
Asifiwe

Child Care

“This is Home”

Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives

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Overview of the Project

Originally, Asifiwe was a ministry to children through music, dance, and drama where the children shared their stories and testified of what the Lord has done in their lives. As we spent time with the children and travelled, we realized there is so much more needed than just dance and music. The children need spiritual discipleship, education and mother and father figures in their lives. They need hope for the future. For example, one of the children in the choir has lost both parents. This child has been tossed to many families because she has no one committed to caring for her. She needs a home that is consistent with someone to care for her and love her so that she can become what she wants to be in the future. This is only one child, there are many other children that need love and care.

Since realizing this need, we had to move forward and do something for these children. Some of the adult staff of the choir have done what they can to care for some of the needs of the children. But we still need to do much more to care for the children completely. We need a house for these children to live in with a loving mother, where they can get spiritual discipleship and have their physical needs met well, so that they can grow into responsible men and women that will change their communities. Thus, Asifiwe Child Care was born. **Asifiwe Child Care** exists to care for Africa's most vulnerable children and women.

We would like to care for as many of the African children as possible through our sustainability projects, sponsorship program and partners who are willing to coming alongside and help us. The target is to buy land, construct houses and identify orphaned, abandoned and other vulnerable children from 0-14 years and place them in villages (Asifiwe Villages) where we will have small units of houses and provide education, health care and all other necessities. Each house will be home for 8 children and with a house mother. To begin, we will rent one house as we look for money to buy land and build homes.

The purpose of this document is to raise awareness about Asifiwe Child Care and to find people who are willing to work with us to save as many children of Africa as possible. Because we believe the children are Africa's greatest resource.

Organizational Background

The **Asifiwe Ministry** began as a small choir of children and members of *Calvary Chapel Entebbe*. The Worship Team ministry of Calvary Chapel Entebbe realized the need to disciple the children of the church on a more personal level, so in partnership with the primary school, *Calvary Chapel Christian School*, the children's choir was born. Through this choir, we are seeking to educate the children through song, dance, drama, and testimonies and to expose them to the world. At the same time, the children are reaching out to the people in Africa and across the world with the evangelistic message of God's saving love and hope for every soul, regardless of race and social status. This experience gives the children exposure to other cultures, broadening their worldview. It also gives them confidence and boldness and helps them rise up out of their own situations of sadness and despair.

The Asifiwe Children's Choir began in April 2012 as *Calvary Chapel Entebbe Children's Choir*. It later became *Uganda's Child... Calvary's Child Children's Choir* because we desired to minister to more than just the children of Calvary Chapel Entebbe. We needed to look at all of the children of Uganda, the children that have been saved and brought out of their hopelessness through the Cross at Calvary. The choir began travelling to different places around the country to sing and dance and share their testimonies of what the Lord has done in their lives,

with the aim of restoring hope and rebuilding lives. As the choir was ministering through song and dance, we realized that we needed to expand our vision to minister to all of the children of Africa. We want to restore hope and put songs of praises on their lips by sharing the hope of the Gospel and the love of God. Thus, the name was changed once more, to *Asifiwe Children's Choir*. Asifiwe means "praise" in the Swahili language. We want to take the focus off of our problems because Christ has changed our stories and has given us a reason to praise the Lord.

As we ministered to the children of the choir, we realized that many of them had unmet needs because they are orphaned or fatherless. We encouraged the choir staff to do what they could to help them and take on the responsibility of supporting some of their needs. There are many more children in Africa that need this help. People believe that the hope for Africa lies in its abundant mineral resources. But as Asifiwe, we believe that Africa's greatest resource is its children. We desire to cultivate this resource by restoring hope and rebuilding lives through providing a loving family, an education with academic and practical life skills, medical care and spiritual and emotional support. By doing this we believe we can raise up men and women who will change their communities.

As Asifiwe, we desire to be an avenue of God's love to all the children of Africa. We hope to bring many more children out of poverty and hopelessness and into the dignified life that is a result of the transforming work of Christ's love. **Asifiwe** is an ambassador to the world on behalf of the orphaned and vulnerable children of Africa, because we believe that the children are Africa's greatest resource.

Looking at all the needs of all these children, we decided that we need to begin a child care ministry so that we can care for them more fully, instead of just a few hours of singing and dancing. Thus, Asifiwe Child Care, is a ministry that aims to provide loving homes, education, and spiritual discipleship for the children of Africa.

Vision

Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives

Mission Statement

We exist to be a vessel of hope and love to the children of Africa, through education and spiritual discipleship, who will rise up to rebuild the foundation of society that has been destroyed.

Problem Statement

Africa was known as a Dark Continent. This statement became a self-fulfilling prophecy. It traumatized the people of Africa and instead of solving problems, it led to further problems which proved the statement to be true. There has been much civil unrest amongst the people of Africa which is still ongoing up to today, including tribal conflicts, political instabilities, power struggles and divisions among the African people. These struggles have claimed many lives, leaving many children without families or someone to show them love. This has affected the children in that many developed unsocial behaviors that continued the problem as they grew into adulthood. These children have become a problem instead of a blessing to Africa. As families were broken apart and destroyed, the structure of society fell apart, with many tragic results. Families were broken through death and sickness. Birth rates increased rapidly. The children of Africa have become the greatest victims of this broken society. They have suffered many things, including defilement, child abuse, sexual abuse and abduction as child soldiers. Many have been left orphaned and abandoned, homeless and wandering the streets. The broken family unit also ushered in the HIV/AIDS pandemic that is still sweeping across Africa, claiming the lives of many men, women and children every day. The incidence of HIV/AIDS in Uganda continues to be one of the highest in the world.

There are more than 34 million orphans in Africa and over 11 million orphans as a result of AIDS. Sub-Saharan Africa has the highest risk of first-day-death for infants, and is the region showing the least progress towards ending infant mortality. Approximately 1 in 16 women living in sub-Saharan Africa will die during childbirth or pregnancy. In 2010, it was estimated that 48% of the people living in sub-Saharan Africa are living in extreme poverty, which is defined as living on less than 1.25 USD per day. This is the world that the African child grows up in. It is a world of extreme poverty, low life expectancy and very little opportunity to change their circumstances. It is a world of uncertainty without assurance of tomorrow.

Uganda has an overabundance of vulnerable children who have been orphaned, abandoned and abused. It has the second highest birth rate in the world and the highest population of children under the age of fifteen, which is 52%. Most of these children are born out of wedlock to parents who are unable or unwilling to provide for them. These children grow up without love and instruction from a mother or father, and without a moral and spiritual foundation to build their lives upon. These children live day by day, seeking whatever they can find in order to survive, without hope for the future, inheriting the broken foundation that has been passed down for generations and following the lifestyle of their parents. Some may live with a parent or a distant relative, but the sad truth is that many are abused in these living situations. They are lonely, looking for love, wondering if God sees them, and if He cares about them at all.

The children of Uganda were born in hope, but grow up through many disadvantages due to war, sickness, terror, poverty and abandonment. They live day by day, seeking what they can to survive without hope for the future. We believe Asifiwe Child Care can be part of the solution for some of these African problems, by restoring hope and rebuilding lives through providing a loving family, an education with academic and practical life skills, medical care and spiritual and emotional support. By doing this we believe we can raise up men and women who will change their society.

Target Groups

Our main target group is orphaned children and vulnerable children who have no responsible adult to care for them. We want to take in children from the ages 0 to 14 years. We want to create a home where these children can be loved and cared for consistently. In doing this we hope to raise up children who are a blessing instead of a burden or curse to society.

Another target group is the vulnerable women, such as widows and single mothers. We will train these women with the necessary skills that will help them provide for their children. After we train these women, we will place them in the home to care for our children as a mother, along with two of their own children, which makes a total of 8 children in a house. We also want to train more women, who are unable to find employment, with practical skills. After they gain these skills, they will be able to go out and create work for themselves in order to provide for their families.

Procedure of Caring for the Child

1. Identification of the Child

We identify the child through a government probation officer and our social workers, with the help of guardians, police, local community leaders and church and health workers. Some of these children are found on the streets or garbage pits, left in hospitals or their parents have died.

2. Survey of the Child

After the child has been identified by any of the above people, we must conduct a thorough research on the background of the child. The research will include finding out if the child has any living relatives, where they are, why they are not able to care for them, etc. If we are able to find the parents, we can help resettle them with their parents. If we are unable to locate their parents, we will bring them into the Asifiwe Child Care program.

3. Care for the Child

After the identification and survey of the child, we bring them into the home, and give them a mother and 7 siblings. Once they are in the home, we provide food, clothing, medical care, education, counseling and spiritual mentorship, all through sponsorship. As they are living in the home, we will seek to discover their God given talents and abilities and do all we can to develop them to their fullest potential.

4. Length of Stay

The child stays with us until they finish their education. We educate the child from pre-primary up to post-secondary school. After they finish secondary school, we send them out to a post-secondary institution such as a university or technical training school. After the child finishes their education, we help to resettle them according to their qualifications and skills. After the resettlement, that child will be replaced in the house with another needy child. In the future, we hope to have our own primary and secondary schools for our children to attend.

Main Objective

The overall goal of Asifiwe Child Care is to create a family community for the orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children of Africa, through the love of Jesus Christ; so that they will realize God's love, grow to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and fulfill the purpose that He has for their lives.

*“They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations.” – Isaiah 61:4*

Specific Objectives

- To create a loving and caring home for orphaned children.
- To raise up a new generation of leaders who will change their society.

Objectives and Strategy

Objectives	Strategy
To create a community of individual homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each house will have a loving mother with eight children, four girls and four boys, of various ages to form an organic family unit.
To provide an education for each child from nursery to university. In the future we hope to have our own primary, secondary and vocational schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide both informal and formal education, to equip them with the necessary practical and academic skills from pre-primary to post-secondary school.
To develop the talents of every child alongside the formal education, so that they have more chances to compete in the job market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the talents of each child and provide them with the opportunity to grow and perfect their talents. For example, a child that enjoys football will be involved in football trainings alongside their formal education. • Identify partners and service providers that are willing to work with the children. • Identify role models in the children's areas of interest that are accessible and willing to guide the children in their talents.
To provide medical care, and hopefully in the future to have an on-sight medical clinic/hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child that enters the child care will be given a full medical check-up, including immunizations. • Provide drugs for children with chronic medical illness, e.g. HIV/AIDS, cancer, asthma, etc.
To provide emotional and spiritual support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child attends church consistently. • Each child will have a mentor from the pastors and children's workers. • Every child will meet with a professional counselor to heal from their past and to discover themselves.

Implementation Plan

Elements/Needs/ Strategy	Action
Identification of the Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have already identified 8 children to begin. • In the future we will identify the child through a government probation officer and our social workers, with the help of guardians, police, local community leaders and church and health workers.
Rent a House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are starting with renting one house with three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/sitting room with electricity and running water. • We have identified a widow to serve as the mother of the home, and we will give her an allowance. • We will also identify women to serve as mothers as we expand. • Employ two guards to protect and care for the property for 24 hours a day. • In the future, we hoped to identify married men in the church who can act as father figures for each home.
Acquire Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hope to raise money through various activities in order to buy land where we can construct many houses. • Eventually, it will become an Asifiwe Village. • Lord willing, we desire to have as many Asifiwe villages in as many places as possible. • We will encourage people who are willing to come and construct houses for the children. • We will use the land to build houses, schools, a medical clinic, a recreation center and a fabrication center, as well as for a farm for crops and animal rearing, for each village.
Asifiwe Children's Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the choir, we hope to raise awareness for the Child Care as the choir travels around the world. • We also want to raise money for various Asifiwe Child Care projects and the church. • We desire to use the choir to find sponsors for the children. • The choir will serve in educational purposes for the children. • The Choir will also invite people to visit the Child Care and be part of the solution.
Open Offices in Outside Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the choir travels in different countries, we want to establish Asifiwe offices in those countries. • These offices will be headed by a country director with the responsibilities of finding partners and places for the choir to perform as a way of raising awareness and sponsorship. • These offices will collect sponsorship money from all the sponsors of that country and forward it to Asifiwe. • They will provide feedback to the sponsors and partners of that country concerning the ministry and the children.

Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we begin, the children will go to the local schools. • In the future, we hope to have our own Asifiwe schools. • We will educate the child from pre-primary up to post-secondary school. • After they finish secondary school, we send them out to a post-secondary institution such as a university or technical training school.
Medical Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child that enters the child care will be given a full medical check-up, including immunizations. • Provide drugs for children with chronic medical illness, e.g. HIV/AIDS, cancer, asthma, etc. • In the future, we hope to have an on-sight medical clinic/hospital where we will hire medical personnel.
Pastoral Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the future, if the homes are far from the church, we hope to have a church in the villages with pastors to guide the children in spiritual growth. • This church will also be open to the surrounding community.
Sustainability Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hope to have many sustainability projects to help fund the child care, such as the choir, a farm, and sales products like crafts, cd's, T-shirts, etc.
Sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will find people who are willing to sponsor each child in the home and at school.
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will find business partners around the world and community leaders who are willing to sponsor the ministry and help us acquire land, build houses, schools and clinics, provide medicine, food and other needs.
Visit Asifiwe Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open an office at the Asifiwe head office. This office will be in charge of networking with the outside world. • It will also help with the people that want to visit Asifiwe to volunteer to help the ministry.
Asifiwe Child Care Bank Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This account will serve us to channel all of the funds from sponsors and partners. • We will reserve a portion as a savings account for the ministry.

Evaluation and Planning of the Ministry

The evaluation and planning of the ministry will be conducted by the project coordinators with the country directors and other stake holders. They will sit at the beginning of each year to plan and oversee the development of the various sections of the project and its sustainability.

Conclusion

As explained above, Africa has gone through trying times over the century. This has hindered its development and has broken its social fabric. But we believe that if we come together, we can start over and change the society by raising up a new generation of people based on biblical principles that will bring a transformation to the continent of Africa.

Operational Budget

This is a projected budget for the ministry in the future as the Lord allows us to grow.

Item	Unit Cost	USD @2800/=
One Time Expenses		
Land	300,000,000	\$107,143.00
Construction of One House	25,000,000	\$8,929.00
Furnishing House	5,000,000	\$1,785.00
30 Seater Education and Choir Bus	94,500,000	\$33,750.00
Monthly Expenses		
Utilities (1 house)	300,000	\$107.00
Maintenance	1,500,000	\$536.00
House Mothers' Allowance	250,000	\$90.00
Food (9 people)	500,000	\$190.00
Health Care (8 children)	5,000,000	\$1,785.00
Household Supplies	400,000	\$143.00
Social Work	5,000,000	\$1,785.00
Staff and Administration	8,000,000	\$2,857.00
Transport	2,000,000	\$715.00
Miscellaneous	4,000,000	\$1,429
Yearly Expenses		
Education (8 children)	12,000,000	\$4,285.00
Clothing (8 children)	3,200,000	\$1,143.00
Sustainability Investments		
Asifiwe Choir Tour (30 people)	202,500,000	\$72,322
Choir Operations	2,800,000	\$1,000

Sponsorship House Budget

We will begin this project for eight children by renting a house. We seek your help in caring for them and as we grow in helping more children.

Specific Expenses	Costs per Month UGX	Cost in USD
House Rent	400,000	\$150.00
Utilities and Maintenance	1,000,000	\$400.00
Mother	250,000	\$100.00
Child	65,000	\$25.00
Child	65,000	\$25.00
Child	65,000	\$25.00
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Child	65,000	\$25.00
Total	UShs 2,170,000	\$850.00

Use of Sponsorship Funds

Category	Definition
Construction and Development:	Land purchases and development, building and furnishing of houses
Home Care	Food, water, clothing, household supplies and transport for Asifiwe homes and vil- lages, including housemothers' allowance and social work support; maintenance, security, utilities for homes in children's villages
Child Development and Education	Pre-Primary through Post Secondary education including talent development and training opportunities for children travelling on international Asifiwe choir tours; Social Work support for children.
Operations	Support functions for program delivery within Uganda such as Financial, Medical and Sponsorship staff.
Spiritual Mentorship	Spiritual guidance through one-on-one discipleship within each Asifiwe home.
Medical Care	Medical care and support for children and mothers.
Sustainability	Development opportunities to reduce operational and food costs, as well as to pro- vide opportunities for internships and training
Reserve Funds	Cash reserve for emergencies