



History of AMATI

Amati was started by Paul Amakobe in 2017. Paul had a God given desire to continue the legacy of his parents who generously cared for the people in their local community of Kakamega. In fact, AMATI is the name of his mother.



Paul hosting a meeting of the orphans and their families

Not only were both of his parents involved in their local church, where Paul's mother was affectionately called 'Mama Kanisa' (Mother of the Church), but they made it a priority to invite people to their home for a meal on a regular basis. When Paul's father would be home from his work, he would sit outside by the road and invite people passing by for a hot meal or tea.



The road where Paul's father would sit inviting people in for a meal

The influence of Paul's parents on their community went even beyond a hot meal. His father, James, was one of the first in their community to find work in Nairobi. He was a very good tailor and he later got the opportunity to work as a tailor for a company in Uganda. He was well respected for his craft and his unique experience of working in places most of those in his community had only heard about.

James would go on to give back to his local community by training his brothers to be tailors and inspiring others through his knowledge and experience. For example, they were the first family in their community to put a tin roof on their house. This was such a new concept as all of the houses had thatched roofs which commonly leaked.



Paul next to his parents graves at their home

In so many ways the Amakobe family were pioneers for their community in Kakamega. Though both of his parents have passed away, it is their legacy that Paul deeply desires, not only to continue, but to grow through the ministry in Kakamega and auto clinic in Nairobi.

AMATI MINISTRY

AMATI ministry is focused on helping orphans and the vulnerable in Paul's home area of Kakamega.

Importantly, it is not a children's home effort. The ministry is focused on keeping orphans in the homes of existing relatives or families and supporting the family to care for those children. Having the opportunity to strengthen the families strengthens the children, but also lifts their sense of well-being and acceptance in the community as a whole.



Home of one of the orphans

Currently, AMATI cares for about 17 orphans and their families. Families deeply want to care for orphans but so often they just can't afford to. AMATI strives to relieve that financial burden for families and also encourage them in meaningful ways so that they are strengthened and empowered to be effective members of the community.



The orphans, their families and Paul's staff together

AMATI has a goal of developing a community center that will have a multi-purpose function. This includes educational resources, vocational training and a place for the community to gather and grow together.



The land the Paul has been able to purchase for the community center

Please prayerfully consider being a financial supporter of AMATI Ministries. You can do this through direct donations or bringing in your vehicle to our mechanic shop in Ruaka, Nairobi if you live in Kenya. Every financial gift helps us to make a positive difference in the lives of orphans and the vulnerable.

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