



FOCUS

**ECONOMIC, SOCIAL
& SPIRITUAL**

LOCATION

SOWETO SLUM, NAIROBI, KENYA

LEADER

DR SAMWELL

**OUR MINIMUM
ANNUAL TARGET**

£2500

This project in the Soweto slum in Nairobi focuses on a group of street girls who, as the title suggests, effectively live on the streets. Quite a few of them have young children. The project has three aspects to it. Firstly, there is a health dimension. Dr Samwell, the chairman of the board, holds a clinic specifically for this community on a Friday morning. The doctor has a private clinic but makes no charges to the girls or their children. The second aspect of this ministry is skills training. Specialists give their time to empower the girls in areas like sewing, tailoring and crafts. This gives the girls the opportunity to earn some money and builds within them a sense of self-worth. The third aspect of the ministry relates to sporting activities with soccer being the main area. The girls have a soccer team which plays competitively and is a means of building team work and community spirit. These girls have grown up without security or roots and this project is a very constructive means of transformation of lifestyle.

Dr Samwell is a young general practitioner with a private practice on the edge of the Soweto slum. He has a wife and young family and is the son of a pastor. The doctor has a real heart for the street girls who are a sub culture within the community. As well as providing free health care the doctor takes a personal interest in the well-being of these young ladies and their children and together with his board spends considerable time and effort in improving their situation. The environment in which this ministry takes place is potentially violent and generally dangerous but the determination of this group of leaders to make a difference within the community is beginning to bear fruit.

