

Contributions to Uganda

In 2007, Michael Blomsterberg led a team of visionaries on a mission to Uganda, a country afflicted by disease, poverty, famine, and war. Michael's mission was in support of Clovis Ategeka and his nonprofit organization, VisionForce Uganda (VFU). VFU teaches vision, leadership, and entrepreneurial skills to the youth, giving them the tools and inspiration to create immediate and ongoing change in their lives, and the confidence to create their own jobs after graduation. Clovis strives to provide the knowledge and education necessary for Ugandans to transcend and prosper. Michael and his group created, furnished, and equipped VFU's "Vision Café". Vision Café offers services at subsidized prices and acts as a source of supporting funds for VFU. VFU operates under one principle: *with vision, we shall succeed!*

The following include some of the extraordinary contributions made by Michael and his team through the Uganda Mission:

- ☞ The raising of \$32,771.42 – \$3,171.42 over goal!
- ☞ The donation of ten computers, one Visionary Mind Program, one 3-in-1 fax machine, one photocopier machine, two printers, and indoor and outdoor furniture
- ☞ The complete renovation of the interior and exterior of the Vision Café
- ☞ The purchasing and posting of advertising signage for the Vision Café
- ☞ The purchasing of VisionForce Uganda's website, and the employment of VFU students to build the site
- ☞ The outfitting of the office with the tools and supplies necessary for startup
- ☞ The pre-payment of four months' rent for the Vision Café
- ☞ The shooting of 28 hours of raw footage, including personal interviews with VFU students, for an upcoming documentary to bring awareness about Uganda
- ☞ The delivery of "Shoes of Hope" to orphanage and street children in Jinja
- ☞ The execution of a multimedia press event for the grand opening of the Vision Café
- ☞ The leading of six entrepreneurial leadership workshops for the Kampala community
- ☞ The leading of a meeting with Community Development Association of Uganda (a human rights organization), and the donating of funds to the organization
- ☞ The allocating of raised funds in support of as many VFU related businesses and individuals as possible

Michael continues to inspire the VFU students by providing resourceful online opportunities, sending them empowering books and tools, and engaging them in ongoing communication via phone and Internet in support of VFU endeavors. Michael also supports Mercy Line Ministries, which is an independent, indigenous, non-political, non-governmental organization with a primary mission to provide education to poor, disadvantaged, and neglected orphans whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS, and to help their families overcome poverty and hopelessness in Uganda through helping them initiate sustainable, income-generating projects.