

# Village Partners

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# STORIES FROM THE FIELD



## REACHING THE UNHOUSED

Each week in Tampa, Florida, a group walks downtown seeing the often invisible who live on the streets. Carrying food, coffee, clothing, books, toiletries and other needed supplies, a hand up is offered as a bridge is built to help individuals pass through this difficult period in their lives.

Over the years, we have earned trust and friendship of those we encounter, which has opened our hearts to the shadow world, often invisible, in our community.



Within this community, members care for each other, sharing what they have, helping the most vulnerable, and protecting those unable to protect themselves. The lessons they teach are important for all mankind, as we are each our brothers keeper.

Currently, an average of 70 people are reached weekly, as volunteers connect with each person individually, offering dignity and respect. The generous donations given by so many allow those often unseen to feel the mercy and love of the community, and they know they are not alone.

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## A HAITIAN MIRACLE

Dwensley was 2 yo when he was brought to Mombin Crochu Hospital, suffering from severe acute malnutrition and weighing only 7 kg. Mortality, even with hospitalization and treatment, is as high as 46%, and his risk was great.

Following evaluation and treatment, he was begun on a refeeding program with careful daily monitoring and support. After 1 month his weight reached 9 kg and he began to walk.

He was able to return home to his grateful family and rejoin his community as an active vibrant child. In his mother's words "When I left him, I was afraid I'd never see him again. Now he is home with us and I can't believe how happy he is." In the words of the team, "Every child we help is a victory. Dawensley is an example of what we can accomplish together."



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## PAPOLI, UGANDA

In the village of Papoli, Uganda, VPI has worked with the community-based organization PACODEF to support at risk children and elderly, public health outreach, deliver prenatal care and ensure safe deliveries in the area.



By combining in-patient and homebased care, using village volunteers, this program continues to reach and care for the most vulnerable in the community.





***Village Partners International  
is only able to accomplish its work  
because of your belief in our work,  
your support, and your donations of  
your time and your resources. Your  
gifts have changed lives forever, as  
compassion, kindness and care reach  
across all boundaries to unite us in  
love.***

***Thank you for helping us help others***