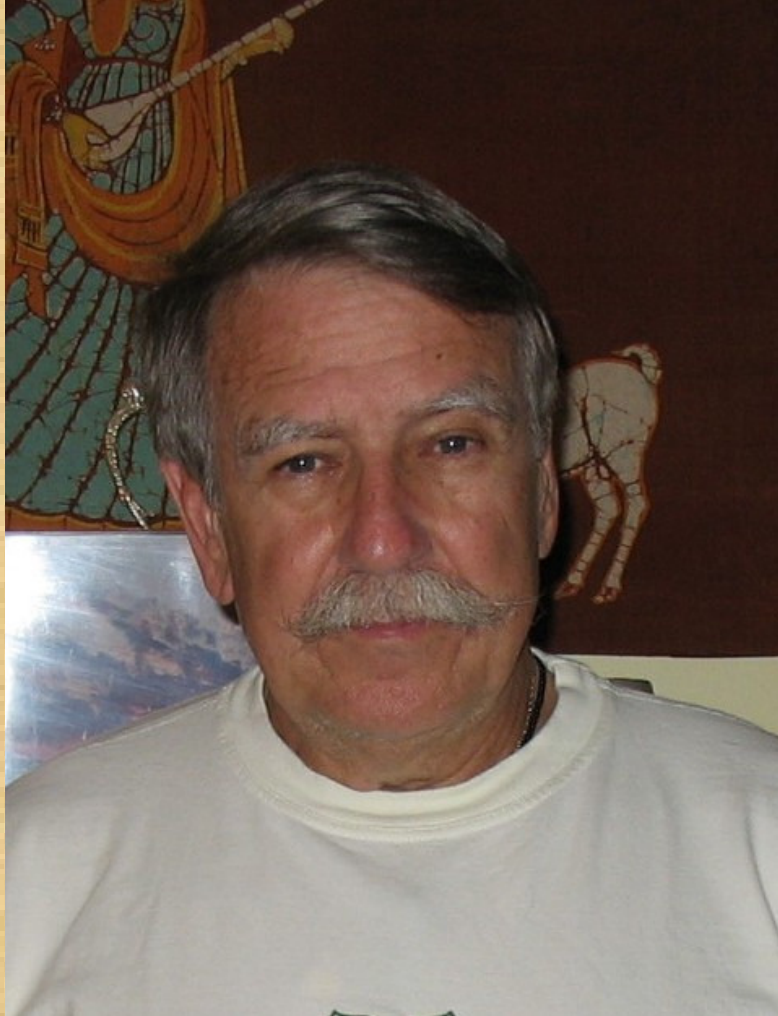


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**Founded 2003**

Larry Hohler is a career educator who spent the 1975-76 school year teaching in Meru, Kenya. That experience gave him a passionate connection to the area and to one student, Joseph Kirima Rwito, who became an educator himself after the Hohlers helped him with tuition. When Joseph expressed a wish to do more for the physical, emotional and educational support of the area's many HIV/AIDS orphans, Mr. Hohler established the Hope Children's Fund to help construct a home in Meru.

The Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home now supports 75 children, ages 6-19, with food, clothing, shelter and medical care so that the children can attend local schools. A technical training center is being added to help students learn useful trades and farm land purchased by the Fund allows the children to assist with growing food for the home.

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