

**FUNDRAISING APPEAL
FOR
JAJA LIFE MINISTRY OF UGANDA**

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Introduction

This proposal is intended to solicit funding for a care-giving project for the elderly, “Jaja Life in Uganda”. The primary objective of the project is to care for the elderly people who are unable to acquire basic necessities such as adequate food, shelter and medical services. The project was started in August 2005 by Olive Kajubu, a teacher in one of the International schools in Kampala, after she saw the plight of old people in and around her home village. Jaja is the Lugandan term for grannies.



Jaja (elderly) men & women with Pastor Emma Mate (social worker)

Need For The Project

Ideally, the elderly in any community are taken care of by their retirement benefits or grown-up offspring, close relatives and benevolent members of that community. The situation in some cases is not ideal; some of the elderly are poverty stricken, lack medical care and proper shelter and live on the brink of starvation. These elderly may be broadly classified in the following way:

- Many of the elderly never worked in jobs that provide retirement benefits and thus have no pension to fall back on.
- Some have no children to take care of them, either because they never had any to begin with, or they may have had children who have been incapacitated or died before their time. In many cases this is due to

HIV-AIDS, wars, alcoholism and other reasons.

- Others wave offspring who have abandoned them because they cannot afford to maintain their parents' up-keep due to poverty. These offspring mainly live in urban areas and are usually unemployed, or have jobs that pay very little, or may even be incarcerated.
- Still others have offspring with average paying jobs who send up-keep every now and then, but never enough to handle the needs of their parent(s).

The lives of these elderly people are characterized by lack of food, inadequate shelter and medical services. Many of them depend on subsistence farming for their food, and considering their age and low energy levels, the yield from their agriculture is very low, which means they lack food a lot of the time. Add to this the prevailing drought conditions which are present for most of the year, resulting in poor yield from agriculture, the situation is indeed dire.

Some of them do not own land, and therefore have to rent houses. Having no income they are faced with the threat of eviction. Even those who own land have shelter that is so badly dilapidated that it cannot offer protection from the elements especially when bad weather comes.

Their low to nonexistent income negates their ability to access medical services and results in many of them having recurring bouts of illnesses which are actually quite easily curable. Many die due to lack of medications.

The situation is made worse by the fact that many of these "jaja's" have grandchildren who look up to them for provision yet the jaja's have no resources to provide for them.

Project Description

There are no statutory measures set up to look to the welfare of the elderly in Uganda. It is thus left to offspring to look to the welfare of their elderly parents. Where this is not done, ways need to be found to provide basic needs for the elderly. The conditions of life of the elderly people can be improved to cater to basic living standards with a little help from doors and sympathisers. This is the purpose of the Jaja Life in Uganda project.

The project is based in a village called Kito, Lugazi town in Mukono district. It is overseen by Word of Grace Outreach Church in Kampala and managed by Olive Kajubu and Pastor Emma Mate.

The project's spiritual goal is to help give them a better life during their old age and minister God's love to them. The ministry teaches and models a living hope to these elderly. This stage of life may last from a few months to a

decade. Only our Creator knows the day ordained for them to pass on to heaven.



Community Info

Kito is a rural Ugandan village set among the hills of large tea plantations and forest. There is no electricity and a typical house is constructed of mud, tin sheets, and a dirt floor. Most residents are subsistence farmers growing their food on their plot of land. There is one church which doubles as a school. The village is a 3 – 4 mile walk to the nearest town. Many residents load food crops on their bicycles and push the heavy load up hills and into the town market. The community residents take care of each other as best they can. Still, it is not enough provision for the elderly without families.



Workers - Overseers - References

The main promoter of the project, Olive Kajubu is the wife of Pastor Martin Kajubu of “Word of Grace Outreach Church”. She is a career teacher and is currently working at an international school in Kampala. They have two young sons and they live in Kisaasi, a suburb of Kampala. Olive’s mother lives with them and helps take care of the youngest son.

Olive’s mother lived in the village of Kito until recently and this is where Olive grew up. Whenever she visited her mother she observed the tough condition of living of the poor elderly. The elderly had no one caring for them and she was moved to try and do something for these people; to find ways of getting help for them. This is how the project came into existence. Initially it started by providing medical treatment for the elderly sick.

Pastor Emma Mate lives in the village with his wife and four children as well as his elderly father. He serves as a social worker and regularly checks on the *jaja*’s of the ministry. He pastors the local church and both he and his wife serve as volunteer teachers of the school. He is a subsistence farmer too.

The entire ministry is overseen by the elders of Word of Grace Outreach Church in Kampala.

Willie Register of California, USA and Pastor Mark S. Disbrow of Del Norte, Colorado have both personally visited the ministry and village. They serve as American references for potential donors.

Operational Plan

History

Olive first began by tackling the medical services problem. An arrangement was made with a nearby medical facility in which the elderly sick are taken to the facility by a social worker and treated. At the end of the month she paid the accumulated medical bills. The social worker (Pastor Emma) lives in the village and regularly visits the people who are being supported by the project.

The first regular supporter was her friend, Kirsten's grandfather. He pledged 30,000 schillings monthly. (approximately \$17 USD)

Present

Due to lack of regular funding, Olive now has to raise funds each time a hospital visit is required. When a visit to the hospital is required, the jaja's are put on a scooter taxi if they can sit up or if needed, Olive drives the 40 miles to the village and carries the patient to the hospital.

Generally, the ministry cares for 10-15 jaja's. Once a month, Olive goes to the project area and visits. She carries with her whatever she can by way of commodities such as rice, soap and flour. She is limited by the amount of funding from her personal income, the church donations, and well-wishers.

Future

Food: We would like to have a store of basic dry foods such as maize flour, dry beans, rice and sugar to provide sustenance for the jaja's. We will organize it in a way such that each one receives a measure of food every month or every week to ensure that they get sufficient nutrition.

Shelter: We need to build shelter for the jaja's who do not own land. Through generous donations, we were able to construct a five-unit house which houses five of the elderly. These shelters are one room units approximately 12' by 12'. They contain no plumbing or electricity. We desire to renovate existing dilapidated houses for those who own land. Generally, these are the typical village mud house. We are able to build a single room shelter for approximately \$1000 usd and a five-unit home for around \$5000 usd.

Bedding: We aim to provide mosquito nets, beds, mattresses and blankets as most of the elderly do not have even these basic items.

Burial Expenses: Upon death of a jaja who has no family, there is nobody to pay for burial expenses. A simple funeral will cost less than \$100.

Income Generation: Donations could be used to purchase and raise pigs. Piglets can be bought for a small amount of money (less than \$20) and raised quickly without much expense. When sold at market they will provide basic income and give the jaja's a vocation.

Transportation: A scooter (Boda Boda) would enable the Pastor to carry many of the sick to the hospital. This would save precious resources being used to hire a scooter taxi or the expense of driving from town to the village.

Why Should *You* Be Concerned?

God counsels us through the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 5:1-16 to care for the elderly widows who have no children or grandchildren. And, if they do have children and grandchildren to look to them for support. The local church is to be the caregiver of last resort. This ministry endeavours to follow this teaching in selecting who is admitted and how to care for them.

From a personal standpoint, God informs us through James what true religion is. It is to “..visit orphans and widows in their distress..”.

Jesus gives each individual even greater inspiration. He tells us that “..whatever we do for the least of these, we have done for Him...”

Upon receiving this informational brochure, you have now been given an opportunity to serve and care for a widow in a personal way.

Will you respond?

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Donor Support Form

Please receive my pledge and donation as follows:

\$_____ lump sum \$_____ monthly \$_____ quarterly \$_____ annual

Please use the donation for the following:

_____ general use _____ unit construction _____ transport

_____ bedding _____ burial _____ food

_____ income generation _____ social worker

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Tel. _____ Tel 2. _____ Email: _____

You may wire funds via Western Union, Money Gram or through your Bank.

N.B. Please email this form to us concurrent with your donation. Advise us of the PIN or MCTN given to you upon wiring.

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Swift code: ABIUUGKA

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Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas
Swift Code: BKTRUS33
ABA: 021001033

Beneficiary Bank: Bank of Africa – The Park Branch
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Jaja Registration Form

WORD OF GRACE OUTREACH CHURCH

JAJA LIFE PROJECT:

Introduction:

Jaja Life is a project run by Word of Grace Outreach Church which is a registered organization under the non governmental organization statute 1989, The aim of this organization is to address the plight of old people in providing basic needs for the most needy Jajas.

What is Jaja Life?

Jaja Life currently operates in Mukono district, Nagojje Sub-county with a property having 5 permanent houses in Kito Village. Its Headquarters are located in Butikiro Road Kampala. Jaja Life works within legal boundaries in order to protect the viability and psychosocial health of Jajas. Jaja Life is a Christian based organization which operates according to the Biblical principles.

Olive Kajubu a Ugandan citizen is the founder of the Vision of this program.

Criteria/legibility:

- A Jaja with no children to look after them
- A Jaja whose relatives or children are not capable of maintaining or give any service to him/her.
- A vulnerable Jaja.

N.B: A photo of the Jaja can be used any where in the world to raise sponsorship, however, taking a photograph doesn't mean that the Jaja is sponsored. Jaja Life, acknowledges the legal ruling of courts of law as final.

Aims and Objectives:

- To provide the basic needs of Jajas in our community.
- To protect the interests and promote the welfare of all races and creed in Uganda.
- To reduce vulnerability, stigma and discrimination.
- To avail health care activities to Jajas whose nurturing and health has been affected by diseases such as physical handicaps, wars and conflicts, by giving them the ability to receive proper medical attention.
- To bring hope and purpose in the lives of Jajas
- To counsel and render emotional support to Jajas whose welfare has been abused.

Injuries:

In any case, if any one has been injured or physically abused intentionally , the law will take its course to evict the individual who has caused the injury or abuse and the offence will be deemed to the offender not the organization.

Temporal or Permanent disappearance

If any Jaja from Jaja Life premises, temporarily or permanent, the organization will not be held responsible, but will immediately inform the concerned authorities and relatives. The organization will with no hesitation work hand in hand with any party in trying to find the lost for 3 months.

Death:

If a Jaja under our wings falls sick, the organization will extend its medical services to the patient and will do all things possible to treat the patient in accordance to the available resources and finances. But if the patient does not recover from sickness and dies, the organization regards death as a natural phenomenon of mankind. However, the organization will produce a death certificate to verify the cause.

But in case of a sudden Death, the organization will inform the relatives and authorities concerned so that law will take its course to find the criminal and this incidence will be based on individual evidence to stand eviction.

This memorandum of understanding stands review by the leadership team as deems fit.

Agreed and Accepted for Intake:

Jaja Name

Date

Jaja Life Ministry

Date