in Ukambani will provide these young people the opportunity to once again contribute to society.



In providing both the families of the Ukambani and the orphaned children of Nairobi a greatly improved chance to lead fruitful and productive lives, *A Prepared Place* is not only benefiting the present, but preparing for the future.

Project Budget

A Prepared Place will require minimum funding totaling \$335,000 to accomplish the goals set forth in this case statement. This funding will be sought from a variety of sources, including global corporations, churches, individuals, and foundations.

Project Leaders

Dr. and Mrs. Michael and Kay Johnson

The Johnsons left a lucrative surgical practice in the United States nearly 15 years ago to lend their skills to those that needed them most – the orphans of Kenya. In this time in Kenya, they have used their incredible passion for their fellow man to successfully initiate several important projects, bringing much needed aid to this beautiful country.



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