

## **SPEAKER'S BUREAU TOPICS:**

### **An overview of the project:**

A family-based model of orphan care, supported by small business micro-loans with training, women's empowerment groups, community peer support, education and psycho-social counselling.

### **Empowering women in developing countries.**

Explore the importance of the role of women in these communities. Women are key drivers of economies and primary caregivers to children. Women's empowerment impacts the whole economy and builds good futures for their children.

### **What makes micro-loans successful in a developing country?**

Explore the importance of identifying and scaling support to the types of businesses that are readily accessible to the local community. Find out about the wrap-around supports that enable women to utilise loans to their best advantage.

### **Family-based care for orphaned and vulnerable children.**

How this model addresses the long term needs of orphaned and abandoned children. Includes the provision of parenting support, counselling and assistance with school fees. The importance of enrichment programmes to compensate for the lack of opportunities available to children from an impoverished background such as computer skills, art, photography, dance, music, sports and leadership skills.

### **Fundraising for small grassroots organisations.**

Small, midsize and larger successes. Some lessons learned over the last 10 years.

### **When helping becomes a barrier to success.**

For a project to become sustainable with diverse, international communities, we need to exercise cultural humility and allow local communities to take ownership. How might this be achieved?

### **Student Mission Trips: harmful or helpful?**

Explore the ways preparation and planning for these trips can educate and promote enlightened and respectful attitudes among participants while also weighing the potential damaging or negative impacts on the members of the host community.