

## WHO WE ARE

The Olmalaika Home, located in Sekenani - on the edge of the Maasai Mara National Reserve in Kenya, provides a safe home and education for young girls who are at risk of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and/or child marriage. FGM is internationally recognized as a violation of the human rights of girls and women, and it is illegal in Kenya. However, in many tribes it is a social convention and is considered a way to prepare a girl for adulthood and marriage. It is mostly carried out on girls between the ages of 7 and 15.

Global Village Ministries (GVM) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in the United States that provides medical and dental care to people in Kenya during three annual service trips. GVM also promotes several long-term projects in the areas they visit, the largest of which is The Olmalaika Home. Completed in 2013, the Home accepts girls ages 12 and under and we currently have 35 girls ages 5-18. The home is totally dependent on donations. The girls who come to Olmalaika know they are valued, loved and have a place they can call home.

