

*Because these children deserve a chance!*



Introducing

## HUMANITY HOME

### The Mission, Simply Stated

Doing anything with kids in Kenya necessarily involves orphans. The

HIV/Aids pandemic has taken a substantial portion of the child-rearing population. Almost everywhere we go, we see children on the margins, standing around the edges of school grounds, excluded from school because they cannot afford uniforms or have no one to enroll them. They wear tattered clothes. They are filthy and hungry. It is not unusual to see six-year olds taking care of toddlers. The extent of this problem, and the fact that it is our problem, overwhelmed me during my first humanitarian visit to Kenya in 2010.

The depth of the problem hit me even harder in January 2015 when I was speaking with some responsible adult Kenyans. I asked, who are these children we see, looking destitute, lurking around the edges. The adults responded: "Where do you see these children?" The answer is "Everywhere." These children have become so much a part of the scenery that they are invisible.

Recently, I met a student at the University of Denver, whose heart is in the right place, and who is studying aid organizations from an academic perspective, talking about things like formulas for success and reproducibility. She asked me “What is your MODEL?”

Our “model” is these kids need a home. They need a chance in life.

## Overcoming Challenges

One of the biggest challenges is finding someone who can be trusted with funds and the incredible responsibility of being a surrogate parent to numerous children. Four years ago, I began getting to know Hope (a pseudonym used throughout our web site), a woman in her mid-twenties who had a background volunteering with orphans and is a single mother of two fine boys.



Her dream was to provide a home for orphans. She wanted to go to college to develop her skills necessary to fulfill that dream. I sent her to college, with my own hope that she would become the person through whom we could make a difference in the lives of many others.

I believe Hope is the perfect solution to the challenge of finding a director. I have introduced Hope to one of my heroes, Dr. Karambu Ringera, who has accumulated ten years of experience operating an amazing children’s home and community development project in Meru, Kenya (several hundred kilometers from our location). Hope will graduate from college this December. She is eager to establish Humanity Home.

It seems like there are a lot of religious and other organizations trying to help orphans in Kenya. The government does essentially nothing to help. Whatever is happening, it is not enough. There are way too many kids still on the outside looking in, with nowhere to go, no place to call home. These are the kids we intend to serve.

In our research, Hope and I visited an established orphanage several miles from our targeted location run by an incredible lady known as Pastor Helen. Her orphanage, started in 1991, has grown to 300 children. They keep coming and she must turn away many. Pastor Helen affirmed the need for more homes for orphans. She advised us to start small.



Uganda and Rwanda. Recently rebuilding of the highway through this route was completed, cutting travel time from Ahero to Kisumu in half. As result, there is upward pressure on land prices.

We had an opportunity to acquire, at a good price, two acres of land, accessible to the highway but not too close, in an area near where we stay a couple miles outside of Ahero town.



Waiting for a spot with Pastor Helen

## A Place to Start

The area where Hope lives, and where we spend most of our time in Kenya, is Ahero, a market town about 20 miles east of the big city of Kisumu, on Lake Victoria. It is in a huge, flat valley of subsistence farms, maize fields, sugar cane plantations and rice paddies. Through it passes the main road from Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, to Nairobi (the capital), to Kisumu and on to the land-locked countries of the interior, including

This is good farm land, accessible by roads that are passable year round, on the power grid, with excellent ground water. We are very excited to have this land.

## The Future

There is no getting around the fact that the direction and potential of Humanity Home depends on finances. The last thing I ever wanted to be is a fund raiser. But in my heart I know that I need to do whatever it takes.



Initially, we will need buildings in which to house children and caregivers. Building costs (and standards) are relatively low by U.S. standards, but very significant. We will need adequate staffing to help Hope to feed, care for and nurture and protect the children. They will need school uniforms, books and fees, shoes and clothing. The number of children that we can serve, and the scale of the operation, will depend on the response to this initial fund-raising appeal.

## Why Humanity Home?

Unlike more established, large-scale charities, Humanity Home is an opportunity to become personally and directly involved in shaping lives. If you want, you can follow the development of this place, see the children arrive and watch them grow.

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