



Missions of Hope International Program Areas



Missions of Hope International serves the community in the slums of Mathare by:

- Providing education, clothing, and nutritious meals for the poorest children in the village through the **Child Sponsorship** program.
- Offering a strong **Community Health Evangelism (CHE)** program, including the ongoing training of the CHE evangelists.
- Teaching **HIV/AIDS awareness** and education, as well as instruction on caring for those living with this disease. Offering basic **health** and wellness education. Offering **family counseling**, topics including alcoholism, drug abuse, child abuse, and joblessness.
- Sponsoring a **micro-enterprise** loan program for launching small businesses, as well as skills training (dress sewing and jewelry making).

Child Sponsorship

Missions of Hope opened a school, Mathare Hope Center, for poor children living in the Mathare urban slum in 2000. Many of the children are orphans whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS. All live in abject poverty. The child sponsorship program was developed as a way for churches stirred by the poverty and toll of the AIDS pandemic to offer direct help to the “least of these” in Jesus’ name.

Through our child sponsorship program, the schools of Missions of Hope provide an excellent education, as well as food, clothing, medical care, books, and counseling. When a child is in a Hope school, his family and community are also relieved of the child’s financial needs in these areas, so their meager resources can be applied to other life needs.

As the family is better able to meet their immediate needs, they gradually take on the financial responsibility of educating their child. This allows other children to be included in the child sponsorship.

The school began with fewer than 50 children, and today serves over 3,000.

Financial:	Expenses	Income
	Feeding Program \$231,053	School fees collected \$26,982
	Education 144,748	Child sponsorship and donations - remainder

See: Center Information Attachment

Hope Partnership Website <http://cmfi.org/partner/hopepartnership/communities>

See videos of the children and the centers:

<http://www.facebook.jp/video/video.php?v=151435261563&ref=mf>

Community Health Evangelism (CHE)

Disease, poor living conditions and sanitation are overwhelming issues in Nairobi, Kenya, but there are workable solutions to these health problems. One strategy that has been successful in many countries is Community Health Evangelism, or CHE. The primary goal of CHE is to teach people how to do things for themselves with the resources they have, integrating physical and spiritual ministries.

CHE often includes instruction on hygiene, clean water, safe cooking, latrines, healthcare, and other basic life care issues. Communities are also instructed on HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

A significant trend in Nairobi has been groups from the nine slum areas coming together for CHE training. Many communities begin to clean up and promote holistic health. The impact has been so great that church leaders ask for CHE training.

Missions of Hope is community focused. This is evident in the education classes offered to the families and neighbors. These classes include

In December, the community gathers at the centers to celebrate the graduations of the children (kindergarten and Standard 8). Thanks to the generosity of many around the world, gifts of food staples are given to the hundreds of Mathare residents. (see for example: http://www.youtube.com/user/hamkeith#p/a/u/0/AOs_-w9imWU). It is a community Christmas celebration.

Financial:	Christmas:	\$25,976
	Family Support	9,064
	Social and Spiritual Development	1,993
	Medical	56,253
	CHE	5,127

Micro-enterprise

Because poverty and unemployment are the root causes of the spread of HIV/AIDS in the slums, Missions of Hope tries to address these issues in two ways:

- Directly, by providing jobs at the Hope Center and schools for cooks, teachers, social workers, and guards.
- Indirectly, by offering micro-enterprise training.

The training uses Community Health Evangelism materials, emphasizing behavioral changes. Micro-enterprise is a very simple concept. The Missions of Hope team offers 27 hours of training to a community group of 20-30 people. In addition to financial topics, the training includes several hours of teaching on evangelism, prayer, and ethics. After the sessions, each participant has a business plan and an understanding of loan repayment, bookkeeping, and marketing. Each participant invests some of his or her own money and begins a small business with the help of a seed grant from Missions of Hope. The cost of providing micro-enterprise training is about \$75 per person. The grants and loans range from \$8 to \$400 per person.

Missions of Hope continues to help with loans as a business needs expansion. The new entrepreneurs meet in accountability groups to pay back and receive loans. The men and women feel empowered by the ability to have control over their own economic state and future, which leads to an improved standard of living and subsequent behavior changes.

This program has become very successful, with an almost 100% repayment rate, allowing it to become self-sustaining. However, further funding of this program will allow for more participants.

Financial: Hope empowerment \$58,680 net income

See: <http://cmfi.org/partner/hopepartnership/microenterprise> Several success stories have been posted on YouTube.

(Ex: <http://www.youtube.com/user/hamkeith#p/a/u/1/04d9nTuY8hc>)