

# GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

## PROJECT PROPOSAL MAMAN MARIE CHILDREN'S HOME



Beni,  
Democratic Republic of the Congo

# Overview

For three decades, the people of eastern Congo have been subject to unrest.

In 2014, rebels went on a random killing spree in Beni and its surrounding villages, leaving in their wake families torn apart and thousands of orphans. In 2019, UNICEF and its partners determined that 1,380 children became new orphans, losing either one or both parents to the Ebola outbreak. Today, more than 3,000 children are orphans in Beni, desperately in need of a home.

In 2020, Pastor Thomas Ongasa, President of **Train Them 2 Fish, Congo**, a non-profit organization, encountered 62-year-old Marie with no money, taking care of 33 children. Pastor Ongasa, himself an orphan from an early age, was moved to launch a special project during the COVID crisis, to provide the children with reusable face masks and food distribution. The organization also receives occasional gifts of school books, tuition sponsorships, clothing and food. One generous donor is even in the process of adopting one of the children.

***Maman Marie, as she is called, started out with 33 children and now she has 55!***



***"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them -  
Not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be;  
Not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;  
Not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:2-4***



# Where They Are



Coordinates: 0° 30'N 29° 28'E



# Project Snapshot

**Global Humanitarian Mission**, is moved to respond to Pastor Ongasa's call for help, understanding well that children truly are a gift from God.

The **Maman Marie Children's Home** project is therefore being established to come alongside Marie and invest in these children in the Congo, giving them a reason to believe also that they are a gift from God, and that He does have a better plan for their future.

This project entails the following:

- ❖ Construction of a two-story orphanage to accommodate approximately 100 children. Land has already been acquired in Beni. *(Project will include title transfer.)*
- ❖ School
- ❖ Clinic
- ❖ Chapel
- ❖ Shop

**TOTAL COST: \$200,796**

*The artist's rendition of Maman Marie Orphanage*



# From Victim to Victor

*"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:29*



At 28, Marie, in the prime of her young life, came face-to-face with evil. Out one day, harvesting beans, she was kidnapped by a group of armed men, and for weeks was at their mercy while they raped her - until she managed to escape. Marie lived with this trauma, and she made the decision never to marry. While she never did have a biological child, Marie committed her life to the care of orphans and disadvantaged children. Today, Marie's lap is always full.



# Our Message

## From Global Humanitarian Mission

Pastor Ongasa started on this journey because somebody invested in him as a young orphan. And that investment planted a seed deep within him that nurtured, and today is bearing good fruit in the lives of orphan children in the Congo.

*Let Pastor Ongasa's journey resonate with you ....  
Share in Maman Marie's victory over victimization ....  
So that you too can plant a seed that will bear good fruit!*

*With your help, these children can have a home that will inspire them, and overshadow their scars.*



*"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Matthew 19:14*

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