

**Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission  
(IcFEM Mission)  
Holy Living & Hard Work**

**PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR DREAMLAND FUNERAL HOME**

Interchristian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission (IcFEM) is registered in Kenya under the Societies' Act (Registration no 19347)

IcFEM is a Kenya Government approved indigenous Missionary Society, that seeks to promote the smooth integration of Evangelism with Community Development and Mercy Ministries among Churches, Interdenominational Fellowships, Evangelistic teams and other Christian ministries.

IcFEM's work approach combines a Biblically-based Wholistic (whole person) ethic with a Holistic (i.e. health, education, agriculture, and commerce) perspective.

IcFEM aims at building people up, especially in rural areas, both spiritually and practically to work hard. It has a vision of helping people to become committed Christians who are involved in various activities to be self-supporting, hence the motto '*Holy Living and Hard Work*'.

IcFEM Mission therefore seeks an integration of spiritual activities with the socio-economic activities in the communities we are serving. The Mission acts as a local link with the Government, NGOs and CBOs (Community Based Organisations) and is well respected in Western Kenya.

**Dreamland Funeral Home**, will serve a total of 10 Districts - Bungoma, Mt Elgon, Trans Nzoia, Lugari, Teso, Kakamega, Mumias, Busia, Siaya and Vihiga.

Total population - 8.5 million.

The nearest mortuary is 30 kilometres away from the Mission. Its capacity is insufficient, and with average equipment, is only able to accommodate 16 bodies. A hospital 40 kilometres away has very basic facilities and serious problems with preserving bodies. It has therefore been very difficult to dissuade the majority of people from keeping the deceased at home, where untreated bodies are left to decay for up to 5 days.

Funeral culture has therefore been retrogressive both socially and economically. For example, the bereaved will take days off work to travel and to mourn. In addition to this much time is spent preparing large amounts of food that will be consumed during the period and expenditure is high. Similarly, as families are big, funerals may come in quick succession, adding to their financial burdens. Between 55-70% of the population earn less than \$1 per day.

Losing a loved one also means losing an income. Both the bereaved and the mourners are poor, but the endless stream of those paying their last respects, and expecting to be fed, make a bad financial situation even worse as mourners do not make any contribution.

However, contrary to this, in another community in Central Province, the situation is reversed whereby those attending a funeral take food with them and the mourners have to pay to eat.

The Mission foresees Dreamland Funeral Home as being the most realistic intervention.

**Vision**

To reduce the number of decaying bodies kept at home for up to a period of 5 days and help to transform people's costly cultural views towards funerals.

### ***Aim***

Dreamland Funeral Home will provide both mortuary and funeral services to the desperately needy communities of Western Kenya.

### **Objectives**

1. To offer 24 hour quality mortuary and funeral services.
2. To provide accessible and affordable services.
3. Encourage proper handling/treatment of the deceased so controlling the spread of contagious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Typhoid, Ebola, and Cholera.
4. To reduce wastage of time through mourning and feeding endless streams of those paying their last respects.
5. To transform people's costly cultural views towards funerals.
6. Provide specially designed and equipped means of transport.

### ***Schedule of Activities***

1. Prepare proposal and find possible part or full donors.
2. Construct building
3. Acquire and install 58 refrigerators and provide electricity.
4. Acquire specially designed transport.
5. Construct and equip workshop.

### **Provisional Budget** (2006 prices – inflation 25%pa)

	Ksh
Building	3,000,000
Workshops	3,000,000
Equipment	unknown
Electricity	1,300,000
Standby generator	1,500,000
Vehicle - new	<u>3,000,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,800,000</b>

**Plans** – to follow