



# 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.

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## GSOC Receives Large Bequest for Sudan

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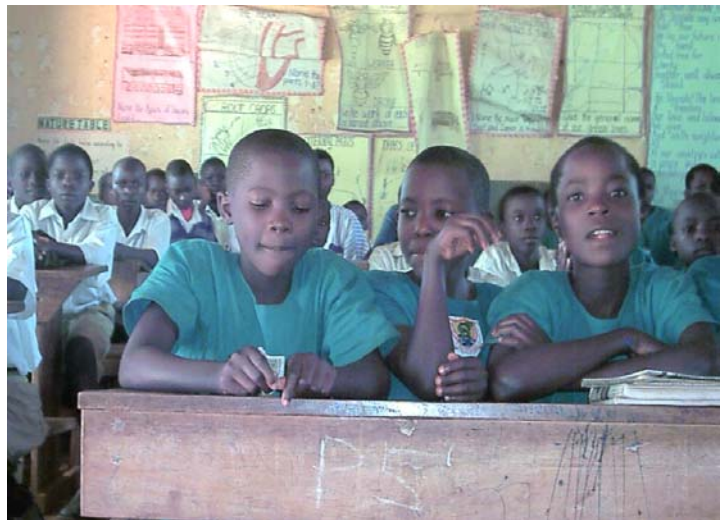
#### "Mama" Linda Loyo

- *Trained as a midwife, then nursing assistant, then received diploma in Community Development*
- *President, Mothers Union, Diocese of Rokon, Sudan.*
- *Exiled to Kenya with her husband, Bishop Francis Loyo, during Sudan's Civil War.*
- *Heads Diocesan programs for education, health, welfare, and family betterment, and HIV/AIDS prevention*

GSOC was blessed to receive a large bequest from a generous donor in Victoria, Canada. This lady had spent time early in her life in Africa, and wanted her memory to contain a loving remembrance to its people.

Working together, we decided this could best be done by funding two projects in Juba County through the Mothers Union of the Episcopal Diocese of Rokon, headed by "Mama" Linda Loyo, the Bishop's wife.

The first grant will support 230 children in St. Mary's Orphanage Center and St. Joseph's Primary School. It will provide food, health care and educational services to these children. It will also support four



teachers and ten child-care workers at the Center.

The second grant will work to provide an on-going funding source for the children by establishing a grinding mill to be run by the women of the Diocese. This will eliminate long travels with grain or using

manual labor to mill flour. Over 400 women will benefit from its use. In much of Africa, women do a large proportion of the agricultural work.

It is a blessing that the generosity of one woman can directly improve the lives of 700 people, and an

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## The Generosity of Donors Makes Good Samaritan Work

We related the unusual story of receiving the generous bequest that allowed us to assist Rokon, Sudan. Many of you support us with your prayers, and that is the first and most important response. There are also many other stories of

personal faithfulness we want to tell. For example, one couple in Pennsylvania pledges \$25 a month to support a child in Uganda. Faithfully every month we hear from them. A Church thrift shop in New Hampshire works all year to support

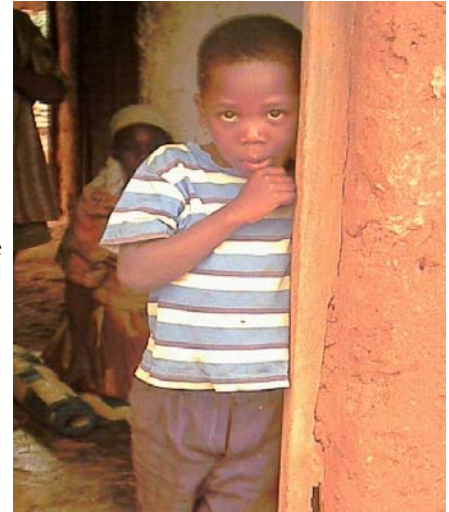
ministries and has donated \$1000 to Good Samaritan annually since our founding. There are Churches we hear from regularly, every year. To all of you we say, "thank you, and God bless." We are all children in Christ's worldwide family, and your inspiration to the

## Understanding These Children on a Personal Level

Statistics are one way to tell a story, but each number represents a unique individual. Mary Kiden was born in 1985 in Rokon, the eldest child. She has three younger brothers. Mary's parents died when she was 13, when an uncle took them all in, but not from a sense of family loyalty or altruism. Mary and her brothers were just free labor for him. During her years living with him, she was worked constantly, never attended school or was allowed any rest, recreation or leisure. Her health declined from

exhaustion, but in response her uncle started punishing her for laziness.

Then the Uncle threw them out of the house, leaving them completely alone. They lived on the streets of Rokon, begging for food. "Mama" Loyo writes, "These challenges they cannot overcome on their own. As rejected children, God told them in a dream one night to knock on the doors of Mothers Union and in 1999, they became children of God under the protection of the Mothers Union of the Diocese of



## Wilson and Faith Mutebi Expand Ebenezer Ministries, Uganda



Last year we provided Ebenezer with our major grant for the year, which supported forty orphaned children and started a job skills training program in sewing and weaving for ten single women, most left widows by AIDS. The job skill program taught sewing and weaving for making clothes, and cooking, to sell food in the local market. The resourceful Bishop Mutebi then went to the schools in his Diocese and convinced school officials to give the uniform contract to his program's graduates, thus assuring them a supply of work. With additional grants from Good Samaritan, the number of women trained will reach forty. As part of

their "repayment" for being assisted by Ebenezer, each woman is being asked to take in an orphan to raise with her children, Ebenezer paying a stipend for their care. This is an efficient means to care for parentless children. In all of Uganda, orphans number about 800,000.

The Mutebi's daughter, Rebecca Kalibwani, is an agricultural economist living in Kampala. Currently she is working with us to investigate purchasing a solar-powered device that speeds the drying of fruits, which can be packaged for export. Mityana grows pineapples, bananas, mangoes, and some berries. In

## Volunteers Seek Discernment in Ministry Call

Every month we receive 1-2 inquiries from people interested in short-term ministry opportunities in Africa. Your skills range from teaching and nursing to "lending a hand." We even have a student filmmaker planning to attend and create the story of Ebenezer on DVD!

To encourage short-time mission work, Bishop Mutebi is trying to raise money to build an 18 person

guesthouse on some land owned by the Church on the shores of Lake Victoria. When not in use by visitors, it will serve children. With God's blessing, it will become part of a larger complex to serve the spiritual life and community betterment of Mityana, Uganda.

Everyone has a talent to offer up to God in ministry service, and you will receive back much more than

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