

BE A HERO

Expansion of the Agape Children's Home at Accra, Ghana

PROJECT PROPOSAL



In Partnership with:
Hope for the Nations

Be A HERO – General Information

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Founders



Wesley and Stacey Campbell, founders of Be A HERO, have a long history of working for mercy and social justice globally, speaking at 50 conferences per year. These authors of four books, including Wesley's most recent, "Be A Hero – The Battle for Mercy and Social Justice", have also produced 22 CDs, are members of the teaching faculty of the Wagner Leadership Institute, and sit on various Boards. Wesley and his wife Stacey live in Kelowna, BC with their five children.

Overview – Be A HERO

Be A HERO is a registered Canadian Charity with a mandate to educate, inspire, equip and facilitate people of all ages to challenge them to "Be A HERO" to the 1.2 billion children at risk due to poverty, homelessness, child labour, slavery, sexual exploitation, aids and plagues, and war. In partnership with proven, seasoned organizations we fight to save dying children by sponsoring orphans; building orphanages and schools; developing micro-enterprises; advocacy; prayer; and arranging "Hero Holidays" for people to see first-hand the desperate situation that many of our world's children live in, and to help at an orphanage or other mercy project.

Be A HERO was conceived to meet the need for a strategy to connect thousands of people who have a heart for 'children at risk' to the ground-level organizations who are actually doing the work – running orphanages and schools, rescuing children from slavery, feeding the poor. Many times, people have a desire to do something to help needy children, but have no idea how to go about it. Be A HERO provides the

compassionate with step-by-step directions on how to gather those in their sphere of influence and, together, do something life-saving and life-changing! Be A HERO is working in partnership in 28 nations.

Be A HERO is structured in such a way that 100% of all donations for children's homes or projects go entirely to the designated project. This is possible because we have businessmen that specifically fund the administrative costs, staff and overhead, so that every dollar that is intended to help a child at risk can go directly to the need. We can issue tax receipts for both Canadian and US donations. Since inception in late 2003, Be A HERO has sent more than 3 million dollars to projects for children at risk.

Caring for Orphans

Be A HERO is partnering together with Hope for the Nations on this project in Ghana. Hope for the Nations works in 20 nations, operating 70 projects with a strategy of children's homes to provide security; micro-enterprise for self-sustainability, and education. Their proven track record has earned them special consultative status with the UN.

Agape Gospel Mission

Rev. Rick Whitcomb is the Founder and International Director of the Agape Gospel Mission, a mission agency working in West Africa. He and his wife Donna have spent the last 21 years ministering on the mission field. They spent 11 ½ years in Nigeria, and have been in Ghana since 1994.

In 1999, Rick made a ministry trip to the war-torn nation of Liberia. During his visit, he saw first-hand the deplorable condition the orphans there lived in. Thousands of orphans lacked food, clothing, adequate housing, medical attention, and education. Touched by their plight, Rick promised the Lord that he would do something for Africa's orphans – if only God would make a way. Shortly afterwards, the Agape Gospel Mission received a large, unsolicited gift to help feed and house needy children. Thus, the ministry of the Agape Children's Home was born in July 2000. They started meeting the needs of the thousands of orphans around them by taking in nine orphans from Liberia. Today, they care for 57 children from Ghana and Liberia, living in two facilities. The Whitcombs focus on providing homes for true orphans.

They operate a full-service residential facility with live-in staff Mothers. The Home provides food, clothing, shelter, education, medical care, and spiritual development.

Their goal is to embrace children that are true biological orphans who have lost both parents.

Accra, the capital City of Ghana, is located on the coast, in the south-east. Sub-Saharan Africa is a poverty stricken and war torn third-world area in which to live. Economically, it is in bad shape. The people are poor and the standard of living is low. Death and suffering are routine due to the constant Civil Wars, leaving children without anyone to care for them. Aids is spreading rapidly—taking lives daily. Others die of simple sickness and injury because there is poor quality healthcare. When someone falls ill, they do not have a doctor or a clinic to go to. If there is a doctor—they are not well trained, nor do they have the supplies and facilities to care for the patients. Trained doctors are very expensive and most people cannot afford treatment. Many simply die from malnourishment.

When parents die in Sub-Saharan Africa, it is not like a wealthy nation where family members raise the child. Family members do not have problems taking in babies because they do not eat much and they are easy to clothe, plus they are cute and you feel for them because they are helpless. When they get older it is harder to take care of them because they start to eat more, then they start school and there are school fees and such. Such a large amount of orphans becomes a strain on society. Kids are everywhere, just living in the streets—they have nowhere to go. Many are working hard to earn only a dollar a day to feed the eight mouths that already live in their house, now they have nine or ten. It falls back on society to give benevolence.

13 Million Orphans in Sub-Sahara Africa do not have a mother or father.

Agape Children's Village

Agape Children's Village has six acres in Accra, purchased for \$25,000.00 with donated funds. They have built a wall around the compound to keep it secure. The first building of the Children's home, for 48 children, was built for \$200,000.00. It consists of: a kitchen, a dining hall that seats 80, and four apartments. Each apartment houses 10 children and one mother in four bedrooms - two that sleep four children, one that sleeps two children, and a bedroom for the mother. The apartment also has a common room, and a bathroom. The mother's room has its own bathroom. Agape is also rents a house (for \$200.00 per month) to house 13 more children, until more buildings can be built. The total number of children being cared for at the Agape children's village is 57.



Project Funding Required for Agape Children's Village

Note: All funds USD

Laundry Centre	\$ 800.00
Purchase of Girl's Home	\$250,000.00
Agape Academy School	\$200,000.00

PROJECT PROPOSAL

1. Project: Build a new Laundry Center for Agape Children's Village, Oyarifa.

Cost: \$800.

Purpose: The residents at the Agape Children's Village currently have no adequate facility for washing and drying laundry. The boys are washing clothes outside and drying them by spreading the clothing on the grass. The new laundry center will provide a clean concrete area with benches for clothes washing and adequate clotheslines for drying.

3. Project: Purchase the Facility we currently rent which houses our girls' home in Adenta, Ghana.

Cost: \$250,000 total

Purpose: We have been renting this facility for the past six years. It is now available for sale. The purchase of this property represents a solid investment in the lives of the young ladies living there. The main house contains eight bedrooms and eight full baths, two half baths, two kitchens, two living/dining rooms and storage space. The outhouse comprises six rooms and two full baths. The building sits on approximately 3/4 acre of land in the city of Accra, in the suburb of Adenta. We have a valuation report from a licensed valuation surveyor in Ghana as well as legal title documents for the property.

4. Project: Agape Academy School - Cost: \$200,000.00

Over a year ago, they started their own small school (in a room at the children's home) in order to train today's orphans to become productive adults. Now the aim is directed to the next level: to equip the school and build a new facility for the Agape Academy.

They are hoping to establish a private school for all the "Agape kids".

The cost of the building alone will be at least 200,000.00. Additional funds for materials, desks and teachers will have to be calculated in. At March, 2008 \$55,000 has been raised towards this project.



100% of all funds donated for this project will be applied directly to the project. Be A HERO does not keep anything for administration. Be A HERO is able to do this because the Hero Partnership and Pillar Program participants designate their donations specifically for administration.

If you would like to contribute towards this project, we can accept donations by cheque or by credit card.

If you wish to sponsor one of these children, please complete the attached Gift Form and fax, email or mail it to our office. A partial sponsorship, which contributes towards the food, shelter, and clothing costs, is \$33.00 per month. A full sponsorship is \$63.00 per month, which also contributes towards the medical and education costs for the child.

The payment options for child sponsorship are:

- 12 post-dated cheques or one cheque for the year
- authorization for credit card withdrawals, either monthly or one amount for the year
- automatic withdrawal (please attach a VOID cheque)

Please make any cheques payable to "Be A HERO", and mail them, along with a completed Gift Form (see last page) to:

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Note on all correspondence "Agape Children's Home, Accra, Ghana"

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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/P. code _____

Country _____ Phone (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Occupation _____

I would like to:

Child Sponsor (partial)
\$33.00/mo or \$396.00/yr
(inc \$3.00 handling fee)

Micro-business sponsorship
\$ _____
for _____

Order Be A Hero message
DVD
\$15.95 USD + s & h + taxes
(contact us for amount)

Child Sponsorship (full)
\$63.00/mo or \$756.00/yr
(inc. \$3.00 handling fee)

Hero Partnership Program
(Administration and Expansion)
per month – please circle amount
\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250

Order book "Be A Hero:
the Battle for Mercy and Social
Justice"
\$21.95 USD + s & h + taxes
(contact us for amount)

Children's Home Project
\$ _____

Other (specify)

country: _____

I would like to pay by:

$\frac{3}{4}$ *Cheque*: include 12 monthly post-dated cheques, or one lump-sum cheque for the year. Make cheques payable to "Be A HERO"

$\frac{3}{4}$ *Automatic Withdrawal*: include a VOID cheque with the amount to be withdrawn each month and the date of the transaction. Options are 5th, 20th or the 30th.

$\frac{3}{4}$ *Visa* or $\frac{3}{4}$ *MasterCard* Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Name on Card _____ Amount to charge \$ _____

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