

Preparation for Conversation: Dormitory Project



- **Elevator Pitch:**

(Say something like)

"I have been involved with an incredible organization, let me tell you about what we do... RPI is committed to supporting pastors in rural Uganda, where many lack access to formal education and struggle to lead their communities without proper training. Our current initiative is to raise funds for a \$400,000 dormitory to house pastors during their monthly week-long training sessions at our Bible institute. We've already raised \$_____, and we're working hard to complete this project by the end of this year. Your support can make a direct impact on these pastors' lives and the communities they serve."

- **Engage with Questions:**

Use thought-provoking questions to guide the conversation:

- "What do you think it's like for a pastor in rural Uganda who lacks the financial resources or access to education, yet is expected to lead their community?"
- "Did you know many pastors in rural Uganda don't have formal biblical training?"
- "Why do you think our pastors are susceptible to exploitation?"

Answer: "Without the right education and financial support, rural pastors can be vulnerable to exploitation. They may not have the knowledge or resources to stand firm against manipulative practices. This is why RPI's Sustainability Program is so vital. We don't just equip pastors with theological training, but also provide practical skills, such as agriculture and vocational training. These skills help pastors support their families and communities, protecting them from exploitation and strengthening their ministry."

- **Personal Connection:**

Share why you're passionate about the cause and any personal experiences or stories related to the sponsorship program.

- **Testimonials/Success Stories:**

Share powerful testimonials or success stories that highlight how the pastors' work is transforming their communities.

- **Interactive Element:**

Share brochures about the project and talk through it.

"I've brought some brochures that explain more about this dormitory project. Let me walk you through them and share how we've broken it up into phases. I'll also show you the site plan so you can get a better sense of how we're organizing the project and the space we're working with. It's really exciting to see how each phase will bring us closer to providing a safe and consistent place for pastors during their training."

- **Donation Ask:**

"I want to invite you to join us in this life-changing mission. The total cost of the dormitory project is \$400,000, and with your help, we can reach our goal. We've already raised \$_____. **Would you consider a one-time gift of \$** to help us get one step closer to completing this project by the end of the year? Your donation will directly contribute to providing housing for pastors in need, ensuring they have a safe place to stay while they receive training that will transform their lives and their communities."

- **Newsletter Invite:**

"I would also love for you to stay updated on the impact of your support by signing up for our RPI newsletter. It's a great way to receive inspiring stories, updates on the pastors we're supporting, and more ways to get involved. Would you be willing to share your email so we can keep you informed?"

Leave Behind Materials:

- **FAQ Sheet:**

Leave them with an FAQ sheet that answers any general questions they may have about the project, donation process, and impact of their contributions.

- **Brochures:**

Leave them with a brochure that outlines the dormitory project, including the total cost, timeline, and benefits to the pastors who will benefit from it.

Follow-Up:

- **Schedule a Follow-Up Call or Meeting:**

"Thank you so much for your time today. I really appreciate you taking the time to learn more about this important project. I'd love to follow up in a few days to hear your thoughts or answer any questions that may come up as you consider how you might like to get involved. Would it be okay if I call you next week?"

- **Reminder:**

If they commit or ask to think about it: "I'll follow up with you in [insert time frame] to see if you have any questions or need further information. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me in the meantime."