

MIREMBE means SOLIDARITY with Victims of Human Trafficking



The Rich in Mercy **Mirembe Project** assists women who are at risk for human trafficking in Kampala, the capital of Uganda (East Africa).

Gender roles of women in **Uganda** (East Africa) – including housekeeping, child rearing, fetching water, and cooking – are subordinate to those of men. Female employment outside the home is stigmatized. Domestic violence against women is common. Often the only hope of poor women for survival in Uganda is prostitution.

Mirembe is a Swahili word that means **PEACE**. The **Mirembe Project** is about hope, collaboration, and transformation – women working together to break the cycle of extreme poverty which grips them, and freeing themselves from being victims of sex-trafficking, so that they might live in **peace**.

Initiated by the **Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd** the program currently reaches 37 women from Katanga, a Kampala slum marked by hunger, disease, violence, and despair. Women organize into “solidarity groups” and each of them is committed to realizing the hope of a dignified life for all the members of their group and their children.



A hand UP, NOT a hand out!



The Rich in Mercy **Mirembe Project** supports an expanding **micro finance loan program**. Participating women receive an initial loan of US \$20 to launch a “micro-business” of their choice. Most women buy and sell in the informal economy. Some grow fresh vegetables in container gardens. **Sr. Bibian Thuguci RGS**, meets with the women weekly to provide encouragement and occasional assistance with medical or other emergencies. She also operates a small bank – providing security for the financial resources of the group. As women return a profit on their businesses, they become eligible for additional loans for capital expansion. Their modest profits pay primarily for food, school fees, and medical care.

Please consider supporting MIREMBE with a monthly gift of \$30 (a “dollar a day”)!

Visit www.rimin.org Click on **DONATE NOW** and select “Mirembe Fund” as your designation. Send checks to “Rich in Mercy” with “Mirembe Fund” in the memo line and mail to RICH IN MERCY, 329 N Fairfield St., Ligonier, PA 15658.