



Dear Sir or Madam,

We would like to thank you for your interest in supporting Dare To Dream and empowering local families to give them back their dreams.

In the next few pages, we will give you a picture of the situation in Kenya, what we do as an organization, and what the outcome could be with your help.



#### **Poverty and the care of orphans:**

Orphans have been a reality on this planet ever since humanity has existed. Tragedy strikes when parents pass away, and within a small period of time, children are out on their own with no one to take care of their needs and no one to protect them. One of the leading reasons children become orphans in Kenya is because of the deadly HIV/AIDS virus. A child can become an orphan by losing one or both parents, making them a half orphan or a full orphan.

Dare to Dream works the Nyanza Province, the region of Kenya that experiences the highest percentage of HIV/AIDS related infections in all of Africa. So what happens when parents die from this rampant disease?

Oftentimes, when one parent dies, it is the father. As you might imagine, this leaves a huge burden on the mother of the children. In order to survive, she has no choice but to try and find a job, at times being forced to resort to prostitution for food. The burden of single parenthood also tends to keep children from attending school because of the lack of the financial capability to pay school fees. If both parents die, the unspoken requirement in Kenyan



culture is for the rest of the family members to take care of the orphaned children. One might think this would eliminate the need for orphanages, but contrary to the familial culture, Africa's orphanages are full. Most families, living on about one dollar per day, are barely able to sustain themselves, let alone additional children. In this region in Kenya, jobs are scarce and food is often hard to come by. Consequently, families are unable to care for the orphaned children of family members despite the desire that lies within the culture.

To summarize the situation:

Children are becoming orphaned at an alarming rate because of the HIV/AIDS virus, and extended families cannot afford the increased expense of another child due to the high level of poverty.

Dare To Dream is convinced that by engaging families with our 3-step program which consists of connecting, investing, and releasing, these families will have the means to support children that have become orphaned.



# DARE TO DREAM



## Our 3-step program- Connect, Invest, Release:

### Connect:

Dare To Dream values relationships over programs; it is unrealistic to expect development within a community with an irrelevant program. We have seen that if we don't truly know the people from the community, then we can't know and address their challenges. If we don't know their challenges how can we offer them a solution? Dare To Dream enters into communities and begins building relationships. We then put together a unique program based on their stories and occupations.



### Invest:

After building relationships with people from a community, 20 people are selected to participate in an intensive three-day business training. Government officials and local community leaders conduct the training and workshop focuses on the management of small businesses. We follow up with the participants to see how they have progressed in their businesses. For those who have effectively implemented the skills learned from the training, we offer them the opportunity to apply for micro loan. Through the application process includes a proposed business plan and specifications on how the finances will be utilized. Once approved and the micro loan contract is agreed upon, the recipient receives the loan designed to be completed over the course of maximum one year. Along with the loan.

### Release:

The vision of Dare To Dream is to leave families educated, discipled and empowered to be stable families with steady incomes. Families will be fully self-sustaining with initiative coming from within the family, not Dare To Dream. Upon our release, families are able to take care of their own children and when needed, take care of the orphaned



## **Project:**

Dare To Dream is not an organization, but a project. We believe that we can be more powerful in impacting communities together, then just by our selves, we believe in partnerships.

At the moment Dare To Dream has been granted to start this project under the community development department of Suba Environmental Education of Kenya (SEEK), in Kenya.

Our goal is to be partnering with many organizations in Kenya and other countries in Africa who want to implement this kind of project to their organization. We will come along side of them and work together with their staff and their connections in the community and help them implement the project in their organization. When up and running we will proceed to the next organization.

## **Our Foundation:**

### **Vision:**

The vision of Dare To Dream is to see the care of orphans in Africa transformed as local families are empowered, businesses supported and the hearts of families set free to love and care for the orphaned.

### **Mission:**

Dare To Dream empowers local families to be self-sustainable by educating them in business and refocusing their family values based on biblical principals so that they are able to take care of and provide for the orphaned.

### **Values:**

#### **- Relationships over programs**

We pursue ministry by putting relationships above the programs.

#### **- Bringing hope back into the lives of families**

We bring hope back into the lives of families by believing in them and supporting their business plans.

#### **- Love and Grace focused**

We express ministry out of the love and grace that has been given to us by God.

#### **- Every child needs to receive love**

Our ministry is to invest love into the lives of children through whatever we are doing, wherever we are doing it.



### - We are equal

We pursue ministry with an attitude that we are equal no matter where we are from.

### - People are capable

We are dedicated to helping locals discover what they are capable of.

### - Power of partnership

We believe that together we are stronger and with partnership we can have a greater impact in the communities around us.

### **The projected outcome:**

Here are some of the results that we intend to see after a family has been through our program:

- Orphans being loved by families.
- Families educated in business management.
- Families who have received loans that can help increase their income.
- Families able to provide for their members and be financially responsible.
- Mothers, fathers and children dreaming again.

### **Partner with Dare To Dream:**

Dare To Dream is a project that is dependent on the gifts and donations of our partners. We would love for you to be a part of this amazing transformation that is taking place in Africa. You can participate with us by making a one-time or monthly donation.

The money you give goes directly towards a micro loan (or the designated location you would like it to go to). Your tax-deductible donation will bring a story from a Kenyan family, describing their life before Dare To Dream stepped in, what your donation has done, and how their lives were changed through the micro loan program.

Dare To Dream is confident that with your help, we can help families achieve sustainability to be empowered for generations and we will ultimately see a drastic shift in the care of orphans in Kenya.



### **Donate:**

If, for example, you or your business makes a tax-deductible \$500 donation, you will receive a story from Kenya telling you what it was like at first, what your donation has done, and what their lives are like after the whole process.

If you have a business you can then post the story on your website, sent to your customers in your newsletter, or put in a local newspaper for a great story. And get some great publicity.

We would love for you to stand with us to transform the care of orphans in Africa as local families are empowered and the hearts of mothers and fathers are set free to love and care for the orphaned.



Follow us on facebook and twitter

Visit our website at [www.projectdaretodream.com](http://www.projectdaretodream.com)

Email us at [projectdaretodream@me.com](mailto:projectdaretodream@me.com)

Donations may be made through:

**Checks:**

Conejo Church

P.O. Box 792

Newbury Park, CA 91320

Note: Support Dare To Dream

**Online with Paypal:**

[www.projectdaretodream.com/  
donate](http://www.projectdaretodream.com/donate)

**Thank you for your time and support.**

**Bob de Groot**

Dare To Dream