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# HABARI YA MUFINDI



A quarterly Newsletter designed to inform donors about progress made in the implementation of the Mufindi Highlands Orphanage Project in Mufindi District of Tanzania, East Africa.

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## MAKE THE KIDS COMFORTABLE

### Project Highlights through December 2006

The 4th Quarter of 2006 found the Project in a race with the season change to prepare shelters for up to 60 orphans without homes. The race was won. Many of the orphans now under a dormitory roof would have been sleeping outdoors in the cold rain had construction efforts failed.

In summary, Project works completed to date are:

- all building sites excavated
- three dormitories framed up and furnished
- Orphanage Matron hired
- 37 orphans moved into dormitories
- assisted in the improvement of local schools & clinics
- fund-raising kept pace with Project needs

### 1st Quarter 2007 Strategies

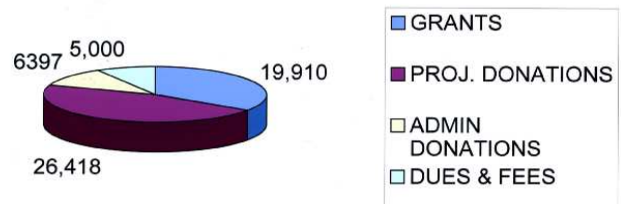
Due to the orphans' needs, as well as inclement weather, Project emphasis will shift from building construction to setting up systems to care for orphans now in residence. Priorities are:

- ensure adequate beds and bedding for orphans now moved into the 3 dormitories.
- in conjunction with the Matron, set up systems to provide food, medicines, clothing and other necessities for the children currently housed, as well as for those who will be brought into the orphanage in the coming months.
- Finalize plans for providing electricity and water to dormitories and other buildings to be built.
- Continue to provide Project employment for local people not otherwise gainfully employed.
- Continue to work on planned extension projects, such as improvements to village schools and clinics, to the extent that funds allow. Examples are: Igoda Primary School improvement, upgrade Ward Dispensaries to Mini-Hospitals, work on the village water supply, and tree planting for environmental, educational, wood supply, and future employment reasons.

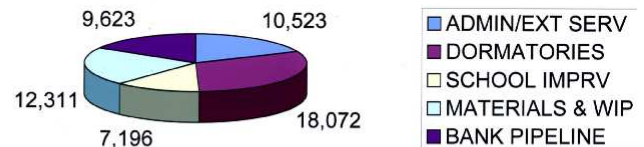


## PROJECT FUNDS STATUS

**INCOME TO DECEMBER 2006 = \$57,725**



**SPENDING TO DECEMBER 2006 = \$ 57,725**



- At the end of December 2006, contributions totaled \$ 57,725 which is 17% of total required funds for the Project.
- Spending has been heavy to dormitory and school classroom construction.
- Administrative expenses include incorporation fees and fund-raising costs incurred by Mufindi Orphans in the USA and expenses made by the Project to support schools and clinics outside the Igoda Village.
- Directors' fees and Admin Donations by Mufindi Orphans officers covered all Administrative costs. No Project donations were spent on Administration.
- Work in progress (WIP) funds include purchased material inventories and work done but not yet booked to accounts.
- Money in the bank pipeline includes donations not yet transferred to the Project in Tanzania as well as a small funds reserve in the Bank of Tanzania.

**LEFT:** A village women drawing water from the village well. The Project will install additional wells in other areas of the village. The orphanage itself will be supplied with running water.

### Phil's File

"Dad, Can we go back to Tanzania soon?" 5 months after our trip my 12 year old still asks at least once a week when we're going back. When friends ask him what was his favorite part of the trip he never says it was the lions, elephants or zebras we saw in abundance. "I really liked watching and listening to the kids sing and dance at the Igoda Primary School".

The kids there have so little and yet seemed happy and contented. We couldn't image what it must be like during the rainy season when we saw where the kids lived. And there were so many kids. We soon discovered too that a lot of these kids had no parents and were being looked after by elderly grandparents.

Then we toured the site where the foundations were being dug for the orphanage. We were told about how they would house the kids who now had nothing and how they wanted to hire staff to look after and train these kids with their huge smiles.

Right away we decided that we would like to contribute, even if it's in a small way, to help to build this orphanage. I have introduced these kids to my friends in Canada through their pictures and I already have people wanting to help out. Thank goodness for people like the Fox's and all the rest of the people who are working so hard to make such a big difference to this group of people.

Phil Neufeld - December 24, 2006



ABOVE: Phil Neufeld with son Taylor and children in Igoda Village. Some of the kids are orphans—July 2006



ABOVE: Igoda school children put on a Song and Dance for visitors. The songs derive from Wahehe traditional music tempered by western inputs. The dance is totally Wahehe. August 2006.



ABOVE: Schoolboys unloading used school books and supplies brought from UK by Marion Gough.—October 2006



ABOVE: Igoda women with children of their departed relatives. Clinic records show that 70% of the young females in the village are infected with AIDS/HIV. October 2006

LEFT: Orphans can act awful shy. But look at the spirited imp behind those eyes. Igoda Village—August 2006