



GSOC Project Profile

Founded in 2002, Good Samaritan Orphanage Charity (GSOC) provides funding for African faith-based organizations that provide food, clothing, and education to victims of the AIDS epidemic.

GoodSamOrph@comcast.net www.GoodSamOrph.org PO Box 2186 Boothwyn, PA 19061

Ebenezer Ministries Receives First GSOC Grant

Close Up:

Rt. Rev Wilson Mutebi

- *Wilson Mutebi and his wife, Faith Joyce were trained as teachers. Wilson served as Headmaster of a school before entering the ministry.*
- *He studied theology at the Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda and at seminary in England.*
- *He was a seminary lecturer in Kenya during Idi Amin's reign.*
- *He and Faith have six grown children.*

Good Samaritan Orphanage Charity Board Members

William Innes, PhD
President

The Rev. Anna Waid
Secretary

Edward Dunning
Treasurer

The Rev. Andy Doan

The Rev. David Green

The Rev. Roy Cole

The Rev. David Stenner

In 1998, the Rt. Rev. Wilson Mutebi retired as Bishop of Mityana, a rural Diocese outside Kampala, Uganda. But neither he nor Faith, his wife, retired from active ministry.

“In our retirement we were praying to God for guidance for what we should do. We noticed all the children who were orphaned because of AIDS, and the many women who had no skills to earn a living and were so often abused. We wondered if we could do something to help.”

Through many hours of prayer and long months of planning, the Mutebis started Ebenezer Ministries.

Ebenezer has three components. First, to provide tuition and supplemental assistance for school-aged children. “After the parents die, if there are no relatives, the children just leave school and fend for themselves. It is a problem because they also have no skills



Our initial grant of \$5,000 provides support and tuition for 20 children, job skill training for 10 single women, and a counseling program to help members of the community deal with

Ebenezer fulfills Good Samaritan's goals of providing love, hope, sustenance and the vision for a positive future, all within a Christian setting, exemplified by the model

The Three Missions of Ebenezer Ministries

and get into trouble living on the streets.” So caring for Africa's next generation is their top priority.

Second came support for the vulnerable women of Mityana. They were taught skills in tailoring and cookery so they could support themselves

producing something they could sell in the local market-place. Their independence gives them control of their lives and the ability to make good choices about the future.

Finally, a Christian counseling program, utilizing their many years

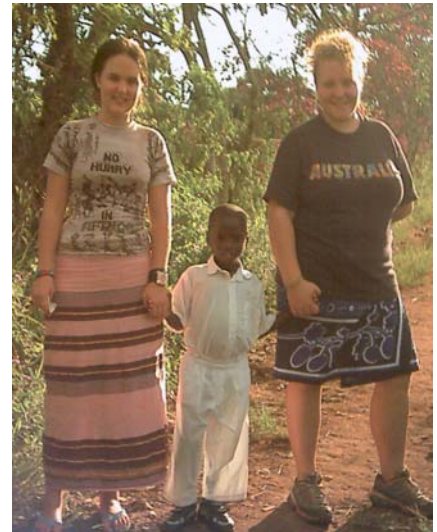
Volunteers Spend Summer Working with Children

When we step out of our familiar surroundings, we are open to the transforming power of Christ. Dieuwke Griek of the Netherlands (left), and Kathleen Walker, from Texas, volunteered their summer to help start Ebenezer Ministries.

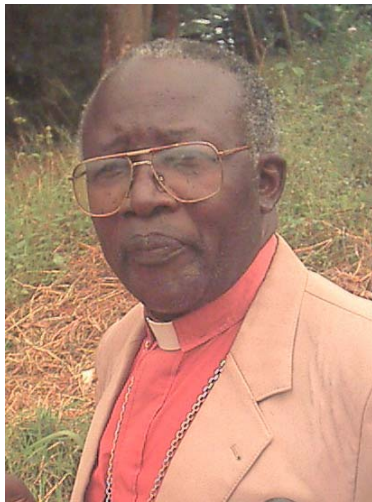
The pair, who had met at a junior year abroad program in Dar es Salaam, found the Mutebis through GSOC's web site. They helped the Mutebis with much of the planning and organization. They priced and purchased sewing machines, cooking materials, and other necessities for

the work training program. They also helped interview candidates to create case studies that were essential in the selection process and for judging the success of the program. Best of all, they spent much time sharing the lives of the children of Mityana, Uganda.

Both girls recounted numerous experiences of kindness and joy that showed how they and those they met were forever changed by their presence. Their going-away party coincided with celebrations for the creation of Ebenezer, which was recorded on video as a



Bishop's Counseling Confronts the Power of Witchcraft



"The problem of witchcraft is very real for us. Many people turn to traditional religion to cast spells and have other rituals performed when their lives feel out of control. We help them see the greatest Power they can call on is Our God. God gives them the power to transform their lives in positive ways," the Bishop explains.

Whether or not witchcraft is objectively effective is secondary, because if a person believes it is,

and feels a spell can prevent him from eating, working, or otherwise functioning normally, then it controls his life.

There are other aspects of self-destructive behavior the Bishop and Faith counsel against, like alcoholism, sexual promiscuity and failing to take care of one's children. In fact, although the locale might be different, the people of Mityana grapple with all the same problems of people anywhere. As GSOC, we want to

Plans for Children's Cottages

Ebenezer has bigger plans you can help with. "If funds can be found," Bishop Mutebi says, "we will start construction of a residential facility for 70 parentless children. We will break them into eight group cottages, each with a housemother, sharing a common refectory and activity center. Of course, there will be a chapel on the site, and we hope to build

increased job training facilities for thirty additional women."

Plans for the facility are being created through a partnership between the Bishop, Ed Dunning, (GSOC treasurer and an architect in Swarthmore, PA), and Peter Mutebi, his son, who works as a builder in Atlanta, GA.

Please help us make this dream a

**"HABA NA
HABA, HUJAZA
KIBABA"
LITTLE BY LITTLE
THE POT FILLS**