

# MAKE WAY

# PARTNERS



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# RANDY ALCORN SPEAKS OUT ABOUT MAKE WAY PARTNERS



*"I'm happy to give my endorsement for the ministry of **Make Way Partners** and their strategic work in preventing and combating human sex trafficking. Our ministry supports MWP with prayer and finances as they reach out to some of the most vulnerable people in the world, the precious children who are without resources. 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..." I have no doubt many former orphans spending eternity with God in a redeemed heavens and earth will be eager to say thanks to Kimberly Smith and **Make Way Partners** for rescuing, sheltering and sharing with them the love of Jesus."*

*~ Randy Alcorn, Best Selling Author and Director of Eternal Perspective Ministries*

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When we first bring these precious, but broken, children into our loving care, they are so deeply wounded that it takes us many months and much patience before we see the first smile or hear the first beautiful crackle of laughter. It is then that we know the real healing has begun in their tender hearts.

How many we can save, heal, protect and prepare for a life of hope depends upon **YOUR HELP**.



*-- Short-term missionary with two rescued orphans.*



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## **ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION**

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## **MAKE WAY PARTNERS MISSION**

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**New Life Ministry is home to 525 Orphans**

## BACKGROUND

Make Way Partners is in its sixth year of building a Christ-centered orphan care network in Sudan, Africa. Sudan is the largest country in all of Africa. Due to a five-decade long war, no proper census can be taken; however, there are an estimated 1,000,000 in-country orphans. Make Way Partners is the only *indigenous* orphan-care provider in all of Sudan.

Sudan has suffered Christian persecution, modern-day slavery and genocide by an invading radical Islamic regime consistently for the last decades, since Britain withdrew in 1956. This has resulted in Sudan holding one of the highest per capita rates for human trafficking in the world. Women and children are the most vulnerable, with orphans being the primary target of slave raiders. Make Way Partners primary mission is to protect the orphans through Christ-centered orphanages, schools and other necessary infrastructures.

Our most successful ministry project (**New Life Ministry**, see on attached map) is on the border of Darfur where we house, feed, protect, educate and provide medical care for over 500 orphans. Here, on the border of Darfur, we have three orphan homes, schools and a medical clinic on 100 acres of fenced and security-patrolled land.

Our nearest supply chain is almost 2,000 miles away in Nairobi, Kenya. Thus, we have become experts in navigating this hostile terrain in a war zone with no roads, bridges or security infrastructure to safely deliver our supplies and build the orphan homes. Although our trucks have been captured several times, each time God has provided in such a way that we have never paid any ransom money to the captors, nor have we lost any supplies!

*Recently, Make Way Partners acquired an additional 200 acres in Southern Sudan, near the border of Uganda, where orphans are vulnerable to unspeakable violence at the hands of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and other militant factions.* The Islamic regime that controls Northern Sudan pays the LRA, originally from Uganda, to terrorize the Southern Sudanese and break down the family units by systematically raping the women and forcing the children to become child soldiers and/or sex slaves. Here, near the town of Torit, Sudan (see attached map) we are building another link in our orphan-care network.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT & SOLUTIONS OFFERED THROUGH MAKE WAY PARTNERS

Without our care, the children of Sudan suffer from not only slave raiders, but also a plethora of other risks including:

**NEED:** Protection from Wildlife. From January to October of 2006, 278 orphans perished in our community on the border of Darfur. The number one cause of death was wild dog or hyena attack.

**SOLUTION:** Since housing our children, not one of them has been lost.

**NEED:** Malaria Care

**SOLUTION:** Once we house the children, the mosquito nets that they sleep under greatly reduce the malaria risk.

**NEED:** Address Malnutrition

**SOLUTION:** Children under our care receive three appropriate meals each day.

**NEED:** Various tropical diseases and health factors such as dehydration and hypothermia (heat can soar to 140 degrees in the day light hours but drop to upper fifties at night.)

**SOLUTION:** Our medical clinic is fully stocked to treat various tropical diseases and the housing of the children protects them from exposure to the elements.

**NEED:** Spiritual Care

**SOLUTION:** Plant local church with DNA of the church to protect widows and orphans, along with evangelism and discipleship.

**NEED:** Break the perpetual cycle of violence that is created from the fact that all of these orphans have witnessed the brutal persecution, murder and/or rape of their parents. Children as young as six years old often come under our care vowing to kill the people who killed their families.

**SOLUTION:** The only hope of breaking this cycle is the Hope of the Gospel. When we receive young children who have suffered such atrocities, we first protect and care for the child, providing daily love and nurture as we share the love of Jesus in both tangible ways and through Biblical accounts of Jesus' love and life for all. Over time, we have experienced great joy to see our children invite in other survivors of the persecution as well **orphans of the persecutors!** This means that we have children from both sides of the war all receiving the same healing love of Jesus side by side each and every day. We now have hundreds of Christ-centered peace makers versus traumatized revenge seekers.

## HOPE FOR SUDAN PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The **Hope for Sudan** (see attached map) ministry project builds upon the success of **New Life Ministry** and expands the orphan-care network which God has raised up through Make Way Partners over the last six years.

There are an estimated 1,000,000 orphans in Sudan, due to Christian persecution and genocide. The orphans of Sudan are flanked by two militias, the *janjaweed* sponsored by the Islamic Government of Sudan (GOS) and their counterpart, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) from Uganda. These militias capture women and children, raping, mutilating, and often forcing them into becoming child soldiers or sex slaves.

**Hope for Sudan** is near the border of Uganda where the LRA have inflicted immense harm and have terrorized Sudanese men, women, and children. We are currently developing *Phase I* of **Hope for Sudan**. So far we have built the infrastructure of the orphanage, including security fence, water wells, a classroom, and the first dormitory which now houses 32 orphans. Upon completion of Phase 1 **Hope for Sudan** will house approximately 125 orphans. We will follow Phase I with Phases II, III and IV in order to grow **Hope for Sudan** to full capacity. Phases II, III and IV will also each house and care for 125 orphans but will be much less expensive to build as the basic infrastructure will be in place.

With the **Hope for Sudan** project, we are following the same successful model we have implemented for over 500 orphans on the border of Darfur. In this model, we provide housing, church, education, food, loving house parents, 24-hour security, discipleship and medical care for all of the orphans in our care. Also, as with **New Life Ministry**, all permanent staff members are indigenous to the region. Make Way Partners missionaries stay to train and disciple the staff, while ensuring financial accountability and quality of construction.

Romano Nero is the indigenous director of **Hope for Sudan**. Pastor Romano is a graduate of African Leadership's Bible college and is currently completing coursework for a Master's in Peace and Reconciliation. As an educated and articulate young man, Romano has had many opportunities for high paying NGO or government jobs; yet, he chose to go to the bush to protect widows and orphans.

With an estimated one million orphans in country, Make Way Partners is the only indigenous orphan-care provider. With so many orphans in country, we are literally raising up the next generation of leaders in a Christian environment. When we first collect our children from the bush, they are literally vowing to kill the killers of their parents – from both sides of the conflict – Christian and Muslim. However, over the last six years, we have seen Christ do amazing work as He brings forgiveness and healing where child-survivors of the murdered sleep peacefully beside child-survivors of the murderers.

## **Financial Need for Construction and Ongoing Support of Each New Orphan Home**

All construction at **Hope for Sudan** is planned and implemented through the partnership of Kevin Massie (MWP missionary and engineer) and Romano Nero (Hope for Sudan indigenous director). In addition to high construction standards, community impact is ensured as local men are employed and receive valuable skills training which empowers them for their future.

### **Where your help is needed:**

- **\$75,000 will build a new orphan home and the necessary infrastructure to care for and protect the orphans, such as security fence, school building, latrines, and bathing facilities.**
- **The cost to provide total care for the 32 orphans housed in each home is \$40,320 per year,**

### **ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY:**

Make Way Partners annual budget and mission is supported by more than 5,000 supporters among all 50 states and 10 different countries. The majority of our donations come from a broad base of Christians around the world committed to end human trafficking, especially as it preys upon the most vulnerable people groups to human trafficking – **orphans and widows**

Make Way Partners has a proven track record of working in war-torn lands and establishing long-term orphan care where few others attempt to work due to the harsh conditions. Corrupt governments often accuse missionaries of espionage, and force them to leave their country at critical points in their work. If a ministry is dependent upon foreign missionaries, the ministry will collapse when the missionary leaves. Thus, a foundational component of MWP’ successful strategy is building *indigenous ministries*—identifying, training, supporting, and providing financial accountability for indigenous leaders who exhibit the call, heart, and integrity for this sort of ministry.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Make Way Partners has earned the seal of approval from the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). ECFA is a highly respected agency which recognizes nonprofit organizations that faithfully adhere to high standards for financial accountability. According to [www.ecfa.org](http://www.ecfa.org): “The ECFA seal of approval is the sign that an organization has met the requirements for membership in ECFA. When an organization earns the privilege to display the ECFA seal, it clearly demonstrates to the public its willingness to follow the ECFA model of accountability.”

## Message from Make Way Partners President Kimberly L Smith



### **SUDAN: HOPE FOR SUDAN**

MWP indigenous orphan care network member *Hope for Sudan* is located near the border of Uganda. Here we are strategically located to care for widows and orphans at risk to persecution and slavery from the LRA (Lord's Resistance Army).

In order to offset the extra wartime-related expenses associated with the upcoming referendum, we need to raise an additional \$500,000 to ensure uninterrupted care for our orphans. These funds will cover increased food costs, "hazard pay" the drivers require for delivery of food and medicine in violent times, and increased security. There are three ways you can help. **First**, pray for the orphans, indigenous staff, and the missionaries who serve them. **Second**, consider what financial contribution you and your family can offer to protect the orphans. **Third**, there has never been a better time to introduce the work of Make Way Partners to other friends, family members, co-workers and your church and giving them the opportunity to offer tangible love to an orphan.

It's been nearly seven years since my first time to Sudan. From that first trip, our primary focus has been to identify the brightest and best indigenous leaders who were already faithful servants of God using whatever resources they could scrounge up to serve their people. Milton, the scholar among us, often says "No matter how wrong a place goes, God always has His remnant." We have certainly seen that bear true in Sudan.



**Romano, MWP Indigenous Director of Hope for Sudan**

Romano is our indigenous director of Hope for Sudan (HfS.) HfS is our newest orphanage near the border of Uganda in Southern Sudan. Romano is a graduate of African Leadership's Bible college, and is completing a diploma from Uganda in Peace and Reconciliation. As an educated and articulate young man, Romano has had many opportunities for high paying NGO or government jobs; yet, he chose to go to the bush to protect widows and orphans. It was Romano who chose the name Hope for Sudan for our Sudanese NGO and the orphanage.

Nearly two years ago, we went with Romano to support him as he asked local officials requesting NGO status, land, and permission to build an orphanage under his indigenous leadership. Romano was granted all he requested. Romano moved to the thick bush immediately, and began pulling together indigenous volunteer teams to help him clear the land with machetes. It took months of hard labor.

Then, last year, with the land cleared, Kevin, Shalene and Baby Abigail moved to Hope for Sudan so Kevin could use his engineering skills to begin the construction. This beautiful little family has lived in a tent all year, literally pulling green mambas from under their tent and watching Abigail learn to walk barefoot in the sand—waiting to see if her first sentence is in English, Otuhu, Arabic, or perhaps a combination: EnArBic!



**Kevin, Shalene and Abigail Massie**

As you have partnered through prayer, faithful financial support, and at times sharing in our tears and fears, God has done amazing things, including saving Romano's life twice. Once, when a stray bullet hit his motorcycle and then another time when a pack of wild dogs attacked him as he sped through the bush on that same bike. The above picture shows he is still recovering from serious wounds he received when the dogs caused him to crash.



**Baby Abigail welcomes her new brothers and sisters to the Hope for Sudan orphanage!**

Saturday, November 13th, 2010 we opened Hope for Sudan officially and began receiving our first orphans! Baby Abigail was so excited, she was the first one to receive her new brothers and sisters. Of course, her parents and Romano can't



One of the many precious children at Hope for Sudan

help but draw the contrast between happy, well adjusted and thoroughly loved Abigail's openness to the fearful hesitance of little ones who've never slept on a bed or with a proper roof over their head.

One little boy was so exhausted from walking in search of Hope for Sudan, that he simply gave up and fell asleep on the road. Romano picked him up and took him in, where he is being nursed, fed, and slowly by slowly restored to a healthy young boy.

#### Meet Osika, Our First Orphan at Hope for Sudan

Osika is from the village of Lorifa, deep in the mountains between Moti (home of Hope for Sudan) and Uganda. Lorifa is also a favored hiding place of Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), which the northern Sudanese government funds to terrorize the people of southern Sudan. Many long-term political issues continue to fuel Kony's rage upon the people of this area.

In 2006, the men of Lorifa had travelled to a nearby village to attend a funeral. The LRA showed up and forced the men to cook the dead body...and eat it. As they were eating, the LRA began their slaughter, killing every man. No one is certain of how many men were killed that day, but estimates are as high as 400.

Osika's father was able to escape on that day, but later he tried to move his family far from the LRA. He found a secret place for his wife and children to hide and then went home to secure their home. That is when the LRA found and murdered him.

Osika's mother remarried, but the step father refuses to claim Osika. The mother is powerless in this culture. Because everyone in Sudan suffers, no one else will take in a child—especially if they have one living parent. Osika was an orphan outcast, and left to survive alone, until Romano found him.



Osika, orphaned by the Lords Resistance Army

Now, thanks to your partnering with us under the solid direction of indigenous leadership, Osika, and all the orphans at Hope for Sudan will know they are loved. Through your prayer and financial support, they receive constant care in a safe environment where they slowly heal from the harsh wounds life has marked upon their tiny hearts.

This grand opening marks the first of many phases of development as we continue to build Hope for Sudan, by God's grace and your continued support, taking in more orphans each year! -k



**Celebrate with us what the Lord has done!**

Go to [www.makewaypartners.org](http://www.makewaypartners.org) to sponsor one of these precious children today!

**Brand New Orphan Home and Children at Hope for Sudan!**



# Make Way Partners Orphan-Care Network

