



## The Construction Fund

The Construction Fund is responsible for funding construction of the buildings and infrastructure at Sam’s Place: the Administration Block building, the dormitory/classroom complex, the Vocational building, the Multi-Purpose Dining/Classroom/Church building, and the assorted small outbuildings. Since 2008 Sam’s Place has slowly taken shape and now, in 2010, we are in the final stages of building. A special challenge gift has been given to Sam’s Place, with the idea of finishing all construction. The article below provides details on how you can help make a difference and see the orphanage/school facility begin operations this year!

### \$50,000 Challenge Gift Received to Finish Construction at Sam’s Place

On February 1, 2010 Sam’s Place received a \$50,000 challenge gift from a Christian couple in Tulsa to finish construction. The challenge gift will provide matching funds to raise \$100,000 to finish the dormitory, the vocational building, and the multi-purpose dining room/classroom/church building. The challenge grant is in two parts:

1. For the dormitory—there are twelve rooms upstairs, six in the boy’s wing and six in the girl’s wing. We are asking families to fund each of the twelve rooms with a gift of \$5,000 per room. Each room sponsorship will provide for furnishings, technology access, fixtures, electrical, and finish work for four orphans who will live in that room. Widows will live in one room in each wing and serve as house mothers.

By the end of January 2010 we had received funding for two room sponsorships with cash donations of \$10,000, and during early February, a \$25,000 challenge gift was received to fund five additional rooms, if other families would fund the remaining five rooms. One new sponsorship of \$5,000 was received immediately, triggering a matching grant of \$5,000, bringing a total of four dormitory room funded in full. Four additional sponsorships are needed to complete the dormitory room funding and qualify for the remaining \$20,000 in challenge grant funds.

2 Rooms Funded 2009	\$10,000
1 Room Funded February 2010	\$ 5,000
1 Room Matching Funds Qualified	\$ 5,000
4 Room Sponsorships Needed	\$20,000
4 Room Matching Funds Available	\$20,000
Total Room Sponsorships When Fully Funded	\$50,000

2. The vocational and multi-purpose buildings will be less expensive metal buildings built on concrete slabs. The estimated cost of the two buildings is \$50,000. The challenge grant will match all construction gifts, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000. So gifts totaling \$25,000 for the two buildings will qualify for an additional matching grant of \$25,000.

All donations used for Sam’s Place construction or sponsorships for orphan rooms received beginning February 1, 2010 or after qualify for the matching grant—up to \$50,000 in matching funds. Since the matching grant is for construction, Endowment, Education, and Operations Fund gifts do not qualify for the matching program

All contributions to Sam’s Place is tax-deductible. Send your checks made payable to: South 11th & Willis Church of Christ and mark the memo field—Sam’s Place.

Make a commitment today to partner with South 11th & Willis Church of Christ to create a refuge for these deaf orphans in Kenya. Send in your checks, earmarked for Sam’s Place, and made payable to: S. 11th & Willis Church of Christ, 3309 South 11th Street, Abilene, Texas 79605.