



## PROJECT

The construction of a community center and 2 church-based children's homes with playground facilities for former orphaned and abandoned children in partnership with the local Kurdish church.

## PROJECT PROFILE

CHURCH PARTNER:

Kurdish Church

Northern Iraq



NETWORK PARTNER:



## PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Iraq has been torn apart by conflict and strife for decades. Sectarian violence and an international war have wreaked havoc on this land. Around 2 million Iraqis have been displaced just since the recent conflict and about 100,000 have died (Foreign Policy 2009).

In a place hostile to Christianity, the Church is small yet surprisingly strong. In Northern Iraq, referred to as Kurdistan by the locals, the church is reaching out to a hurting community comprised mainly of widows and their children who lost their fathers fighting Saddam Hussein. This area is known as "The Freedom Martyr's Village" and is where the government gave World Orphans 1 acre of land for the building of the first church-based children's home in the country complete with playground facilities.

In addition, our church partner will be building a community center to be used as a vocational and counseling center. In order to provide a measure of sustainability to the project, they have decided to build a second floor that will house a celebration hall for weddings and other special events in the community. It will cost \$137,500.00 for 2 homes, \$275,000.00 for the community center, and \$16,500.00 for the playground facilities for a project total of \$429,000.00.

Your help is vital to helping us raise this amount on behalf of the widows and orphans who have been the silent victims of this war-torn country for years.

FUNDING GOAL: \$429,000.00

FUNDING RAISED: \$35,000.00

FUNDING NEEDED: **\$394,000.00**

NUMBER OF RESCUED CHILDREN: N/A

REGION: Middle East

PRIMARY ISSUE: Orphans of Conflict

CARE POINT: Church-Based Residential Care

## COUNTRY PROFILE

#OF SINGLE ORPHANS: N/A

#OF DOUBLE ORPHANS: N/A

POPULATION: 28, 945, 657 (2009 est.)

AVERAGE INCOME: \$540 per person (2% of USA)

