



MICHAEL'S HOUSE

EMPOWERING EACH OTHER TO SERVE THE POOR IN THE THIRD WORLD
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In this edition of our newsletter, we introduce our new logo that has been designed by Kevin Burke Richards. Our sincere thanks go out to this young man and his insight. Kevin has captured in a beautiful way the true nature of our work at Michael's House Inc. The design centers on a Celtic eternal symbol. The four corners represent hearts reaching into the depth of the world where we find our suffering elderly brothers and sisters. The heart on the top left hand-side represents your heart, which is entwined with others to transform the world from within.



Valentine's Day is the time when our hearts and minds turn to love and romance. We think of ways to show the ones we love just how we feel. But many of us are looking for something longer lasting than flowers or chocolates. Wouldn't it be wonderful to offer our loved ones an unforgettable gift that will stay with them forever? One of the only things that can last a lifetime is our memory. How can we find such a gift? Why not make this Valentine's Day one that will stand out as exceptional? Give a gift of love that will reach the ends of the earth! Please read about our Pension Fund on the enclosed.

Ambulance Vans

As this newsletter goes out, we are beginning a fundraiser to purchase two vans/ambulances, one each for Uganda and Ethiopia. This is in the hands of a group of young men and women who have hearts of gold. This is a St. Patrick's Day project and, if you want to help, you can contact Blake and Ned Curry at 443-272-0810



Ryan-Rice and Grace Farms in Uganda

Thanks to your generosity, farm animals have arrived at the Ryan-Rice and Grace Farms in Uganda. Now with the help of volunteers and villagers, the elderly can begin to breed the animals, using the offspring for meat, eggs, and milk. The farms also produce nutritious fruits and vegetables for the elderly. After the recent rains, volunteers planted bananas, yams, coffee, and peanuts to provide a more balanced diet. Now they eagerly await the harvest; this is indeed the gift that will last forever!



Words from Terfa Dinka, Administrator, Michael's House Addis Ababa

The need to change the immediate cause of poverty in the daily lives of our destitute elderly calls us forth to action. Action demands us to take risks and challenges good and charitable people like you to help us in our desperation. In all humility and charity, we ask you to not abandon us. We are all in this blessed work together; and we need each other so we can all be at peace knowing we are transforming the world one aged person at a time.



Craft Update

With the gifts of the new weaving loom and sewing machines the elderly are now developing a stock of wonderful handicrafts that can soon be brought to market and sold for the benefit of everyone at Michael's House.

New Ethiopian Advisory Committee

An Ethiopian advisory committee for the Board of Trustees has been set up under the direction of Addisu Meheret. This group will facilitate our communication with the licensing and AID agencies in Ethiopia. The members are mainly Ethiopian nationals living in the USA. For more information contact Addisu at 240-423-5797.



Agape Fund

In January we provided eye examinations and glasses for twenty people and bought a supply of walking canes for the blind.

Pension Fund Information

Enclosed you will find more detailed information about The Michael's House "1-4-1K" Pension Fund "Empowering Each Other to Help the Aged Poor in The Third World"

Our progress has been outstanding and your continued support is invaluable... as we grow...so do the needs! There are many ways to help and you can be assured that every donation no matter what amount makes a huge difference in the quality of the daily lives of our destitute elderly! Thank you.

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