

Relief Network Ministries, Inc.

Information Brochure

RNM, Inc.

*"For the needy shall not always be forgotten;
the expectation of the poor shall not perish
forever." - Psalm 9:18.*

ORGANIZATIONAL STATUS

The Relief Network Ministries Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit public organization incorporated in the State of Texas in April 2001.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

Mission & Objectives

RNM is committed to addressing the need to remove conditions that lead to abject poverty, disease and ill health, especially among children and women; inadequate skills leading to low productivity & development in targeted communities.

The broad **strategic** mission of RNM is to work through specific faith based community-driven project efforts to meet the needs of impoverished communities particularly in developing countries, rural areas, and some inner cities around the world. This helps RNM target the socio-economic problems associated with the family & human sufferings, especially in 3rd world countries and our inner cities.

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Our mission therefore is to touch lives with the love of Jesus Christ towards eternity.
"Any religion that professes to be concerned with the souls of men and is not concerned with the slums that damn them, the economic conditions that strangle them, and the social conditions that cripple them is a dry-as-dust religion."

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In addition, RNM aims to minister to urban drug addicts, alcohol abusers and battered women / teenage mothers who desire to be helped through RNM's faith based approach.

The objectives of the organization focus on ways to alleviate the adverse consequences of poverty and illiteracy, such as poor hygienic standards and inadequate skills for gainful employment. Often the poor find themselves in places with unsanitary drinking water or portable domestic water, especially in Africa & the 3rd world. In the process, we seek to mobilize community support for development initiatives such as drilling and maintaining water wells, providing skills acquisition / training sessions especially in computer technology, and deploying our diagnostic medical tool called **TROPIX** in rural Clinics and Health Care Centers.

RNM has the following specific goals:

1. Develop a minimum of 50 water wells over the next 3-5 years in the 3rd World countries of interest to improve health & sanitation in these populations.
2. Provide skills acquisition / transfer training sessions to natives in appropriate technology using our V-TEN (Vocational Technical Education Network) concept approach for adult education. This includes the sharing of our curriculum & provision of support for small V-TEN Computer Technology & Skills acquisition centers within local churches or community groups requesting our assistance.

3. Provide 10-20 basic health care and medical reference support systems using Laptop based TROPIX diagnostic & therapy tool to rural Clinics & Health Care Centers in 2-3 years.
4. Develop a network of project volunteers for various skills transfer programs.
5. Enlist some qualified professional volunteers to provide help / counseling to drug addicts, alcohol abusers, and battered women / teenagers who seek our Bible faith-based approach to restoration of a life worth living, good habits & true happiness.



Children fetching water from our first water well in Nigeria - It produces over 25 gallons per minute. Serves 600+ people.

Some of our selected countries of interest include: Nigeria, Cote d'Voire, Tanzania, Kenya, Botswana / Republic of South Africa, Ghana, Philippines, Indonesia, Costa Rica, and Sri Lanka. Since RNM is a project-base organization, volunteer teams with interest in specific countries are formed each year around projects already in progress or targeted for any of these countries.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

- Mission #1 to Nigeria June – July 2001 in which we dug / drilled a water well in the village of Ogberuru: 120 feet deep, producing about 25 gallons per minute with a 1000 gallon storage tank erected, and a submersible pump installed.
- Delivered donated computer equipment to Ogberuru Secondary School through the community's EZE (The Chief / Traditional Ruler).

- Conducted seminar sessions with students & ministered to them as well as other villagers leading to over 625 decisions.
- Developed the V-TEN Computer Technology curriculum and the general concept framework with Grace Network Ministries, Inc.

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- LIVING WATER INTERNATIONAL, Inc., Sugarland Texas
- INSTITUTE FOR AFRICAN AWARENESS (IAA), Houston, Texas
- GRACE NETWORK MINISTRIES, Inc., Portland, Oregon.
- LIFEWATER INTERNATIONAL, Inc., San Louis Obispo, California.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dr. A. Sunny Okorie, President (Computer Engineer / Senior Analyst)
- Dr. Samson Otuwa, Treasurer (Pediatric Anesthesiologist)
- Mr. Gabriel Anoruigwe, Secretary (Chemical Engineer / Analyst)
- Mrs. Ogechi F. Ochi-Okorie, Director – Publicity / Special Duties (Teacher / Language Specialist & Homemaker)
- Mrs. Norma Kates, Director – Patrons & Partners (Retired School Teacher / Homemaker)
- Mrs. Meriel Bernhard, Director – Volunteer Recruiting & Follow-up (Teacher / Homemaker)
- Rev. (Dr.) Larry Garza, Director – Spiritual Counsel (Pastor & World class preacher)
- Rev. Yemi Ayodele, Director – Africa Region (Pastor)
- Four more new members will be added to the board as soon as possible.

VOLUNTEERS (SRI Corps)

Volunteers are sought in many areas of skills and experience / background. These include: qualified technicians, mechanics, medical doctors, nurses, computer specialists, hydrologists, drillers, plumbers, welders, teachers, etc.

Volunteers subscribe to our goals and the core-values of love and respect for life & the eternal worth of every human soul, rich or poor.

Each volunteer typically sponsor or pays their own air ticket and some local travel expenses. RNM will in many cases make local arrangements for transportation, room and board in order to reduce the cost of living while on mission trips. As a side benefit, volunteers will have the opportunity to share their life story / experiences with a very willing audience or persons they mentor in addition to the rich cultural experience of such an international travel. Our travel plans will generally include short visits to places of national interest such as the wildlife park / game reserve, Atlantic beach, etc.

PARTNERS

Partners are those who commit to contributing in cash and kind as well as **praying frequently for the work** and needs of this ministry to impact lives.

Some partners who desire to be recognized for their contributions may be rewarded by our periodically sponsored News Media submissions in local and Internet News Agencies under philanthropy and charitable acts. RNM may occasionally award some special certificate or plaques of recognition for outstanding contributions from partners, or give token gifts in appreciation of committed partner support. Above all, we believe the greatest reward can only be given by the Lord we serve or labor to honor - Hebrews 6:10.

PROJECTS

Projects for the 2001-2002 period include: Water Well developments in Nigeria, V-TEN training center initiation in several Church groups / bodies that have requested the aid, Community access to technology center development in 2-3 locations, and the installation of TROPIX in some rural Clinics and the training of the operators or medical staff users.

STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Through skills transfer in appropriate technology and capacity building in disadvantaged communities, especially in 3rd World countries, RNM is committed to long-term development for relief to beneficiaries.

Through a mentor program as well as formal short term training programs and projects, we quickly help people in local communities develop skills in affordable and appropriate technology areas.

RNM VOLUNTEER & PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION

Applications may be found at our web site with address provided above. Also volunteers and partners wishing to sponsor or support specific projects or our programs in general may email us their contact information and names for follow-up by our volunteer director.

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

- Water well to serve 500-600 people - \$3000 (Assume a well depth of 150 ft).
- Hydro pump (foot hydraulic) - \$1300
- Hand pump (manual bush) - \$600
- Piping, casing & plumbing for a well - \$300
- Provision of Sand filtration unit - \$1000
- Provision of 2 liter Water purification bottles with ionization filters - \$35
- Provision of medicines & vitamins modules - \$100
- Windows 95/98/2000 Laptop for TROPIX disease diagnoses & therapy - \$1250
- Provision of 10 Computer books for V-TEN Computer Technology Training - \$200
- Provision of property for Office Space, and care of drug / alcohol abusers or battered women / teenagers.
- A car in reasonable condition

WHERE TO SEND YOUR GIFT

All gifts should be sent to our contact address on the first page, or for courier mails call for a Houston physical address at 281-538-0687.

Below:

Children fetching water in Africa from a stream - about 2 miles away from their home - a typical daily chore.

