

## About Rishama

The need for orphan care in Nigeria is great, due to violent civil unrest. Envisioned by Rev. Thomas Maijamaa in 2014, the school and orphanage in Keffi became a reality with the foundation of the non-profit organization, Rishama International, through the work of US volunteers. The girls' hostels (dorms), dining facilities and administration building were dedicated in December, 2018. Rishama International Faith & Hope Christian Academy opened its doors in September 2019, and currently serves 230 students. Construction of a boys' hostel is underway.

In 2019, Rishama put a down payment on 17 acres of land for growing food for the orphanage and school, as well as helping provide extra revenue. Children also learn practical farming skills that they can use when they graduate.



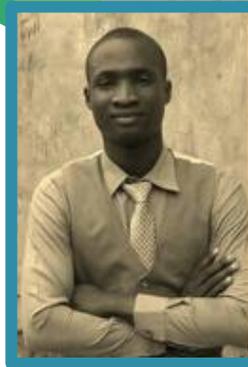
**Rev. Thomas Maijamaa**

Thomas serves as Executive Chairman of Rishama. He is an ordained minister of the word of God in the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), and holds a MS in urban ministry from Westminster Theological Seminary. Thomas and his wife, Hanna, have three sons.

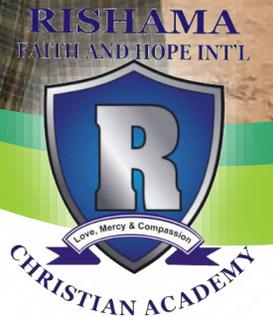
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September 17, 2019

### Peter's Story

I was 9 years old when I came to Rev. Thomas Maijamaa. I was born and raised in a small village where there was good drinking water, but I had no hope of education because I and my siblings only worked in the farm. But glory be to God, Rev. Thomas raised me up to know Jesus and trained me to acquire education. Since Rishama started, I completed my high school last year and I am now a first year student at Federal University of Technology Minna Niger State Nigeria. This is amazing. Praise God. I wish my father were alive to be proud of me because at present I am the only child in my entire village to go to university. I am now 23 years old.



The word "Rishama" is from Rev. Thomas's Mada tribe. Taken from Ezekiel 48:35, the Hebrew "Jehovah Shama" means "The LORD is there".



# Rishama International

A Ministry for African Children

[Rishama.org](http://Rishama.org)

You can sponsor a child for just \$42 a month!



"...So that we may be able to comfort those in any affliction."  
2 Corinthians 1:4

## What Can YOU do?

There are a number of ways you can help care for orphans at Rishama.

- Sponsor a child at the orphanage
- Give a one-time financial gift
- PRAY!
- Sign up for Rishama's monthly newsletter to learn more about the work

For more information, visit

**Rishama.org**

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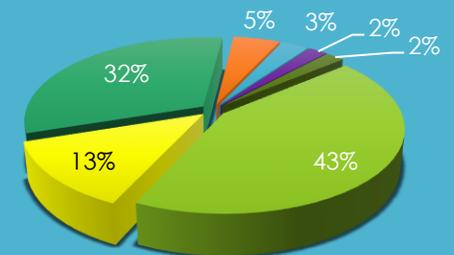
## Our Mission:

To give hope to orphaned, fatherless and impoverished children of Nigeria by providing them with love, superior education, a safe place to live, proper medical care and the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Careful Stewardship

Rishama's US Board is 100% volunteer and takes no salary, so 100% of your donation goes toward the educational expenses, feeding and care of the children at Rishama International Faith and Hope Christian Academy.

### Typical Monthly Expenses (2020)



Education (\$1800)	Staff Salaries (\$545)
Food (\$1354)	Utilities (\$219)
Medical (\$121)	Office Supplies (\$77)
Clothing (\$84)	

Rishama International is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible.

