



Annual Report 2008

FEBRUARY 2009

Message from our Managing Directors



Managing Directors:
Todd Lorentz and Cristelle Audet

A short time ago, we sat together to develop a plan of support for the project Charles Ouma Odour had initiated in Kenya to save dozens of HIV/AIDS orphans. Armed with little more than a basic knowledge of world circumstances and a deeply moving experience of the realities of Kenyan life, we set out to make a concerted Canadian effort to improve the lives of Kenyan orphans. Only two and a half years later, we are thrilled to recount some of our many successes. Many of these orphaned children would have been left to negotiate their own survival through the slums of Nairobi or the famine-stricken

farmlands of western Kenya. Instead, because of your support, we have been able to assist them in a way that has restored their hope – both for their own future and for the future of the communities in which they live.

Two main approaches guide every operational decision we make. First, One Child's Village functions on the principles we most appreciate ourselves: an all-volunteer staff, virtually no overhead costs, and accountability and transparency to our donors. Second, we strive to better the lives of children in the developing world in a manner that is sensitive to their culture and community, has the flexibility to change as their needs change, and provides a strategy for long-term stability and self-sufficiency for the children.

As we move into 2009, we reflect upon the major achievements of the past year: a three-classroom addition to the Bumala school, a library, mattresses and mosquito

nets for orphans in the Kawangware slum, a water well, and much more. Moreover, you—our supporters—have positioned One Child's Village to continue to develop programs in 2009 that generate self-sustaining funding for the schools.

The success One Child's Village has experienced would not have been possible without the generosity of you, our fellow Village members: Donors, volunteers who work with enthusiasm on our projects, and the staff and directors of Mercy Children's Centre in Kenya. We feel fortunate to be a catalyst for this global union of like-minded souls. It is inspiring, and it sustains us. We invite all of you to journey with us for another year, as we work together to "put a smile on an orphan's face".

On behalf of the Board of Directors at One Child's Village,
Cristelle Audet and Todd Lorentz
Managing Directors

Chronology of Events:

2005

- BECAME REGISTERED AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN ALBERTA (OCT).
- LAUNCHED THE WEBSITE (NOV).

2006

- OBTAINED CHARITABLE STATUS FROM CANADIAN REVENUE AGENCY (JUNE).
- MADE FIRST BIG PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS FOR THE CHILDREN.

2007

- HOSTED FIRST EVER ANNUAL FUNDRAISER: A HUGE SUCCESS (MAR).
- VISITED KENYA FOR THE FIRST TIME AS ONE CHILD'S VILLAGE; FURTHER DEVELOPED RELATIONSHIP WITH MERCY CHILDREN'S CENTRE (JUNE).
- CONSTRUCTED MERCY CENTRE SCHOOL (FOUR CLASSROOMS) IN BUMALA (OCT).

2008

- EXPANDED FUNDRAISING: OTTAWA FUNDRAISER (FEB), BENEFIT CONCERT (MAR), 2ND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER (APR), SCONA HIGH CAMPAIGN (DEC).
- INCREASED EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND VOLUNTEER OUTREACH: HERITAGE FESTIVAL (AUG), GLOBAL VISIONS FILM FESTIVAL (SEPT), PRESENTATIONS AT HIGH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, ETC.
- EXPANDED BUMALA SCHOOL: CONSTRUCTED THREE-CLASSROOM ADDITION, WATER WELL, MILK COWS AND LAYING HENS WITH A SHED, SUKUMA GARDEN.
- SHIFTED VISION TOWARD INCREASED SELF-SUSTAINABILITY IN LIGHT OF THE IMPENDING GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AND ITS EFFECTS ON FOOD SUPPLIES.

Kids Helping Kids!

Motivated by a powerful desire to help educate children globally, students of Scona



Fundraising Activities

Composite High School in Edmonton held an energetic six-week fundraising campaign on behalf of One Child's Village throughout much of November and December, 2008. These young leaders

"This is the moment when the world changed for me."

Joel Hansen
Grade 12 student
Scona Composite High School

demonstrated extraordinary integrity and heart, as they launched themselves into making a difference from half a world away. Their efforts culminated in

efforts culminated in unprecedented success: a gift of over \$26,000 to One Child's Village. In the words of one of these young adults, "This, this right here is something that's going to carry me through. When I'm old and gray, I'm going to look back on this and say 'This is the moment when the world changed for me.'"



Leadership Class, Scona Composite High School



Milk cows, laying hens, and sukuma gardens at the Bumala school.



Sustainability for a Self-reliant Future

The United Nations defines self-reliance as the ability of a community to meet essential needs in a sustainable manner and with dignity. Each of the projects undertaken by One Child's Village is aimed at enabling long-term strategies for securing the basic residential, nutritional, and educational needs of orphaned children. As such, each project takes

into account local needs and capacities.

Self-reliance for the Bumala school is the goal of One Child's Village. We work towards reducing this school's vulnerability and long-term reliance on humanitarian assistance. As much as possible, local resources are mobilized to develop and sustain our projects. Construction of the Bumala school was completed entirely by the men and women of the

community, building ownership and community self-esteem. The recent addition of a three-classroom structure is intended for use during off-hours as a meeting hall, contributing to community cohesion. In 2008, sustainability of the food program at the Bumala school was strengthened through the acquisition of milk cows and laying hens, as well as dedicated land for a reliable source of local staples.

Join Our Volunteer Program!

The One Child's Village Volunteer Program has grown from a handful of volunteers in 2006 to its present membership of 60, just two years later. Part of the program's success is due to the wide variety of available opportunities as well as the flexibility in



One Child's Village volunteers: Karen S. and Adele C.

terms of time commitment. A volunteer may choose to spend many hours a week in that capacity, or a few hours a month, or one hour once a year. Moreover, One Child's Village volunteers are encouraged to initiate projects, which creates ownership. Many volunteers form sub-committees that manage various fundraising areas.

Emails are regularly distributed to all volunteers, which describe upcoming opportunities. Volunteers then choose opportunities in which to get involved. One Child's Village is currently considering development of an overseas volunteer program.

To volunteer locally, please contact Tim Boetzkes at volunteer@onechildsvillage.org.

"VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE CHILD'S VILLAGE IS VERY REWARDING TO ME BECAUSE I KNOW I AM MAKING A SMALL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES..."

Jimmy Le
Volunteer since 2007

3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

ASIAN CHRISTIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
(ACCA) CENTRE
3530-91 STREET

CATERING BY PADMANADI'S
SILENT AUCTION
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



Entertainment at the 2008 Annual Fundraiser

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

FINANCIAL REPORT 2007

DONATIONS:	\$18,003
FUNDRAISING:	\$17,653
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$35,656

TOTAL FUNDS SPENT TO FULFILL PROJECTS:
\$35,769

"It takes a village to raise a child."... be a part of the Village!