

Partnership Pages

Karen, New Mercies Ministries and YOU!

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Prayer Requests

That God would remain at the center of these projects and relationships, and would use them to show His love and to draw people to Himself.

My trip to Rwanda: for health, safety and fruitful ministry.

For finances: \$90,000 for the orphanage land in Rwanda, completion of personal monthly support raising and faith to trust God for these things.

Praise Reports

The Rwandan government has granted us permission to purchase the land we requested for our "House of Hope" orphanage project!

I've had increased opportunities to share about New Mercies Ministries and our work in Rwanda!

God provided a plane ticket for my upcoming trip to Rwanda for \$400 less expensive than on any previous trip!

GETTING TO KNOW

New Mercies Ministries

So what is New Mercies Ministries all about? Why do we do what we do? How do we determine the nations and projects on which to focus? Did we do _____ *on purpose*? **Find answers here!** This new section will highlight a different core part of the ministry in each issue of the newsletter. This time:

Our Mission Statement: We endeavor to bring the message of Christ's passion to hurting, hungry, hardened and hopeless people in post-crisis nations through sustainable relief and development projects in cooperation with local churches and other local and international organizations.

The Rwanda "House of Hope" Orphanage Project is our current priority. Now that the government has granted us permission to purchase the land, we must raise \$90,000. I'm happy to report that thanks to many of you, \$15,250 has been given and pledged. Please consider investing in this project according to your means. Even if you cannot personally give, planning a fundraiser or promoting this project among your friends can really make a difference!

5 Reasons Why...



Of the \$90,000 we must raise, a portion has been designated for "Matching Funds." Here is a disconcertingly common model in relief and development work: Internationals fund a project while locals do all the work; internationals have all the authority, locals have all the responsibility. Being members of the global Body of Christ, we are certainly meant to work together. However, we have more to offer than money and local people have more to offer than labor. Releasing the local church and giving ownership to local people helps ensure vital project sustainability. One way that we can get local churches more broadly and personally involved is to allow them the blessing of participating financially as they are able. Providing matching funds is a great way for us to encourage this.

WEBSITE NEWS

Check out our website at www.newmercieministries.org! Thanks to the help of friends, new additions include a search page and a guestbook.

Trip to Rwanda

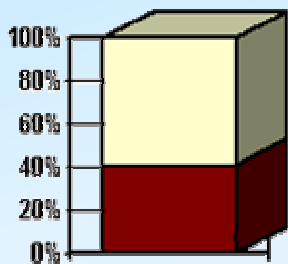
20 hours in the air!

In less than a week, I'm off to Rwanda for one month. Alongside our local partners, I will spend much of this time working through the orphanage project's administrative details (like meeting with government officials, speaking and fundraising in area churches and planning next summer's short-term trip). I also look forward to reconnecting with friends there, spending time maintaining other ongoing projects and preparing for new ones (like the Computer/IT training course coming up this summer).



October 22 - November 22

I'm making progress (THANK YOU!), and still need your help (please)...



41% of Support Goal Raised!

Like many missionaries, I am responsible for raising my own salary (\$2000 per month). This includes both ministry (flights to the field, office supplies, postage, etc.) and personal expenses (healthcare, lodging, food, clothes, taxes, etc.). I would love to share with you more specifically about how we can work together to be a part of what God is doing in Rwanda! Please consider submitting the form in the enclosed brochure, or contact me to learn more (651-428-1107, karen@newmercieministries.org)

Financial Partnership:

To partner financially, please send your tax-deductible contributions to this address. Include a note designating your contribution for Karen's personal support, "New Mercies General," or the name of a specific project in which you would like to invest. Checks may be made payable to City Hill Fellowship (who graciously processes our finances at no cost to the ministry).

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