



**FOCUS**

SOCIAL & SPIRITUAL

**LOCATION**

NYANZA REGION, KENYA

**LEADER**

DANIEL OCHIENG

**OUR MINIMUM ANNUAL TARGET**

£5000

Daniel and his wife began the home for orphan children in response to the needs that they saw around them and over the years it has grown to the point where there are around 50 children living in the home on the campus. There are normally around 30 orphans on the waiting list to be looked after in the home but space and finance are limiting factors.

As part of the food requirement for the children, Daniel and his team seek to grow as much maize as is possible on available land. The government have provided extra land to Daniel and the team in the light of what they saw as his major contribution to meeting needs within the community.

A year or two ago Daniel went to learn a new system of growing maize which goes under the heading of Foundations for Farming. Methods of growing basic crops in Africa have remained unchanged for hundreds of years and it is very difficult to change entrenched mindsets. When operated efficiently the Foundations for Farming method can increase crop yield by as much as 800%. Daniel and his team have bought into this innovation and they are now producing greatly increased crops. Their willingness to change from traditional methods of farming is tangible evidence of their commitment to doing all they can to meet the needs that confront them.

Daniel Ochieng, who is the founder and driving force in this project, has been heavily engaged over the years, together with a team of men, in planting churches. Together they have planted a significant number of local churches in the last two decades. Daniel, however, has a heart for the practical needs of those in his community and in particular for the widows and orphans. Daniel has shown himself over the years to be both committed to the community and effective in his efforts.

The location is remote and it is a generally deprived area with little or no economic development.

