

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



In Lemuel, we regard the family as the foundation of all sustainable development. Without strong families, poverty deepens. And without strong families, our work will not last beyond one generation. It is imperative, therefore, that we do all we can to support, encourage, and strengthen the families of our community.

HAND-UPS  **NOT HAND-OUTS**

While our Water Solutions and Temporary Work programs certainly play a role in strengthening families, there are additional ways that we are able to provide a hand-up for families. Keep in mind that all of these projects fall under the Community Development objective of *addressing the needs of our community in ways that maintain dignity and encourage unity and hard work*. This means that we do not simply step in and “do for” these families, but rather we look to them to take initiative and do what they can. Then we come alongside them and “do with” them.

1. Improve sanitation by helping families build latrines
2. Support families as they build concrete homes with metal roofs
3. Alleviate water shortages by helping families build cisterns
4. Invest in micro-business efforts that bring supplemental income for the family
5. Facilitate families in fencing in their property so that they can plant trees and crops in their yard. Without a fence, free-range livestock make these efforts impossible
6. Encourage education through affordable tuition and advanced study programs
7. Teach God's will for families in Sunday services and through relationships.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join us in strengthening the families of our community by specifying your donation for "Strengthening Families" or by funding one of the projects below:

Help a family...

Build a latrine: \$2,400

Make progress in building a home: Determined on a case by case basis

Build a cistern: \$4,850

Start a micro-business: \$300-\$500

Fence in their yard: \$1,200

Or strengthen families by supporting one of these other outreaches:

Temporary Work - Provide work and an income for struggling families:
\$50 per person per week

Sponsor a Grade - Help us keep education affordable through our
Grade Sponsorship program: \$40/month

Support the Chapel Benevolent Fund - Help us reach out to families in
particularly dire need: \$40 for a food basket