



The Program: Little Lambs Daycare

In 1999, missionary Elaine Barnett and a national pastor's wife, Jane Wainaina shared a burden and a vision that would lead to the creation of "The Shepherd's Little Lambs -Africa." After praying and conducting a community survey, thirty-five orphaned and poor children were gathered. It was quickly realized that these dear children were in need of much more than food. Various projects were initiated to assist in providing for schooling, medical, personal & spiritual needs. At present (2004), "The Shepherd's Little Lambs - Africa" is operating five centers where 25 staff members minister to nearly 250 children. Kenyans and missionaries are working together to provide loving care for these little ones. A daily noon meal along with a morning and afternoon "snack" is provided. Preschool learning takes place in preparation for entry into the local government schools. Also appropriate age level information and education about HIV/AIDS is taught. The children learn about God and His love for them, offering hope for a future free from an otherwise desperate situation. As we are able, assistance is also given to the children's caregivers. The community is encouraged to be involved by sharing what one has to help each other, thus learning to contribute to the solution rather than being part of the problem. *James 1:27*

The Problem: HIV/AIDS Statistics

In Kenya:

- 864 people ages 15-49 die daily from AIDS
 - 6000 children orphaned weekly by AIDS
 - Projected to be over 2 million orphans by 2010
 - 0.5 million children have AIDS in Kenya today
 - 1/2 of 15 year old boys are on track to die of AIDS
- ### In Sub-Sahara Africa:
- 12 million orphans
 - 42 million have become HIV positive
 - 25 million have already died from AIDS



It is believed that 70% of all AIDS infected people live in Sub-Sahara Africa where the life expectancy has dropped drastically from 68 to 34 years. AIDS is more likely to deprive children of both parents than any other cause of death! Needless to say, the numbers are staggering and Kenya is becoming overwhelmed with vulnerable children and orphans. Many of them are exploited due to cultural and greedy practices.



The Promise: Freedom in Christ

False hope is instilled with the promotion of condoms, campaigns, concerts by popular musicians, and traditional "curative" measures. But God has provided the way out of the lifestyle that produces AIDS – that is by accepting His Son Jesus Christ as Savior. Jesus has already paid the price for sin on the cross. By accepting Him as one's personal savior, one's heart is changed from within and empowered by God's Spirit to change behavior and to resist temptation. Abstaining from sexual promiscuity and faithfulness to one's marriage partner is the result. A lifetime can be enjoyed free from the fear of AIDS.

1 Corinthians 10: 13 Philippians 4:13, 19

The Progress

What a difference daily nutrition and genuine love can make! Children who were once dirty, hungry, undisciplined, and timid are now smiling, energetic, talkative and well-disciplined. They love to sing and quote Bible verses. The headmistress of one local school reports that the "Little Lambs" children are the best behaved and best performing students and she believes that they will transform the school.

The Purpose:

Vision Statement

To provide a loving, safe, nurturing, Christian environment for some of the 1.6 million Kenyan children who have been orphaned by AIDS or who are the poorest of the poor.

To actively demonstrate God's love by working together, within the African context, as a community of national and international believers regardless of denominational distinctions.

Thrusts

- 1) To provide a place where these children can have their physical bodies fed and clothed
- 2) To promote an atmosphere of learning where these children have their minds stimulated
- 3) To place Godly staff in each center who love, encourage, and counsel the children
- 4) To prepare the staff with sound Biblical teaching so that they "will also be qualified to teach others" (the children).
II Timothy 2:2
- 5) To partner with like-minded individuals and organizations to assist the Nationals in caring for these children and their guardians within their local settings rather than in orphanages.



Personnel and Participation

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Participation—Pray for and support our children. What your donation provides:

Food, school fees (H.S.) and uniforms, subsidies, medical care and administrative costs for 50 children and 5 staff at each of 5 centers.

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