



Core Purpose, Values & Statement of Faith

Mission: Partnering with rural Rwandans for the spiritual, physical and economic development of their communities.

Seeking first Jesus' Kingdom: loving God and loving people.

We are Christians, serving God.

- Recognizing that our work belongs to God and bringing everything to him with prayer.
- Encouraging full relationship with God from our partners and their beneficiaries
- Caring for individuals and prioritizing their wellbeing.
- Valuing equality and showing respect for all people.

Engaging in business, not for our own profit, but for the benefit of others.

We are a nonprofit support structure for Rwandan social enterprises and community development projects.

Supporting Rwandan initiatives that are creating opportunities for income generation in the rural areas of Rwanda.

- Supporting the promotion of cycles of economic development within communities.
- Honoring the independence of our local partners.
- Committed to ensuring our partners continue to pay fair wages:
 - to create a livable income.
 - honoring the time and skill of the workers.
 - covering the costs they have incurred for their work.
 - in a way that optimizes the opportunities for further work.

Connecting our local partners with friends worldwide:

- nurturing mutual understanding.
- communicating the beauty of rural Rwanda and her people.
- facilitating prayer for one another.
- educating our global community about life in Rwanda.

Providing opportunities for Rwandan partners to develop themselves and to lead others in development of:

- o self
- o craft
- o group and business
- o families
- o communities

in order to see wholeness and thriving in:

- o understanding of self
- o relationship with God
- o relationships with others
- o environment
- o economics
- o security
- o health
- o education

WE ALSO VALUE:

Trustworthiness

- We keep our word to local partners and producers.
- We keep our word to our customers.
- We are honest in our marketing.
- We are not manipulative in our communications.

Transparency

- Financial
- Sharing information with
 - o artisans
 - o customers
 - o other organizations similar to Azizi Life, including competitors, if they are like-minded.

Sustainability

- Financial
 - Encouraging and supporting our Rwandan partners to reach excellence and efficiency in business & development work, but prioritizing people.
 - Making money that can be channeled back to Rwanda to grow their social enterprises or community development project
 - Help & support in developing new business opportunities in Rwanda.
- Structural
 - Helping all Rwanda partners to move towards local ownership whilst staying committed to long term relationship and mentoring
 - Planning with a mind for long-term investment in partnerships for Rwandan social enterprises and community development.
 - Acting as a guide and support while leaving our Rwanda partners with the authority to make their own decisions and direct their own course.
- Visionary
 - Maintaining these core values through the ongoing growth and development of more Rwandan and African partnerships in the coming years.
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Collaboration

- We take a team approach, honoring the ideas of each person, and moving the nonprofit forward together. We choose to be humble and mutually accountable. We believe that each person has an important role to play in serving God through Azizi Life.
- We want to facilitate and encourage collaboration for all our Rwandan partners through open communication and information sharing.
- We do not view like-minded non-profits as competitors, but celebrate all efforts for the development of Rwanda and Africa. We choose to engage with these organizations as encouragers and collaborators.

Statement of Faith

Although Azizi Life (501c3) is committed to working and supporting people of all faith backgrounds, those that serve on the Board of Directors or as officers, as a condition of them joining, agree to the following Statement of Faith (The Nicene Creed):

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.