

HOW YOU'VE HELPED!



Your sponsorship funded the new **Mawlali Adventist Church in India**. This is the second completed church in this brand new design, complete with a stained glass window look! Maranatha needs more funding to continue providing these churches throughout Northern India.

Wow! So far you have built more than **700 churches in Brazil!** Thank you for sponsoring these One-Day Churches. They are already providing shelter for thousands of people as they seek God.



Your gift made it possible to build this beautiful church in **San Jose Las Lomas, Panama**. The congregation sends a great big THANK YOU!

Several donors like you contributed toward the **Queen Elizabeth Adventist Children's Home campus in Zimbabwe**. A Maranatha volunteer group from West Houston, Texas, not only built the 12 One-Day School buildings, but raised money toward the cost of the structures.



YOUR GIFT MATTERS



Everything Maranatha does is because **YOU have a heart of service**. Your generosity creates a blessing for so many people around the world. Thank you for being a part of this work! **We really appreciate you.**



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A Report for the Donors Who Make Maranatha's Mission Possible

PARTNERS IN MISSION

Your Gift Provides a Home for ORPHANED GIRLS



Many children live year-round at this Kenyan school because they have nowhere else to go. Your gift helped these girls with a major upgrade to their living quarters.

TONIGHT, 60 GIRLS, BETWEEN the ages of 4 to 14, will sleep in a clean, safe dormitory because of you. It will be a far cry from the nights they have had before, crammed into a dormitory that one volunteer described as a dark chicken coop. The building was dark with a low roof, cracks in the wall, and dirt floors.

But despite the poor conditions, they were grateful. **Baniisan Nasieoku is a 14-year-old student** who has been living at the Reach International Upper Hill Adventist Primary School for 10 years. **Baniisan immediately bursts into tears** when she describes her situation. "My father also died and my mother also died. We were living only with our grandmother in a house of mud and grass. We sleep on the floor, no blanket, no mattress."

Baniisan's fragile life was in danger. She rarely had clean water or food to eat. She describes coming

to the school as a rescue by a "good Samaritan."

"I'm so happy for this school because it protect me and everything." Baniisan studies, eats, and sleeps here. **But in August her life got a lot better. Donors like you sponsored the construction of a girls' dormitory here.** The girls now have a beautiful space with strong brick walls and lovely French windows to let in the light. Now when it rains, their shelter will be completely waterproof.

Thank you a hundred times over for your generosity. Maranatha deeply appreciates your gifts. To look into a girl's eyes and tell her that God loves her, to lead her to a shelter from life's storm—this is the reason we work all around the world. There is much more to be done. **Please know that your gift is so important.** We thank you on behalf of Baniisan and many others.

The Reach International Upper Hill Adventist Primary School has other needs, including a bathroom and a boy's dorm. There are several other schools in Kenya with similar urgent requests. If you would like to help improve the lives of students in Kenya, please mark your gift for Kenya on the response slip, or call us at (916) 774-7700.

This simple dormitory you helped provide is worlds better than the dark shed that housed 60 girls. The girls broke into spontaneous song the first time they entered the building!



YES! I WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION

You can also make a donation on our secure website www.maranatha.org, or call (916) 774-7700 to donate.

Use my gift to fund more churches!
 Use my gift to help build a school!
 Use my gift to bring water to those in need.
 Contact me regarding planned giving opportunities.
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Forty-five Years
Praying for a
**ONE-DAY
CHURCH**



The founders of this church, Sharon and Esina, are both 87-years-old. After 45 long years of prayer, your gift made it possible for them to have a church that will last for generations.



TWO 87-YEAR-OLD WIDOWS are praising God for your gift!

Sharon Khumalo and Esina Dube founded the Mjena Seventh-day Adventist Church in Zimbabwe in 1971. The two friends met twice a week, at 4 a.m., to cry out to God for his leading and provision. They were praying for a church.

Both women tragically lost their husbands about 15 years ago—one to cancer and the other was killed when he left to preach an evangelistic series. **The two ladies were on their own, not only at home but also as the lone leaders of a church that was now 100% women and children. The group met outside, under a tree.** They missed many Sabbaths together when the weather got bad. But they continued to pray.

Has God ever given you a different answer than you expected? The Mjena congregation prayed for a church, and God gave them grass. **So they wove a thatch roof and built their own small church. It was lovely! But soon termites destroyed the wooden poles and grass roof.** Rain poured through

and melted the mud walls, requiring that they **build and rebuild, time after time.**

This year Sharon and Esina turned 87-years-old. But that didn't stop them from calling all the church members together to camp outside their church when they heard that Maranatha Volunteers International had been spotted in their district. The church members prayed, sang, cooked, slept, and prayed some more under the warm sun and the sparkling stars.

Your gift arrived to their village on April 8, 2016. Much to Sharon's astonishment, the crew built the new Mjena Adventist Church structure in less than four hours. **"We couldn't believe it! It was like a dream,"** she says.

Sharon and Esina are so grateful for your sacrifice to help build their church! They have each committed to sell their best cow to fund the construction of the walls of their One-Day Church. They praise God that **this church will last for a very long time! Thank you for your gift!**

A Passion Brings
WATER
To the Thirsty



Creating a giving plan with Maranatha means that you can leave a real legacy that truly changes lives. For Maranatha supporter Allen from New Mexico, his passion is to provide water for those in need. What is your passion?

MARANATHA SUPPORTER, Allen, spends a lot of time thinking about water and those who have none.

"Not that I have any experience with having a lack of water myself," he says. Allen lives in New Mexico, and though they have been in a drought, he can still turn on the tap and drink as much water as he wants.

"I'm very interested in providing water to kids and their families in undeveloped nations. It's fundamental!" says Allen.

Allen's life story didn't intersect with the Seventh-day Adventist Church until about 10 years ago. It was about the same time that he heard about Maranatha. "I was galvanized to do something for the church, for the Seventh-day Adventist truth, and to save souls by putting roofs over the heads of believers in foreign countries," he says. "It seemed important to their immortal lives."

Today Allen has another passion. He wants to bring water to as many people as possible.

"These kids walk three to four miles with empty fuel cans on their heads, with water that is essentially poison. It's really hard to imagine."

To fulfill his dream of helping those in need, Allen contacted the planned giving specialist at Maranatha. They created a **Retained Life Estate plan** that is a donation of his home, but it allows Allen to live in his home as long as he needs it.

Allen feels very satisfied knowing that his estate will help so many people. "I've been a very naughty boy much of my life," he says mischievously. "I'm handing my home over, hoping the Lord looks upon it. I know He will build me a better one someday, in the countryside, with an apartment in New Jerusalem!"

A donation of stocks, bonds, real estate, or other assets directly to Maranatha can result in significant tax savings. This benefit can be combined with any other planned giving strategy. Contact Maranatha's planned giving specialists to discuss what giving plan will work best for you.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE
YOUR GIFT MAKES!

BEFORE:

Services in this open-air structure were less than ideal for the Adventist congregation in Caldera, Panama.



AFTER:

Your gift means that this church now shines brighter as a light to this community. They worship in a dignified place of their own, and they put this building to use nearly every day of the week! You have really made a difference here!