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The founder, Maria L. Prean, was born in 1939 in Tyrol, Austria.

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Upon completion, of her education and work in a trade school, Maria, in 1962, took a position as a 'mother' in a SOS Kinderdorf.

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Other important venues of her life:

1972 Maria worked in the USA as a counsellor for drug addicted girls. In 1986 she married Herbert Prean.

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Together with Herbert she founded the mission 'Live in Christ Jesus' in Austria. When Herbert died of cancer, she continued with the help of many supporters the work she and her husband had begun.

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In 1995, Maria Prean was invited to Uganda for the first time and she experienced great love for the people there. In 2002 Maria bought a house in Kampala. In the meantime she lives more than half of the year in Uganda to invest her time and gifts in the children there.

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If you have not seen the situation with your own eyes, it is hard to imagine the wretched conditions in which many children in Africa grow up.

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There are a great number of single mothers who barely manage to raise enough money to live on...

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... as well as millions of orphans whose parents have died from AIDS or other diseases.

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Many of these children are adopted by relatives, who do not have the means to pay school fees. Children without relatives frequently live on the streets.

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At present (March 2008), VfA Intl. supports about 4.500 children in 180 schools in Uganda and some in Kenya. The support enables them to receive education, and where possible, subsequent vocational training.

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In 2003, Vision for Africa Intl. received 65 ha of land in Mukono (about 40 km from Kampala) upon the condition that Vision for Africa Intl. would build schools and other social facilities. By the end of 2006 several children's homes and two vocational schools had been completed. The mission of Vision for Africa Intl. is to provide education and vocational training. This creates a basis for the children to be able to support themselves in life and in the long run to influence and change their country in a positive way.

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Children's Homes (Orphanages)

The target is twelve children to be accommodated in twelve beautiful, well facilitated houses next to each other.

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Each house has a 'mother' with whom the children grow up and begin their education.

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At present, 2008, 27 children live in four Children's Homes.

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Volunteers (mostly from Europe), who come for some months to be part of the Children's Homes support the mothers in their daily work.

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VfA's mission is to provide a home atmosphere conducive to the building of self esteem, love and care. The love of God is a part of their daily life.

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Nursery School

So far 60 children attend the nursery school. It includes both, day and boarding sections. Only a minority of the children returns home each day, most of the children are full time boarders.

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Primary School

At present 250 pupils are taught in our primary school. In the coming years it will provide primary education to up to 800 pupils.

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In the primary school, all the children are full time boarders.

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Vocational Training Schools

Both boys and girls vocational schools were opened on March 15th, 2006. Courses offered: Construction, Bricklaying and Concrete Practice, Tailoring, Ceramics and Computer Skills.

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Carpentry and Joinery

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Pottery, Tailoring and Design

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Plumbing

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Car Mechanic

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And Media designer

Proposed Courses: Baking, Printing, Electricity and Plumbing, Computer Skills, Hair dressing, Nursing.

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African Village

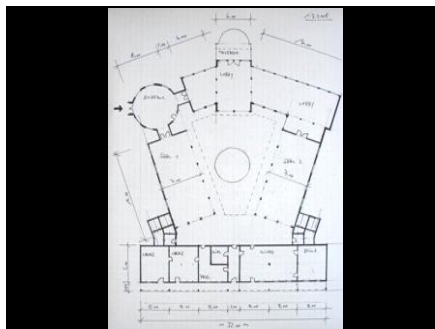
At present an African Village is being built.

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The goal is to host sponsors from Europe who come to visit their sponsored child in Uganda.

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At present a Hotel Management School is under construction. Students trained here will care for the guests of the African Village.

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- Krankenhaus
 - Landwirtschaftsschule
 - Gymnasium
 - Bibelschule
- Hospital •
Agricultural school •
Secondary school •
Bible school •

Future projects

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Due to the many donations within the past three and a half years the land has been transformed into a campus with children's homes, a kindergarten, a primary school, a boys and girls vocational school, an African village and soon to come, a hotel management school.

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