

## **Community Maternal and Child Health Care, Maua Methodist Hospital, Meru, Kenya**

### **Estimated Cost \$14,117**

The purpose of this initiative is to enable Maua Methodist Hospital to greatly expand the existing community health care outreach work that takes essential preventive and curative health care services to areas within our district where such services are not available and the population is too poor to seek services from other sources. Our goal is to provide maternal and child health services to eight communities.

The following are very important and achievable goals that we want to accomplish.

1. Make regular monthly visits to the eight sites.
2. Increase usage of ante-natal services and especially prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV.
3. Have 10% of mothers who deliver babies to accept family planning methods and to maintain the continuation rate at more than 70%.
4. Achieve 80% completion of primary immunizations.
5. Reduce incidence of malaria and prevalence of worm infestation. Prevention of malaria in a pregnant woman will not only save the life of the unborn child, but will prevent the mother from becoming severely ill and unable to provide for herself and her family.
6. Educate communities on ways to prevent burns especially to small children. Offer ear-nose-throat and eye primary health care services.

In order to be able to take those services to the eight communities, we will need a vehicle with enough space for five staff and the required supplies and tools.

Additional information about Maua Methodist Hospital can be found at [www.chak.or.ke](http://www.chak.or.ke); click on Maua Methodist Hospital.



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Over the past few months, as a congregation we have become more aware of life in Africa. Perhaps news of Africa has caught your attention more than it did before. Perhaps you gained a new perspective from the Africa faire, the devotional booklet, the Children of Uganda concert, a prayer focus or the narthex display.

### **Survey Results**

In the survey conducted among the congregation in March, both health and education were rated your first priority. For health care, small clinics and preventive medicine were the main interests. For education, elementary through high school was the prime concern. UMC projects as well as projects by other organizations were deemed acceptable. Most respondents felt we should concentrate our efforts in one or two areas of need, but in more than one country.

Now the real learning begins as we offer support and caring not just for ideals – improving health or education – but for real people. The Outreach Committee reviewed more than one hundred projects, and made selections that best suit the concerns and capabilities of the FUMCPA congregation.

### **The Projects**

The goal now is to make an impact in Africa in the areas of concern expressed in the survey. Please read the projects described in this brochure and prayerfully consider what gift God calls you to make. Note that your gifts will be matched up to \$10,000 with a Centennial Endowment grant, pending approval at the church conference in June.

In addition, a Volunteers in Mission trip is envisioned in 2007, where members of our congregation can meet the people and make hands-on contributions to these projects.





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Please distribute my gift as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Community Maternal and Child Health  
Care, Maua Methodist Hospital, Meru, Kenya  
(Advance Number 140159, 140160)

\_\_\_\_\_ School Library, Cabala, Angola  
(California-Nevada Conference and West  
Angola Conference, UMC)

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Total Amount**

Make check payable to  
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625 Hamilton Avenue  
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## **School Library, Cabala, Angola**

### **Estimated Cost \$10,000**

The purpose of this initiative is to build a library as part of an expansion of a one-room school in the community of Cabala. Funds are needed for materials to make bricks and secure other materials for construction of the library, as well as (later) to outfit the library with furniture and books.

Cabala is one of 20 villages selected by the West Angola Conference (UMC) and Angola Ministry of Health for working in partnership with the California-Nevada Conference (UMC). Villages selected for the partnership were chosen based on need, presence of leadership that will likely promote and sustain the assistance efforts, and accessibility to construction equipment and supplies.



JP Maguire, Volunteers in Mission (VIM) coordinator of the California-Nevada Conference, has been working closely with West Angola Conference leaders to make plans for construction of the library that ultimately will encourage the habit of reading and improve education for children in the community. VIM teams from the California-

Nevada Conference will work alongside people from the community of Cabala to build the library and provide follow-up.

## **Other Needs**

Some survey respondents expressed interest in creating jobs and funding microgrants for small businesses, supporting AIDS orphans, and providing scholarships for Africa University students. Information about opportunities to make an impact in these ways can be found at [www.villageef.org](http://www.villageef.org), [www.starcross.org](http://www.starcross.org), and [www.africau.org](http://www.africau.org), respectively. Donations made through the church may be designated for these NGOs (non-governmental organizations) working in Africa.