

GRANT #8

REACHING RAHAB-OUTREACH TO AT-RISK WOMEN IN KENYA

\$5,000

Lutheran Hour Ministries (RSO)



Reaching Rahab is a Christ-centered and holistic outreach ministry to urban young women in Nairobi, Kenya, to help rescue them from lives on the streets or in prison. The center rehabilitates the women through Christ-centered counseling and vocational training. Kenya has a 40% unemployment rate, with 42% of the population age 14 or young. Young women have little or no education and often are abused sexually and forced into prostitution by their families to provide support. Kenya is the eleventh highest HIV infection rate in the world. When a young woman is arrested for prostitution, she is often incarcerated while being pregnant and is jailed together with her infant or toddler child(ren). Women spend months or even years in prison along with their young children until they can arrange to pay for their release. Without intervention this tragic cycle of poverty, crime and devastation continues. The first state of Reaching Rahab is to identify and recruit young women in prisons. For years, the Lutheran Hour Ministries has operated a successful prison ministry. While still in prison, the young women begin counseling sessions and voluntary Bible studies. Reaching Rahab will rescue infants and toddlers by removing them from the prison and giving them a new start with their mothers. The funds will be used to fund this Biblically based outreach ministry.