



**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11**

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Project Site: Uganda, Africa

2011 Statistics:

34.5 million people with 87% living in rural countryside
Life expectancy is 56
19 million are under the age of 18
90 out of 1000 babies are likely to die before reaching the age of 5
2.6 million children ages 0 – 17 have lost one or both parents
Nearly half of these are due to AIDS/HIV



How Did I Get Involved:

Nearly two years ago our Club was looking for a project that would “Empower Women in Third World Countries”. We looked at several and decided on a project hosted by the St. Louis Park Rotary Club. We partnered with them and several other Clubs to construct a chicken coop that can house up to 20,000 chickens.

Dignity Restored Project:

This project will teach women and children to raise chickens for food and income providing a sustainable livelihood.



Sewing Centers:

Maple Grove Rotary received a grant to ship a 40' container to Uganda. This container has over 200 sewing machines, tables, chairs and material to set up sewing centers in Uganda.

Days for Girls:

Once a girl reaches puberty, without proper feminine hygiene kits, many eventually drop out of school and are married. These kits, which we can make locally by hosting a sew-a-thon, can be sent all over the world to help girls stay in school. My first exposure to these kits was at a District Rotary Conference as a break-out session. I could have stayed all day! You, too, can be part of this project!



<https://www.daysforgirls.org>

