

BACKGROUND

Joshua and Miriam Mbithi are the founders and directors of NEEMA CHILDREN'S HOME. NEEMA is a home for HIV and AIDS infected and affected orphans of Kenya. We at Neema seek to care, protect and love these children who evidently are living under difficult circumstances after death of their parent(s) and/or guardian. Since HIV and AIDS is a social disruption and destabilization of the society and more so the family, the obvious victims are the helpless children. It is with this concern in mind coupled with God's call that we founded NEEMA.



ENTRY ELIGIBILITY, LENGTH OF STAY AND AGE

Children to be considered at NEEMA will be;-

0-2 years for the HIV+ and

0-5 years for the HIV/AIDS affected children

All children accepted must be in need of care and protection. Upon accepting a child, NEEMA will be responsible for the child until they attain the age of 18 years or, at such a time when they can support themselves financially. NEEMA therefore will believe God for each child's basic and necessary requirement such as; food, clothing, health and education etc.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

NEEMA is run by an advisory board. The daily activities are supervised and administered by the directors. Both are responsible for NEEMA leadership and they do give report to the NEEMA board on the progress.

FINANCES

NEEMA is operated by faith in God for funding. We believe and trust God for every day's needs. We believe God uses His people, speaks to them concerning the needs of such a ministry as ours.

FUTURE PLANS/PROJECT

It is our prayer and hope that God will bless the work of our hands so that we grow. A new orphanage is our priority now. Phase one of NEEMA house with a capacity to house about 40 children is coming up. We are also praying and thinking about opening a branch in the Eastern province of Kenya where HIV and AIDS is also prevalent.

REGISTRATION

NEEMA CHILDREN'S HOME is registered with the Ministry of Gender, Sports, Culture and Social Services-Reg. No. UG/SS/REG/8490/2005.

AFFILIATION

NEEMA is not affiliated to any church hence a non-denominational ministry. Even though Joshua Mbithi is an ordained minister with Africa Inland Church, where he still ministers



HIV AND AIDS

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The first HIV case in Kenya was diagnosed in 1984. It is estimated that 1.5 million people have died due to AIDS related illnesses resulting to 2.3 million orphans and of this 1.8 million children are AIDS orphans. (Kenya National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan 2005/6 – 2009/10)

HIV and AIDS was declared a national disaster in the year 1999 and since then a lot of mechanisms have been put in place to co-ordinate, manage, create awareness, advocacy and implement a multi – sectoral approach to the national HIV and AIDS program. There has been a lot of challenges being faced and major ones include:

- The rate of new infections is still unacceptable high among vulnerable groups including young girls and boys.
- Lack of available and affordable treatment (ART)
- Negative socio-economic impact inflicted on the society as evidenced by the cumulative number of orphans and other vulnerable children, widows etc.



STATISTICS

1.2 million are orphaned from HIV and AIDS related illnesses. (Nation, October 12th 2006)
 It was realized that 39,000 children need ART in the year 2006. (Nation, October 12th 2006)
 Only 7,000 HIV infected children have access to ART.
 New number of infections per year is 60,000 that is approximately 164 people per day. (Nation, October 12th 2006)
 The number of HIV and AIDS related deaths had reduced to 315 people daily. (Though this is still scary). (Nation, October 12th 2006)
 It is estimated that 2.4 million orphans need care & support from their extended families & Communities (approximately 1.2 million 58%) orphaned from HIV and AIDS related illnesses.

It was this in mind that we realize that now it isn't the time to sit back and relax and hence had vision for the orphans and thus the start of NEEMA CHILDREN'S HOME.

When adults die from AIDS, their children become orphans. In 2004 there were an estimated 2.3 million orphans. The definition of an orphans used here is a child under the age of 18 who has lost at least one parent. Forty five percent of these children, just over one million, have lost a parent to AIDS. (Kenya HIV/AIDS Data Booklet.)



BLESSINGS

May the Lord God Almighty bless you for choosing to read this brochure. May He shine His face upon you and give you peace and joy as you serve HIM.

In the service of our Lord Jesus.

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VISION

The vision of this ministry is to assist as many orphans as possible and to see them come out of the life of desperation and need to becoming responsible people who can be trusted, people who love God and patriotic to this nation.

MISSION

Our mission is to tire not in doing good especially to children in need, for their physical and spiritual blessing, their well-being and advantage, Galatians 6:9, let us not become weary in doing good.