Our background:
Allow me to share with you a brief history of Africa Family Rescue. Let me back up a few years. In 2003 we founded Global Family Rescue. We started in Rwanda, and opened non profits in Uganda and Tanzania. In January of 2009, we resigned after the BOD decided to not focus on families and instead moved into community development.

AFR was born in January 2011, after an exciting meeting with Jack Eggar, the president of Awana. He nudged us to start up a new nonprofit that would partner U.S. churches with African churches, with hope of planting AWANA clubs in rural African churches. He advised us to begin by raising our own funding. The purpose for this was so that when it came time to raise money for the vision/projects, we could keep 90-95% of the donations directly going to Africa. Our goal is to raise $6000 in monthly partnerships as missionaries. At this time, we are approximately 50% of the way there. We are subsidizing our monthly support in two ways: BPSealcoating (a company we own that does Asphalt maintenance and repairs for church parking lots) and Melody works for her sister to make ends meet. Our dream is to be able to work full time with AFR one day, connecting donors and churches with many church projects in Africa.

Currently Melody and I travel to Africa with our kids approximately 1-4 months of the year. In 2011, we were in Uganda for approximately 4 months. The purpose of this trip was to do our due diligence. Since we had successfully launched a similar program in Rwanda, Uganda, and Tanzania, we arrived in Uganda with a very efficient plan. Our goals included: 1. Recruit a local board of directors. 2. Apply for registration of the non-profit in Uganda. 3. Discover 2 pastors/churches to partner with. 4. Select, type biographies, and photograph 50 families surrounding their churches. 5. Video footage of both churches, pastors, and geographical areas. 6. Hire the staff

We were able to accomplish all our goals during this trip. We set out to visit and interview 12 pastors of 12 churches in the bush of Uganda. We trained 2 of those pastors how the AFR vision works. Pastor David and Pastor Jehosophat then introduced us to their sponsored family nomination committees. These committees selected 70 families each. Our BOD selected 50 of the poorest of the poor from these 70 families. We were able to photograph the families and video graph the churches, so now we are back in the states to fight for these precious people!

We have raised approximately $15,600 so far for this project in pledges ($3000 towards the church roof, and 5 family sponsorships at $70/month for 3 years)

Let me introduce our Ugandan AFR Board of Directors:

**Idah Mahenge**
Mother of 5 children, High School teacher for 25 years, served as a member of Parliment, and currently advising the President of Uganda with his anti-corruption project. Huge heart for widows and orphans.

**Abdul Mutebi**

**Herb and Ellen Cook**
American missionary couple. Eyes and ears and financial accountability on a daily basis. Have spent 45 years in Africa. Parents of 4...Grandparents to many. Their role in Uganda is to provide housing to participants of short term mission trips. Business owners in Uganda. Heart for the poor.

**Martin Mwqesiga**
Business owner. Loves to serve the poor. Chairmen of the Board
Introducing Nazarene Christian Church with Pastor Daniel and Suzanne

Nazarene Christian Church, Mukono District, Uganda

- We visited and met with 10 rural churches in Uganda, looking for the most industrious pastors and church teams. Nazarene Christian Church rose to the top of our list instantly, and was voted unanimously AFR’s number one priority.
- Currently serving 18 orphans, including feeding, housing, and school fees.
- Currently has a wonderful program serving widows in the community.
- There are no other Christian Churches in the area, for many miles.
- Pastor and team have developed a piggery project where they raise pigs, and give the piglets that are born to widows and train them how to breed and raise pigs.
- Currently own a small piece of land with an extremely poor shelter, with no roof, no floor, tree branches for walls, and no latrine.
- Currently has a feeding program for the poor and needy
- This church was chosen by our AFR Ugandan Board of Directors and the AFR founders because of how many ministries they had going without any outside help, they do the best with what they have.

Pastor Dan and Suzanne, Mukono District, Uganda

- Has his degree from a Biblical Seminary
- Felt called by God to move 8 hours from home village to serve this community. The area his church is located in has almost been taken over by witch doctors. You can feel the evil presence. Most churches closed up shop and left.
- Suzanne is a full time teacher. She makes approximately $44/month. She is a mother of 3. She had 4, but one died due to the fact that they were too far from a hospital when she gave birth to twins.
- Suzanne grows maize, carrots, onions, sweet potatoes, and raises chickens. She has her own little “kiosk” where she sells sugar, flour, bread, toys, vegetables, and toilet paper. She loves to lead worship music at the church and visit the widows and orphans.
- Until this past August, Pastor Dan walked approximately 8 miles to preach, and visit the people in the area. We were able to give him a mountain bike in August.
- Their family of 5 live in a small home, no running water, no electricity, and share one bedroom.
- This family has a great reputation for being self-sacrificial. Any money Suzanne gets from her vegetable stand goes to help the poor. They have put off building the other half of their home so they can erect the temporary Church.
The AFR Nazarene Christian Church Project was designed by indigenous Africans to transform an entire community, starting with the local church and its pastor by bringing self-sufficiency. The blessings overflow into the lives of widows and orphans and the poorest of the poor in the geographical area surrounding the church and to the general community. Our hope is that the local church will be seen as a place of refuge, healing, and strength.

The Church and Community Sponsorship Model
Sponsoring a church is an opportunity that includes donating the funding to build a church building and two water wells during the first year of commitment. The second year a school is built. The third year a clinic is constructed. This plan also includes monthly support for the pastor and his family for 3 years.

The Family Sponsorship Model
Sponsoring a family is an incredible opportunity to personally be involved in lifting a family out of extreme poverty and putting them on a path of self-sufficiency. This is a three year commitment. This model was also developed by Africans for Africans. The families are nominated by a five member committee from the Nazarene Christian Church. The Ugandan AFR Board of Directors and the AFR Staff make the final selections based on criteria determined by the US and Ugandan staff. Most families are making approximately $4-$10 per month before they are sponsored.

Year 1
The selected families are so poor, that many do not have food up to 3-4 days at a time, almost no clothing, no mosquito nets, no cooking pots, no bedding, and most of the family has worms and possibly malaria. With this in mind, during year one, we use the sponsorship to focus on food, clothing, household items, and HEALTH. The family is trained twice a month by an AFR case worker how to budget their new assistance, based on the 80/20 principle...this guides the family to live on 80% of their sponsorship, give 10% away, and save 10%.

Donations required in making this dream come true:
- Church Building and 2 water wells: $30,000.00
- Pastor Salary: $1,800.00
- Family Sponsorship (50 families): $42,000.00

YEAR 1 TOTAL: $73,800.00

Year 2
During the second year of sponsorship the family is coached to put the children in school, make any urgent shelter repairs, purchase livestock, and to begin planting their crops. Most of our families have been so poor that they have sold themselves as slaves, working for neighbors digging and farming. During the second year we partner with experts on rural farming and livestock breeding to allow the families to have the most success possible.

Donations required in making this dream come true:
- School Building: $23,000.00
- Pastor Salary: $1,800.00
- Family Sponsorship (50 families): $42,000.00

YEAR 2 TOTAL: $66,800.00

Year 3
The third year is the most exciting! Throughout the entire 3 year process, families are told that the sponsorship will end in 36 months, and that their goal is to replace the monthly sponsorship money with their own business profits. During this last 12 months a family becomes self-sufficient. We have had over 500 families complete our program, and become self-sufficient. One widow in Rwanda started with 2 bee hives, and by the 36th month she had 88 bee hives, earning herself the title “Queen bee” of the honey market in her community!

Donations required in making this dream come true:
- Health Clinic Building: $23,000.00
- Pastor Salary: $1,800.00
- Family Sponsorship (50 families): $42,000.00

YEAR 3 TOTAL: $66,800.00