



“You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and
a shade from the heat. “

ISAIAH 25:4

MISSIONS PROJECT
#0575

A makeshift roof on a church building is okay in the dry season – but not so good in the rainy season.



Fully constructed church buildings like this one are just waiting for a roof.



It's a very practical way to extend God's grace and ignite hope throughout the developing world!

RAISE
THE **ROOF**

Be a partner with ACOP in this unique, time-limited missions opportunity!



New metal roof keeps out the rain and hot sun.



It's about partnering with believers in developing countries.

God is moving! The church of Christ is exploding numerically around the world, especially in developing countries. A common problem believers in these countries face is a lack of adequate facilities to accommodate this growth.

Local congregations are usually able to provide the land for a church building; often they will even dig out the foundation themselves with pick axes and shovels. Volunteers build the concrete block walls, and in rural areas they may even mold the bricks by hand out of mud and straw. However, in most cases they cannot afford to buy the corrugated metal sheets needed to put a suitable roof on their building, or the wages to hire someone with the engineering expertise to install it.

RAISE the ROOF is about partnering with believers in developing countries, coming alongside them to put roofs on church buildings that they themselves have built.

- ◆ **This creates a sense of pride and ownership** in the people as they see their hard work resulting in a usable church building.
- ◆ **It also provides them with an important evangelistic tool** into their community. In most areas, the church building is not just used as a Sunday gathering place for church members, it also functions as a community center to house literacy classes, orphan feeding programs, and serves as a relief distribution center and medical clinic along with a host of other important community activities.

The cost of roofing a church building varies according to local building codes and material costs; however, the average is between \$2,500 and \$8,000 US per church roof.

How Can You Help?

ACOP Missions Division has partnered with a corporate sponsor who is willing to match dollar-for-dollar all donations received towards the RAISE the ROOF Project in 2010, to a maximum of \$12,500. That means every dollar you give provides two dollars towards a church roof. The potential to raise a total of \$25,000 will help complete between 5 and 10 church roof projects in the coming year. We already have churches in Burkina Faso, Burundi, Malawi, India, and Cuba who have built their church walls as an act of faith, and are now believing God for a roof.



Old church building on the right – new church building with no roof on the left.

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