

## Potter's Village

The Potter's Village is a child crisis centre in Kisoro, South West Uganda. Abandoned and orphaned babies and destitute pre-school children are finding care and new hope.



*"Our goal is to save lives. Without this ministry every baby here would have died. Thanks to the generosity of many donors from the UK and beyond, we are able to provide loving Christian care for an increasing number of little ones"*

*Rev. Can. Jenny Green, Founder*

### Potter's Village needs your help

PV's monthly running costs are approximately **£8000**

Every donation big or small will help save these children's lives.

#### You can help in these ways:

- Please pray for the children, staff, trustees and the work of Potter's Village
- You can donate money. Please go to: <http://www.justgiving.com/pottersvillage>, or send a cheque (The Potter's Village Trust, c/o All Saints' Church, 155 Church Lane, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7LD)
- You can sponsor a child from £10 per month
- You can volunteer your time or skills, either in the UK or overseas. Please contact us on the email below for further information or to suggest your ideas.

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## THE POTTER'S VILLAGE

Restoring hope to helpless children



*"Whenever the pot the potter was working on turned out badly, the potter would simply start over and rework the clay into another pot"*

*Jeremiah 18.4*

## Vision & Mission

**VISION:** A society that offers safe and secure environment for vulnerable children.

**MISSION:** Provide Christian love and support to vulnerable pre-school children thus helping them to attain their God-given potential.

### Background:

Kisoro is a very poor area, struggling with the consequences of AIDS, malaria and refugees from the Congo and Rwanda. The mortality rates in childbirth for women in Africa continue at a rate of 1 in 16. Sometimes teenage girls are victims of rape and find themselves destitute when they become pregnant. These factors can all result in babies being abandoned.



### Why we need Potter's Village Ministry

The Potter's Village exists to rescue babies who have no other chance of survival. Up to 40 babies can be given a home on site, but with new buildings we are increasing capacity all the time. Babies will be given optimum provision to thrive, with one to one care, within a family environment.

The following health and welfare needs are catered for:

- Health and psychological care
- Remedial nutrition
- Education and parenting skills
- Support for families
- Spiritual and Social care



## Case Study—Tobias

Tobias was a pitiful sight when he arrived at Potter's Village in January last year. He was 14 months old but only weighed 4.8kgs, which is the average weight of a 2½ month old.



Tobias' mother, who brought him in, had developed a psychiatric illness sometime after his birth and was no longer able to care for him properly. She had been feeding him herbs and not much

else. An older sibling had already died from malnutrition and Tobias was heading that way. To make matters worse Tobias' father had abandoned the family.

Tobias was started on nutritional rehabilitation but initially did not make the progress expected and was then diagnosed with TB. Once on treatment for that he never looked back. Tobias grew rapidly and became a happy little boy who loved playing and cuddles. He was able to re-join his mother (who had been having treatment). He now lives with his Mother and Aunt and is still doing well.



## The Community and support programmes

Potters Village is here to support the community for the long term. When the children are between two and three years old (depending on circumstance) they are fostered in the local community and/or returned to their extended biological or adopted family.

The Potters village is integral to the local community and interdenominational. Children in the care of the home will be brought up with Christian values and hear Christian teaching unless they come from another religious background.



### Potter's Village Medical Centre

Our Medical centre is now well established in the community and is treating an increasing number of patients.

Our Medical Centre is open to see any outpatients, who require help. We can treat any child aged between 0-12years. Many people cannot afford treatment, but for those who can we charge a small fee of 25p for a consultation. We are trusted in the community so often treat all members of a family.

We have a ward for inpatients, consisting of 10 beds. We are able to treat cases of Malaria, TB, Pneumonia and breathing difficulties. We have oxygen concentrators and a CPAP machine that are not available in the local hospitals.

We have a special care baby unit, designed to care for all those babies needing incubation or extra support.

We have incubators and phototherapy lights, that are unavailable anywhere else in the area and specially trained staff.

This is the only unit of this kind in the district and has saved many lives.

