



Why Church Orphan Homes?

James 1:27 says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.” *Every single Warm Blankets Orphan Care Church Orphan Home is FIRST a Church.*

Care for orphans and widows and make disciples are two core Biblical mandates we take very seriously. *The local indigenous Church is God’s plan for transformation, necessary for lasting solutions, and the center of everything we do.*

WBOCI Foreign Outpost Partners lead thousands of churches throughout Asia and Africa. They *hand-pick strong congregations of at least 100 members to live pure and faultless religion by caring for orphans and widows.* The whole church body prayerfully commits to these precious orphans for life as they raise the kids who call their church “home.” Pair this with widows living with and caring for the children, and it sounds like the Gospel in action, doesn’t it?

Then, the real work begins. COH pastors teach and encourage the church to treat the orphans as the highest in their ranks. *Communities are transformed* by this counter culture paradigm shift, the same that Jesus taught: the last shall be first, and the *children are raised as servants of Christ and leaders in their generation.* God loves to use the least of these!

The church works toward sustainability in order to eventually support the kids financially by tithing and enterprise, as well as emotionally through pre-intake foster care and family reunification. As these children are transformed by the love of Christ they are contagious to the whole community—Jesus is transforming nations through the least of these!

6 Biblical Reasons we Always Put the Church First

- Pure religion (church) = care for orphans and widows—James 1:27
- Make disciples—Matthew 28:19
- Gates of Hell can’t beat the church—Matthew 16:18
- The local church is the hope of the world—Acts 16:5
- Take a mission trip (to a church)—Mark 16:15
- Community outreach is key—Acts 2:42-47



How Does Jewelry Harness Solar Energy?



The Jungo and Buwanda Church Orphan Homes had just opened in Uganda in May of 2011. The kids were desperate to move in, but the home did not have electricity. Kerosene lanterns were not an ideal solution, so the women in the church community decided to get creative.

Imagine our surprise when, after only a couple of months, brand new solar panels were purchased in-country and installed in the homes! How did they do it? With bracelets, earrings, and beautiful beaded necklaces.

Well, not literally. The women all put their heads together and decided to use the profits from their modest jewelry-making business to buy the panels. Now, here's some perspective: these women did not just make jewelry for fun or for a little extra cash on the side so they could treat themselves to something special or buy a new dress. This business provided essential income for their families; it was their livelihood. Talk about sacrifice.

Even in their poverty, their church "gets it."

How about your church? Contact Warm Blankets Orphan Care for ideas on how your church can support a project for a Church Orphan Home. After all, it all starts with the church. Why not yours?

Community Outreach

What are some of the ways your church reaches out to needy families in your area? Maybe you have a food pantry, single moms ministry, VBS in the summer, etc. It is important for every church to be a part of, bless, and influence its community, right?

Our Church Orphan Homes do the same thing! The homes always provide food to members of their community, especially in severe droughts and famines like that which is claiming the lives of millions in the horn of Africa today.

How about water? A COH with a well in its front yard is an enormous blessing to its community, as the fresh, clean water never runs out! Any time the church's gates are open, people can come for water, and maybe stay for a chat with the pastor, a church service on Sunday, or watch their children play with the kids in the home.

It all provides one more open door to share the Gospel. And that's the goal here: to share the Gospel. Everything we do is to spread the love of Jesus Christ and see lives, families, communities, and entire nations transformed.

