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### What will I be doing?

I have been asked to help New Hope start a MicroFinancing Program for the orphans. I will be assisting Geoff Britton on starting this program for the vocational school graduates so that they will be able to enter the world of business with their skills. Also I will be helping to expand their maize mill operation which is a major support to the orphanage and also significant benefit to the community as well.

### Who is New Hope Uganda?

New Hope Uganda is a non-denominational ministry that cares for orphaned children in Uganda, East Africa. NHU strives to bring glory to God through caring for orphans, showing them love, pointing them to His Kingdom through Christ, and bringing them to a life-changing understanding of the fatherhood of God. Their staff of almost 80 Ugandans and foreign missionaries care for New Hope's children through the Kasana children's center (where they run a primary school, secondary school, vocational school, clinic, agriculture program, etc...) Kobwin children's center, the New Hope Institute of Childcare and Family, and their new youth camp and training center.



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# Questions commonly asked?

## General Questions:

How long will you be there?  
6 months

What will you be doing?

I will be working to find ways to expand the current maize mill operation, so it can further serve the surrounding community and generate greater benefits for the orphanage itself. Also I will be working to start a microfinancing program for the vocational school graduates.

What is Microfinance?

Microfinance offers the poorest of the poor access to basic financial services such as loans, savings, money transfer services and microinsurance. People living in poverty, like everyone else, need a diverse range of financial services to run their businesses, build assets, smooth consumption, and manage risks.

## What is your background?

I grew up on a farm in the panhandle of Texas and so have plenty of agricultural background and experience which I hope is very useful when working with New Hope's mill expansion. I also just graduated from Southern Nazarene University with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. I have also been studying for the past year on microfinance and development economics. These things should prove very useful with helping start the microfinancing program.

## Why are you going?

Sometime in the last couple of years I began to feel God's calling on my life to "do something useful with my business degree". At first I didn't know exactly what this meant, but soon I began hearing about the idea of microfinance and how it can be used to end poverty and this interested me very much. So through my study of microfinance I knew this was something I wanted to help do. I began to talk with Dr. Herskowitz, Chair of the Department of Business at Southern Nazarene University, about how and where I could employ my knowledge and skills. He then suggested New Hope Uganda and said that they have been looking to start a microfinance program. After many emails back and forth between myself and Uganda it was decided that I could be a help to New Hope in their microfinance and agricultural endeavors. So, why am I going, I guess the most appropriate answer is because of God's calling and following of His leading to where there is a need for my help.

If you have any additional questions please don't hesitate to email me. I will be happy to answer your questions and would love hearing from you!

## How can

## I get involved?

The best way you can get involved is first through prayer. I know our heavenly Father is looking over us and hears our prayers. So please pray for safe travel and ease of entry into Uganda as well as God's hand and blessing on the work we will be accomplishing there.

Secondly, if God leads you to think about getting involved financially I would love to hear from you. The cost for me to simply survive there is a bare minimum of \$500 US a month! Not to mention travel expenses. If you feel led please don't hesitate to contact me at [clidster@gmail.com](mailto:clidster@gmail.com) or contact my parents (Wayne and Cynthia Lidster) at [superc@xit.net](mailto:superc@xit.net) or by phone at 806-249-5438.

