



Living Hope Ministries Foundation

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in support of the **Living Hope Uganda** Orphanage



[James 1:27](#): Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after **orphans and widows** in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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We are excited to share our *Inaugural Newsletter* with you, our faithful and generous donors. You have responded with love, prayers, and financial support over the years as the Living Hope Uganda orphanage needs have been shared with you. We aim to keep you informed with current updates, ensuring you know how the orphanage and its 161+ children are doing. May God bless you for your past generosity and open your hearts to continued support for those less fortunate than us going forward. ***The LHMF Board of Directors***

Living Hope Ministries Foundation, Inc. (LHMF) is a Christ-centered, 501(c)(3) organization, that strives to bring hope to orphans and vulnerable children throughout Africa. We financially and prayerfully support organizations who provide these children with loving care (spiritual, physical, intellectual, medical) to help them become contributing, God-fearing members of their communities.

Currently, the primary focus of LHMF is to fundraise for and support the Living Hope Uganda orphanage run by Pastor Elijah Honeymore Musoke.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Message from the President

I am excited to assume the role of President of the *Living Hope Ministries Foundation* effective May 1, 2026! Lisa Hernandez has done an amazing job in that role for the last seven years since she, Randy, and Andy first set up the Foundation. This founding team, under Lisa's oversight, has been instrumental in raising close to \$200,000 in support of the orphanage. Lisa will continue to serve as an active and dedicated member of the Board, and I look forward to working with her and the other Board members as we expand the vision and outreach of the Foundation. Our primary goal at this time is to establish a steady flow of income to cover the monthly

operational costs of the Living Hope Uganda orphanage so staff can properly care for and educate the children, and they never have to wonder where their next meal will come from. We look forward to working with you, our loyal donor base, in achieving this vision!

Clive Houston-Brown, President

Board Members



Randell Hand (*Treasurer*): Randy met Pastor Elijah in 2012 when his church was looking for foreign missions to support. The church embraced Pastor Elijah and raised money for infrastructure projects such as a water well and a dormitory. In 2017, Randy visited Pastor Elijah in Uganda to see the orphanage first-hand. He joined the Board in 2019 as a founding member. Randy works in the technology industry in Georgia and is married with two children.



Lisa Hernandez (*Past President*): Lisa met Pastor Elijah in Burlington, Wisconsin, through a mutual friend at Morning Glory, a ministry founded by her mother in Milwaukee. She bonded with Pastor Elijah, and they have been close friends ever since. Lisa joined the Board as a founding member and served as President ever since. The Living Hope Uganda orphanage has always had a special place in her heart, and this love is reflected in her long tenure as founding Board president. She and her husband, Tony, love spending time with their family, especially their four grandsons.



Clive Houston-Brown (*President*): Clive joined the Board at the beginning of 2026 after retiring from a career in higher education administration, where he served in various CIO and COO roles for universities in California. He has been a long-term supporter of Living Hope Uganda and has worked closely with Pastor Elijah and LHMF on the orphanage needs over the years. He is excited to join the team and looks forward to spearheading an expansion of support for the orphanage over the next year. Clive and his wife Sherry (a retired teacher) live in the mountains of Southern California and have five adult children and a growing number of grandchildren.



Andy Ramaker (*Secretary*): Andy has served as a founding member on the Board since 2019. He works in the construction industry, and he and his wife, Kim—a school counselor—live in Oostburg, Wisconsin, with their two daughters. His passion for supporting missionaries in Africa began after visiting a classmate involved in a medical mission in Kenya. It was through a local church that he was first introduced to Pastor Elijah.

Ex-Officio Board Members



Pastor Elijah Honeymore Musoke (*Ex-Officio*): As the founder and head of the Living Hope Uganda orphanage, Pastor Elijah serves in an Ex-Officio role on the Board of Living Hope Ministries Foundation. He works closely with his local Board who oversee the Living Hope Uganda ministries, as well as the orphanage. Pastor Elijah and his wife Winnie have two children and have been the leading force behind the care and sustenance of the orphans.

Advisors to the Board

Ryan Gartman (*Advisor to the Board*): CPA in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Orphanage Update

Children: The Living Hope Uganda orphanage is currently supporting 161 children. The



children are a mix of orphans, vulnerable children, poverty-stricken children, abandoned children, and victims of domestic violence. There are several full-time staff that provide day-to-day operational oversight of the orphanage and care for the children. These staff include an Administrator, a Project Manager (who also serves as the school's Head Teacher), a Matron/Caretaker, 2 cooks, a Farm Manager and a Security Guard.

School: with 161 children of all ages, the orphanage runs its own school. In addition to the



orphans, neighborhood children whose parents can afford school fees also attend the school. These fees are used to supplement the operation of the school in terms of supplies and scholarships. The school employs a Head Teacher and nine other Teachers.



Farm: A few years ago, donors generously helped fund the purchase of a 10-acre farm near the



Planting casava stems

orphanage so they could grow their own staple food products (corn, beans, cassava, etc.) and reduce the cost of feeding the children and staff. Prior to the purchase of the farm, when funds ran out and food ran low, the children and staff were reduced to two small meals a day, often without supplemental foodstuff



Peeling casava roots

like eggs, milk, sugar, and tea. The farm has helped ensure the orphanage has enough staple foods to support the orphanage year-round via two growing seasons. Corn, beans, and casava are grown on separate portions on the farm to allow crop rotation and regeneration of the land.



Shelling and bagging the corn

There is one glitch with the farm at this stage, as you can read in the “Projects: Irrigation” section later in this newsletter.



Processed corn seeds from the farm

Finances

For the past four months, the Board has been doing an in-depth analysis of the financial status and needs of the Living Hope Uganda orphanage. Unfortunately, it is not a pretty picture. Over the years, fundraising has been hit-and-miss and primarily focused on urgent and emergent needs.

While there are a handful of supporters who provide consistent monthly support, most of our donors have responded sporadically (but often very generously) to crisis needs and project requests. **As a result, the Living Hope Uganda orphanage does not have the stable monthly revenue stream necessary to support the day-to-day functions of the orphanage** (food, clothes, medical, education, support staff, etc.).

Our financial analysis has determined that the orphanage needs approximately **\$5,300/month** in donations to meet its operational costs for the support of 161 orphans. **This equates to approximately \$33/month per orphan.** The breakdown is as follows:

Orphanage Operational Costs

- \$650 Children’s direct needs** (clothing, medical, sanitary wear, toiletries, etc.)
- \$727 Farm food staples – 2 seasons - plant/harvest/process** (corn, beans, cassava)
- \$1,000 Supplemental foodstuffs** (drinking water, cooking firewood, milk, eggs, oil, etc.)
- \$870 Personnel – Staff** (Administrator, 2 Cooks, Farm Manager, Matron/Caretaker, Security)
- \$1,110 Personnel – Teachers** (Head Teacher, 3 Senior Teachers, 6 Teachers)
- \$245 Personnel – Payroll Taxes** (PAYE, NSSF)
- \$698 Administration** (audit/bank/legal fees, utilities, licenses, transport, office supplies, etc.)

Sponsorship Model: The Board is introducing a *Sponsorship* option to establish a consistent revenue stream to cover the orphanage’s monthly operational costs.

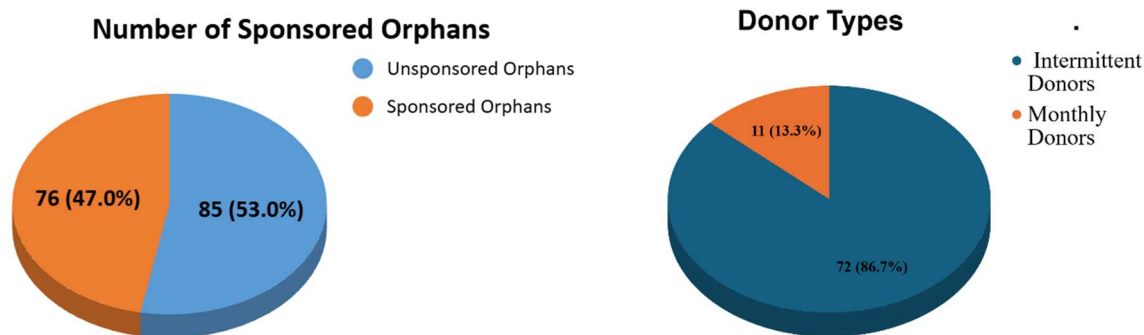


This Model asks donors to commit to providing the equivalent of the monthly support for one or more orphans at \$33/month each. Once we have sponsorships for all 161 orphans, the orphanage will have a consistent revenue stream that will cover operational costs. ***We are asking all current and past donors to prayerfully consider sponsoring our orphans in this manner.***



To kickstart this sponsorship campaign and show our personal commitment to the orphanage, **we as a Board have committed to sponsoring 61 of the children ourselves.**

We hope this encourages each of you to consider what you might do to help with this initiative!!



Projects: Of course, as with any entity the size and scope of the orphanage, there are always additional one-time needs for funding to support infrastructural projects. With an orphanage, a school, and a farm, there are many needs that require one-time fund infusions over and above the monthly operational costs of running the institution. **Some examples include:**



Bedding: The mattresses, sheets, and blankets in the orphanage need to be replaced. The old mattresses were simple foam mattresses without moisture protection and many of them are rotting and falling apart from bedwetting. This project will replace the mattresses with new, vinyl-covered mattresses and provide new sheets, blankets, and pillows for the children. **The cost is \$100 per set and we are still in need of 100 sets** (thanks to those who have provided funds for 61 sets thus far!!)



Irrigation system: While the orphanage has a well on-site for drinking and washing purposes, the farm does not. This means that crop viability is 100% dependent on rainfall and drought or delay in rain can heavily impact the crops' yield each season. When this happens, the orphanage must scramble to try to raise additional, unexpected funds to purchase the food staples they were relying on from the farm (corn, beans, casava). We would like to drill a borehole on the farm site that would provide water for the crops in these situations, ensuring appropriate yields. With appropriate irrigation, the orphanage farm can produce a crop surplus which can then be sold to supplement other project funding needs. The project includes a hydrological survey, drilling a borehole, and installing storage tanks, a solar system, and an irrigation system on the farm. **Project cost is approximately \$13,760.**



Security gates for the orphanage:

While the Foundation was able to help build a wall around the orphanage, we did not have the funding to install security gates to help control access to the grounds. In early 2026, a man in Uganda entered an orphanage (not ours) and killed four children. Please help us fund the purchase and installation of three security gates to help protect our children. Each gate will cost \$1,500 with an additional \$166 to install. **Project cost is approximately \$5,000.**

While these projects will be up on our website in case someone would like to donate towards them, we are strongly encouraging our donors to *first* consider the monthly sponsorship model to help us reach a sustainable revenue stream and meet the operational obligations of the orphanage. Having said that, if you just cannot commit to monthly support at this time but would like to provide one-time support for a project, we would be thrilled to have your donation!

NOTE: All LHMF Board members are volunteers and 100% of your donations (less any bank/credit card processing fees) go directly to supporting the Living Hope Uganda orphanage.

God Bless You, Our Donors

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this newsletter; we hope you found it helpful and we look forward to sharing additional news updates with you on a regular basis. Your patronage is a true blessing to us and the orphans at the Living Hope Uganda orphanage. Our prayer for you comes from Numbers chapter 6:

²⁴The Lord bless you
and keep you;

²⁵the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;

²⁶the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.