

Rehema Children Care Centre

Gathering and training young ministers

Statement: *It is impossible to preach to someone hungry. You must feed him first, and then he will listen.*

Purpose Identified: To share the love of God as an extension of His hand in mercy (Rehema) enabling the children to have a safe environment providing food, medical care, education and housing with the option of being adopted by new parents.

Mission: Rehema (word means Mercy in Swahili) is a Christian Faith based program under Global Faith Evangel Ministry (director is Pastor Nelson Saisi) in a small agricultural community of Kitale, Kenya. It is dedicated to winning souls for Jesus Christ, making disciples and raising up those who will become Christian leaders in the community. Rehema Care Centre is part of a larger vision for their ministry which includes Seminars, conferences, and open air evangelism to distant villages training believers to trust in the Scriptures and learn to base their lives on these teachings. In a place like Bosinia village in Kitale Kenya, the bare reality of abject poverty, HIV/AIDS related deaths; often forces children into early childhood labor, streets, pick-pocketing, destituteness and drop out of school. Because of what Pastor Nelson passed through in life, made him to take life seriously than anyone could imagine. The Lord is so good to him and he has done great things in his life, they established a children centre by the name Rehema Children's Centre in 2007. He has a gift of music, singing and playing the keyboard while his wife Lilybeth leads people into His presence.

Vision: It is our goal to help change the livelihoods of these little ones, God's kids, and make Rehema Children Care Centre a lovely home to raise orphans and needy children from impoverished families. We believe God is going to unfold His blessings and provision to let Rehema Children Care Centre serve Him in truth and spirit by saving the lives of the needy children. We are a Bible believing project, whose aim is to care and nurture the children in a Godly manner.

Goals for the Vision

- Make the Centre self sufficient (not dependent on donations to survive).
- Teach the children education, hygiene, ministry and job training.
- Provide opportunities for others to minister and contribute to the vision.
- Become an outlet for ministry, education, food and crafts in the community.
- Make the Center to be a template for other orphanages to follow.

Specific Goals

Global Faith Evangel as a ministry-to extend the love of God in caring for orphans and abandoned children.

-Rehema Children Care Centre-to nurture the children in a Godly manner.

-Rehema School-to educate promoting a productive future.

-Rehema Global Ministry Options-to make available opportunities for Christians to share their gifts of service, finance, knowledge, skill, wisdom, council, and hands.



Rehema Pilot Project

A Land Utilization project in Kitale, Kenya which enables the orphanage to care for itself

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Our strategy for Rehema is:

Our plan is easy: Grow what you can to get what you need and sell the excess to buy what you cannot.

Strategy

Our strategy is to purchase land and cultivate the property, filling it with crops part of which they will eat and the other part of which they will sell and having animals for food. They are sick, so because of request, we are also building a small hospital. The idea is to turn them from being beggars to becoming educated contributors to society. Poverty and lack of education has held them in the position in which they dwell. We bring in education and funds to build a foundation and promote them to build up themselves by giving them tasks which are reasonable within their parameter (education and finances).

Within this strategy, I have gathered individuals who are educated in specific areas and a heart for others who are destitute, for the orphan children and for God. Each person is carefully chosen and tested to insure that their motivation comes from within (given by God) rather than from some other source. It is recognized that motivation drives. Motivation which is pulled (guilt) does not endure and feeds loathe; therefore it is essential that the motivation of each individual be thoroughly tested. It is quite easy because I use the verse in Scripture which says, “*He who is faithful in little will be faithful in much.*”

So, I give the person a small job...and wait to see if he or she does it. Then, I give another small job, and another. Usually, by the third job either the person has fallen out of interest or is begging me for a bigger job.

The project glue which is intended to be used to hold the entire thing together is *relationship* and *commitment*. First is our individual relationship with God in loving Him enough to desire to serve Him rather than ourselves. Second is our relationship with one another. You see, we need to be willing to hang together as friends no matter what. I need to consider Pastor Nelson to be my friend through thick and thin, no matter what the outcome may be according to the plans which I have concocted regarding the Rehema Project. We must always remember that the people are the most important part of everything we do. I honestly believe that if someone fails to do what he or she is supposed to do (according to the request of God) then God will send someone else to do that job. It is not our responsibility to worry about who God will provide, but be assured that His provision is sure.

Commitment to one another and the Project is important because it enables the project to weather the time. If we are assured that the others

Basis for Strategy

We have based this strategy on several factors....

1. The soil in the area is fertile. It is reported as a premiere agricultural community. So, we will teach them to row what they can to get what they need. To do this they need land, seeds, farm equipment and knowledge of the growing.
2. Some things cannot be grown, so if they grow cash crops then they can sell the crops to purchase the items which they cannot grow.
3. The children need education; therefore a school will be set up. There are several areas of education embedded within the program. Agricultural education, husbandry, wood shop, art, cooking, sewing, food preservation, and religious.
4. Most of the children are from parents who have died as a result of Aids Epidemic; therefore they are malnourished and sickly. Nelson requested a hospital, so our plans include a children's hospital.
5. Generating income using that which they can grow. There are several avenues of potential income including selling crops to local markets, selling arts and prepared foods to tourists, doing safari excursions, continuation of the Fibercrete Project locally.

Overview of Departments of Care Centre

1. Administration (Board of Directors, Local political and policy interaction)
2. Rehema Care (personal care, clothes, medical, dental, eye, toiletries, emotional)
3. Rehema Hospital (separate building)
4. Rehema Adoption (International Process enabling adoption)
5. Rehema School (Curriculum, job development)
6. Rehema Global Ministry Options (Rehema Safaris, Bags from India, music, village evangelism)
7. Rehema Campus (Buildings and grounds, fibercrete, furniture design, well, electricity)
8. Rehema Agriculture and Husbandry (Crops and Animals, Market)

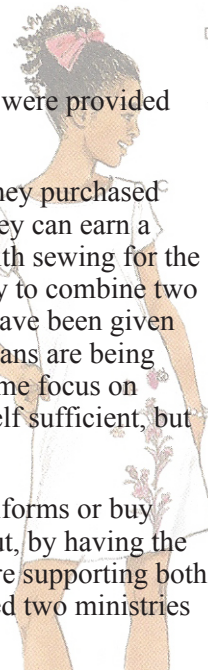


Rehema Wear

Provides clothes for the orphans sewn by Widows-who were provided sewing machines-in India

Pastor John Philip Manuel has a ministry in India where they purchased 30 industrial sewing machines to give to widows so that they can earn a living for themselves. We are asking them to provide us with sewing for the clothes of our orphanage. This is a truly unique opportunity to combine two ministries which are several countries apart. The widows have been given an opportunity to provide for themselves, just like the orphans are being given an opportunity to provide for themselves. It is the same focus on helping those who would be beggars to become not only self sufficient, but able to give to others.

Certainly we could go to the local market and purchase uniforms or buy them on-line and have them delivered to the orphanage. But, by having the women make them and purchasing from the widows, we are supporting both widows and orphans. How amazing is that? We have helped two ministries for the price of one!



‘won’t go away’, then we can relax in those relationships and work through problems. It is like a marriage; once we commit then we need to become willing to work through difficulties together.

Strategy is different from tactics as defined in the dictionary. Our strategy is based on the love of God treating the children as if they are our own. That is not hard. The word tactic seems to indicate that what we are doing is in the midst of enemy territory. Indeed, this is true. Does the enemy desire to kill, steal and destroy? Indeed. Does the enemy desire to keep these children destitute, forlorn and continued orphans? Indeed. Does the enemy hate us? I hope so.

Tactics

Our tactics combined with the strategy is like pulling a lamb out of the teeth of a lion. We understand that there may be some damage done to the lamb (losing an ear or fur) but he will be given his life. We cannot change the background of these children and surely they have had trauma in their lives, yet we can help to focus them on that which will bring healing, comfort and promote a positive future not only for them as individuals but for others as they grow up to become ministers in their own right. Will we still lose some? Probably. We cannot steal their will and the enemy has been so strong against them that hate may have already taken hold of their lives. That seed of hate may continue to grow and produce bitterness causing them to flee the covering which has been provided for them; they will hit the street as teens. We are fooling ourselves to assume that some of the scars inflicted on these children are not deep enough to cause terminal damage. They still have their own wills and it is important to encourage them to turn that will over to Jesus and allow His healing to permeate their lives. Yet, some will only say the words and placate the leaders up to a certain age...then they will leave. Are they our responsibility? How can they be if they choose to turn their back on their healing and future options?

As great as our plans may be, they still are dependent on willing young children who desire to be a part of them. Nelson and his wife, Lylibeth have proved that they love the children and have put together components needed to raise them in an environment which promotes the love of God. Rehema Pilot Program is not tampering with his program at all, but promoting what is already in place. We understand that it is easier to teach children when they have a full stomach and are not sick.

