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A crusade to help orphans in Kenya

**HOPES TO RAISE \$5,000
FOR FOOD AND
CLOTHING**

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WOODSTOCK — It is estimated there are 890,000 orphans in the sub-Saharan country of Kenya.

One of the hardest hit African nations, AIDS has left up to 1.5 million dead in the country of 30 million.

In 2002 it was estimated that 2.5 million Kenyans are living with AIDS.

Local evangelist Gary Grant Baer is seeking to help AIDS orphans, while acting as a guest speaker during a conference in Nairobi next February.

The role of the 2008 conference is bring 10,000 church leaders and ministers together for what they call their annual Kingdom Advancement Crusades and Training Summit. Their goal is to reach out to one million people.

Baer is kick-starting his campaign with hopes of raising \$5,000 to provide food and clothing to the orphans of Kenya.

"My goal is to get the community involved," he said.

Baer, the organizer of last year's southwestern Ontario Tent Revival, will bring his music team comprised of gospel singers from Detroit to Nairobi for the event.

"We'll be going to visit sick children, and ministering to them with food and clothing," he said.

The salvation preacher,

who has toured through England and the United States, and preached on radio and television, attended Bible College in Baton Rouge.

Baer said he became involved in the project after being contacted by Pastor Nathan Mukhwana of Liberty International Ministries.

"He made that connection," Baer said.

While several African pastors were attending a course in Newark, N.J. two weeks ago, Baer visited to discuss the project.

Baer said his mission is, "to reach other kids in different countries who are less fortunate than we are — so that other people would get the experience of God's love towards his people."

For more information visit Baer at www.evangelistgarygrantbaer.com.



GATHERING: Gary Grant Baer joins pastors from around the world in Newark, N.J.

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