

Mountain High Log Homes

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Dear friends and clients:

We continue to meet the most amazing and inspiring people through our log home business. One of our greatest rewards has been watching the delight of our clients as their dream home arrives on their property. What a celebration these times have been. To see the joy on the face of the recipient of a new home is a wonderful reward!

We believe that there is value in each individual life. We are beginning to see Mountain High Log Homes as an avenue to build not only beautiful homes for our clients but also for the underprivileged. In the next few years we have a goal to see **ONE NEW 'HOME FOR ORPHANS' BUILT IN AFRICA FOR EACH LOG HOME WE CONSTRUCT FOR YOU**. Here is our plan.....

For the past two years women and children have been fleeing into Uganda from war torn DR Congo. Many war orphans have joined up with the fleeing refugees and have nothing but the clothes on their backs. READ THE ARTICLE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS

Our friends, Greg and Sandy Lemky have 10 acres of land in Itambabiniga, Uganda which they have dedicated to the building of a community of homes for these children. This grouping of homes will be called the Village of Hope. This is where we all come in. We would love to invite you to be involved in the building of an individual home for 12 orphans and a widow-mother. You can choose to either fund a complete home or dedicate funds towards the partial building of a home with Mountain High Log Homes aiming to supplement the amount given. **Each home will cost \$4600.00 US to complete.**

We have just purchased property for our own recreational log cabin on Vancouver Island. We want to match this home by sending personal funds for the construction of one of the first Village of Hope homes. We also plan to visit Uganda shortly, reporting back with photos of some of the children. We will have Greg and Sandy Lemky email photos for our website, of each sponsored home as it is built, as well as the group of children and widow who will benefit from it. Unless you would like to remain anonymous, we would also like to name the sponsors of the children's homes. Some of you may want to be involved further by helping to choose a suitable name for the home you build. For some, writing letters or visiting the children and house mother in Uganda would be extremely rewarding.

We know that many of you are already involved in very worthwhile projects. If you decide to join with making the Village of Hope a success, we would be more than thrilled. We are looking forward to working together with many of you. Please contact us any time for more information.

Sincerely and with all our love,

Doug and Mary McCulloch
Mountain High Log Homes

More about Greg and Sandy Lemky:

In 1998, Greg and Sandy felt a strong urge to leave the comforts of North America and dedicate their lives to helping people in Africa. Their first years were spent living in a small hut with no running water or electricity and very often, not knowing where their next meal would come from. Through huge vision, prayer and hard work, they formed the organization "Spring of Life Ministry Africa" SOLMA (www.gcointl.com/solma/). After eight years they are now doing good works on an international level, impacting thousands of people and large parts of the country.

The Lemky's believe, as we do, that each individual has value and a purpose. We have been very encouraged by their ethics. As Greg and Sandy have been sponsored privately, 100% of funds allocated towards a given project have been able to GO TO THAT PROJECT ALONE. Rarely have we seen this type of efficiency or financial responsibility. To date we have partnered with them in several projects to bring hope to people in need in afflicted regions.

SOLMA

VILLAGE OF HOPE

The Problem

Tribal conflicts and religious wars in the countries bordering

Uganda have made refugee resettlement camps a necessary sanctuary for those fleeing their homelands. SOLMA is currently working with the Kyaka 11 refugee resettlement camp located in Kyerjojo district of Uganda.



Fighting between the Hema and the Lendu tribes of North-eastern DR Congo during the past two or more years has sparked an avalanche of over 14,000 Congolese refugees, mostly women and children. They are fleeing for their lives with many war orphans who attach themselves to a fleeing group, arriving in Uganda with little more than the clothes on their backs. They are given a plot of ground, a hoe and some seeds from the Ugandan government. The United Nations High Commission to refugees (UNHCR) provides maize grains for one month of survival rations.



The Solution

SOLMA has 10 acres of land in Itambabiniga, located within the resettlement camp area. On this property, we propose to build the Orphans and Widows Village of Hope. This will provide decent shelter, safe sleeping, good cooking facilities, pit latrines and bathing rooms for good hygiene, and land for growing food needed for self sufficiency. Lives will be lifted from a living hell to a hope of heaven.

The plan is to have a large room which will house up to 12 orphans, with an attached room for the widow who will act as the 'house mother', managing and overseeing the home. An African style kitchen will be centrally located, with six to eight of these 'homes' ringed around. Several of these 'pods' of homes will be built on the property, in an effort to alleviate the trauma, pain, and hurt these people have suffered. As well as growing their own food, poultry keeping will be introduced for income generation, and to supply eggs and meat.

Construction



Each home will measure 12' by 35' for a total of 420 sq.ft. The home will be constructed with brick and plaster, with a concrete floor. The entrance will be a 12' by 10' covered porch, with built in tables/study desks on each side to facilitate eating and studying. Upon entering the home, there will be a common room measuring 12' by 17' with triple metal bunk beds in each corner of the room. Four small tables and 12 chairs will be included. A wall will separate the widow's quarters from the main room, and will be sized 8' by 12'.

Cost Breakdown \$\$\$

- 12x35' home 2,200 usd
- Beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets 800
- Central kitchen 10'x15' 700
- 4 bay latrine with 2 bathing rooms 900
- Total cost for one functional home 4,600 usd

Please help us help the helpless. They have no one to turn to in their time of distress.