

Mission Statement

The mission of COPE is to provide education for Pokot children by empowering Christians and their community to nurture their children spiritually, mentally and physically so that they can grow into local and national leaders who think and act from a Christian worldview.

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." – Jesus

Matthew 25:35-36



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**CHILDREN OF POKOT
EDUCATIONAL FUND**

*"I'm telling the solemn truth:
Whenever you did one of these
things to someone overlooked or
ignored, that was me-you did it to
me." -Jesus*

COPE was founded in 1997. The organization's headquarters is located in Lincoln, IL. The African mission is located in Tapadany, Pokot, Kenya, Africa. The purpose of the organization is to provide a Christian education to the children of the Pokot tribe located in Kenya.

The ultimate goal of COPE is to bring each of the Pokot children and adults to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Since 1997, the mission has grown and developed and become a center for the community, teaching Christian beliefs and ethics.

Missionary Barb O'Donohue and some of the COPE House children (top), Celebration of Christian Womanhood (bottom)



Education:

COPE finished building the final classrooms for Tapadany Christian Academy in 2012 and today every classroom has a desk for each pupil. The Head Teachers each have an office and the teachers have a room to mark papers and eat lunch. Pokot children compete with children who live in metropolitan areas and have educated parents. In spite of this, the students of the Tapadany Christian Academy are performing above their peers.

Nursery- 8th Grade with 8th graders boarding at the school. This allows for extra study time and preparation for exams required for graduation. Feeding Program: Feeds over 650 students and 40 employees 2 meals a day.

Evangelism:

Celebration of Christian Womanhood & Manhood-in response to female genital mutilation and forced marriage these weeklong sessions are held 3 times a year to teach sexual purity and provide education on AIDS and other issues.

Jesus Film: COPE members have traveled throughout Pokot sharing the Gospel of Jesus. Each week a different area is visited to show a video about Jesus that has been translated into Pokot language. For many of the Pokot, this is their first experience hearing the gospel in their own language and the first time they have seen the enactment of the life of Jesus.

Bible Studies, Sunday School, Fellowship Time and Prayer times.

Outreach:

Rescue House (COPE House):

In 2001, the Executive Director built a home with her own money to have a place to stay when she was in Pokot. She soon found herself taking in a family of children who had nowhere else to go. She now has adopted nearly 30 children who have been orphaned, abandoned or abused.

Health: COPE provides a dispensary and basic free health care for the Pokot community. Community Health Education is provided by the nurse during school breaks.

Academic Assistance: Provide college scholarships to students in need as funds are available.

There are few opportunities for employment for the Pokot who live in the West Pokot area. There are no jobs for the un/under educated. Bringing small development projects to the area goes a long way in improving the economic development.

Bakery: The goal of the bakery is to provide jobs for local Pokot and baked goods for the Mission, school and the community.

Canteen, Brick-Making