

About Us

Project founder, Mike Heid has long had a passion for missions. Traveling, visiting, and working in 20-25 foreign countries including countries in Africa during the 1970s-1990s Mr. Heid saw the suffering of the poor and the needs of the people, especially the children. He served in short term mission for two years each in Mexico and Ecuador. After serving in the mission field he changed his course in life and began working and serving at home helping groups who sponsor missions on short term basis. He also began sponsoring children through Christian organizations. While attending The Shepherd's Conference in California Mr. Heid met Pastor Isaac Gikonyo. During a break in the program where there were around 5000 men in attendance Mr. Heid was walking up the aisle and saw a man sitting alone and began a conversation with him. One thing led to another and the beginning of a (friendship) (relationship) between the Tumaini Youth Center in Africa and the newly formed sister unit of the Colorado TYC began. Many of Mr. Heids' non Christian friends say how lucky it was that these two men met and were able to begin this work. Pastor Gikonyo and Mr. Heid both know however, that luck had nothing to do with this meeting and it was God's providence that brought them together. Their new friendship and fellowship led them to begin planning for future development of the center. The center shelters around 50 orphaned and displaced children and finding sponsors for every child was an obvious goal. The second objective was finding ways to generate income for the center. Both teams were in agreement that groups that don't take responsibility for their own involvement/development and only wait to be provided for usually fail. So the teams began a money generating project to provide for the center. We are building four two bedroom apartments to help provide assistance for the center. Yes, it is a humble start, but it is a good one! Also, we hope to sponsor pastor conferences at our center. The children are provided with basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, medicine and education as well and most importantly spiritual development. We are a young organization but one filled with the assurance that God is leading us and as long as we continue working for His glory and the children's salvation we will continue to grow. Children living in underdeveloped countries face many hardships but your sponsorships, donations, and prayers will fill their hearts and journey with hope.