



SERVING WITH EVERY CHILD MINISTRIES - UGANDA

Mission:

By Word and Deed, *The Way Home* seeks to advocate for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of orphaned children in Uganda, to grow up in a loving family and know the love of Jesus.

Vision:

To mobilize, educate and equip the Foster Family and Church to meet the holistic needs of abandoned children in their community.

1. Address the Deep rooted spiritual needs

- Pastor and Church leader training in the Biblical World View through *Choose-to-Wait* and *Farming God's Way* training programs.
- Speak up for orphans through church presentations on "God's heart for the orphan" recruiting foster families.

2. Advocate for in-country adoption

- Facilitate fostering/adoption within the country's legal framework
- Recruit, train and encourage Foster Parents
- Work to de-institutionalize children

3. Equip for Foster-to-adopt Family sustainability

- Family follow up
- Counselling
- Education focus and primary school development
- Medical support and preventative education
- Coordinate and access appropriate community-based resources
- Community and Well-Watered (FGW) gardens

4. Equip and network for "Grannies" program

- Assist with provision of shelter and latrine
- Grief counselling
- Support group opportunity
- Family gardens (FGW well-watered gardens)
- School development
- Farming God's Way / food security garden training
- Micro loans for grandmother to start or improve a small business

Purpose and Outcomes:

1. The Way Home will build relationships with Churches and strengthen the Church's Biblical World View by teaching Pastors through use of a choose to wait leadership training course and Farming God's Way training and implementation.

The Outcome: To affect changed church and community behaviour, stemming from the deep rooted spiritual needs of Ugandan's, by deepening pastors' knowledge of the Biblical World View, including God's heart for family, plans for men and women before and during marriage, and sustainability through Farming God's Way, all to prevent orphans and widows.

2. The Way Home will recruit and train a Christian foster family to provide a Ugandan home for every child God gives us who are either abandoned or living in an institutional setting without family.

The Outcome: To rescue abandoned children and children living in institutional settings without family, to effect change in the child's emotional and physical condition through provision of critical short term nutritional and medical care when needed; and legal placement with foster families who have been recruited out of a pastor's church for short term fostering, with fostering to adopt as the long term outcome.

3. The Way Home will provide aid, organize small groups of "Grannies" to help and encourage one another, and implement meaningful parental and food security training and assistance for grannies caring for her own grandchildren through soliciting assistance from existing community based and compassion motivated organizations and resources.

The Outcome: To strengthen existing kinship care families through assisting and supporting grandmothers raising grandchildren.

BIBLICAL MANDATE:

Psalm 68:5-6a: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling, God sets the lonely in families

James 1:27: Religion that God our Father accepts as true and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep ones self from being polluted by the world.

James 2:15-16: Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If you say to him, "Go, I wish you well. Keep warm and well fed," but does nothing for his physical needs, what good is it?

Proverbs 31:8-9: Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly, defend the rights of the poor and needy.