

village to house orphans

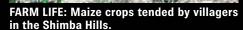




AFRICAN LIFE: Cathy Booth gets to know some of the young orphans and a carer at the Foothills Orphanage.

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PICTURESQUE: Cathy Booth in front of a church nestled on a peak in the Shimba Hills.







HUMBLE: Villagers and Foothills carers boil water for drinking.

open hearts and house African children



DINNER TIME: A young orphan waits for his night-time meal.

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Profits from the hire of the vehicle will go towards the establishment of the Umoja Orphanage and then help with ongoing operation costs.

Since Mrs Booth's original visit, she has returned

twice to meet with Ms Watson and government officials and decide the best way to move forward with her plan.

An old teacher's motto (and, aptly, it was originally an African proverb) is often brought to mind when she works her way through the paperwork and administration involved in starting the charity organisation.

Mrs Booth said educators were often taught that it took an entire village to raise a child to its full potential.

"That's something most teachers will tell you," she

"To raise a child to its full potential, it takes the teacher, it takes the parents, it takes the grandparents, and it takes their friends and neighbours."

A calendar of photographs taken by Mrs Booth while in Kenya is available for sale, as are postcards and Umoja gift vouchers.

She will also start holding fundraising events in Bundaberg, including dinners and trivia nights.

To donate or to find out more about the project, visit http://umojahome.com.



HAPPY TIMES: Villagers enjoy a laugh.

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