

### NAOMI'S VILLAGE

# MINISTRY REPORT



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"Every child deserves a champion – an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be."

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- RITA PIERSON, EDUCATOR

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Eleven years have passed since the first three little ones arrived at Naomi's Village Home in January 2011, inaugurating our ministry to orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya's Great Rift Valley. Back then we were 12 strong, including Julie and me, and had little experience intervening in the lives of traumatized children coming from backgrounds of multidimensional poverty. We were still constructing a 10,000 sq. ft. building on a 5-acre dusty plot in the middle of it all, determined to raise leaders who would one day create a ripple effect from that place and change everything.

Big visions come from God, whose heart beats with an immeasurably big love, and they always require faith mixed with unending labor. Today there are 185 Kenyan staff members serving 5 robust ministries that make daily impacts here in the lives of hundreds of children. We operate Naomi's Village children's home for 90 total orphans, LEAP Preschool for 100 toddlers, Cornerstone Preparatory Academy for 276 K-12 students, and two major community outreach programs catering to thousands of local poor.

Naomi's Village, Inc. now owns 30 acres of land in 6 different locations and has constructed 25 permanent buildings totaling over 90,000 square feet. All of these are being used to help carry out our vision to be the hands and feet of Christ for a valley in need. We have built 3 major systems (each over 6 miles long) to supply life-giving water to more than 30,000 people daily. Our holistic inputs are literally substantiating a brighter future for hundreds of children, their families, and the community they are growing up in. By the end of 2022, we intend to have constructed 16 more classrooms at Cornerstone in order to handle our burgeoning growth. So that we can transport 100 newly arriving students each day, we must purchase two more Toyota buses from Japan. This means we will need more child sponsors and givers to allow us to keep our heads down and the work moving forward.

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Thank you for all you have already helped us to do since 2011. Please continue to pray, share the news, and give. We hope to see you in Kenya soon!

LOVE, BOB AND JULIE MENDONSA FOUNDERS - NAOMI'S VILLAGE, INC. - KENYA



NAOMI'S VILLAGE HOME

Raising 90 children

IN PLAINS

From early childhood development to college graduation and beyond, we provide children of all ages the resources necessary to live a bright and fruitful life.

LEAP PRESCHOOL

Serving 100 toddlers

CORNERSTONE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

MTOTO EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM & MAENDELEO INITIATIVE

Educating 276 K-12 students

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Serving hundreds of community families



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**NAOMI'S VILLAGE** seeks to be transparent about financial resources. We are grateful for your support in 2021 and look forward to your continued future partnership.

#### END OF YEAR MATCH: \$377,000

2021 match offered: \$175,000 Our match was exceeded, giving us the amount needed to construct 16 middle school classrooms for Cornerstone.

#### CHILDREN'S 5K: \$58,179 RAISED WITH 350 SUPPORTERS

In November 2021, children and staff from Naomi's Village, Cornerstone, and LEAP ran in the 2nd annual Children's 5K to raise support and awareness for the ministry of Naomi's Village.

#### CORNERSTONE ENDOWMENT TRUST: \$650,000 OF \$10,000,000

The Cornerstone Endowment Trust will fund scholarships and vocational training and provide financial support for future social impact ministries.

DONOR BREAKDOWN **BUDGET ALLOCATION Operations** Church Foundation 1% 7% Fundraising 12% 10% **Programs** Corporate 16% 83% Sunno Parantes Individual 71% 2021

Child Sponsorships: 1,060

Church Partnerships: 24

> Visitors to Kenya: 55



He was found on the downside of autumn one dark morning in a dump near Naivasha. Placenta still attached, wearing not a stitch, his screams alerted a passing stranger. We started loving him as our own after he settled into a crib at Naomi's Village in 2013. My God, how Moses has lived up to his name ever since.

On Sunday morning we always meet, 90 children and 2 dozen staff, a few Americans in the mix. Our dining hall springs to life with the worship of a family that uniquely understands redemption and loves to thank God for it. Words cannot adequately express these experiences. The cypress ceiling boards have absorbed the most sacred sounds over the past 11 years.

After groups of children performed on a recent morning, the room fell quiet and 8year-old Moses stood up alone.

With no introduction and without a single prior lesson, he sang a capella...



### Naomba Baba, mi naomba, mikono nimeinua

(I pray Father, with my hands lifted) Nishike Baba, unifiche mikononi mwako (Hold me Father, hide me in your arms) Nionyeshe Baba wema wako, unifanye chombo chako (Show me your goodness, make me your vessel) Ninaomba, naomba, baba mi naomba (Father, I pray) Unizibie ufa, nisijenge ukuta, Bwana umetukua (Heal me, my brokenness, be praised) Naomba unipe raha msamaha, uwashe taa (I pray for joy, forgiveness, and renewal)

(I pray for joy, forgiveness, and renewal) Popote niendapo chochote nifanyacho, nifungue macho

(Open my eyes to my actions) Nipate kuona, na kuhisi, nipate upako wako

(That I may receive your anointing)



Belting out every lyric beautifully, his gaze remained fixed on a cross high on the wall. Tears began to trickle down his face without his expression changing. Moses' voice never cracked until the last note was done. Then returning to himself, he ran to his Naomi's Village mom and collapsed into her arms. We too were overcome.

Why does God allow all this harm that He could prevent, and why doesn't He render good in its place instead? The answer is a long and beautiful one, beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. But perhaps St. Augustine of Hippo, the 4th-century church leader said it most succinctly, "God judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist."

Moses told me recently with resolute confidence, "I want to be a worship leader when I grow up." Having heard him sing at eight, I can attest that he has already accomplished that. And in the process, he has reminded me that the purest worship often springs forth from the dawn of the darkest nights.

#### **BY BOB MENDONSA**





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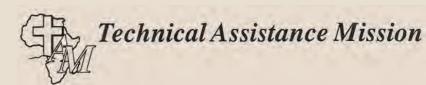




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In 2021, the U.S. Administration expanded, filling three new positions, and expediting an element of our three-year strategic plan.



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