Jeff Beech, Chief Servant, The Beech Foundation, Inc.

Jeff Beech (MGT 1987) built a career in international consulting as a Global Managing Partner for Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting), and was part of a leadership team responsible for the largest Supply Chain Strategy practice in the world. His accomplishments included work with some of the world’s largest name brand companies, advising them on expanding their operations.

For over two decades Jeff has also combined his business experience with his personal convictions by serving on the boards of over two dozen nonprofit organizations. These include churches, local community organizations, charities, colleges and several startups.

In 2000 he and his wife Greta began The Beech Foundation, which provides assistance to nonprofits and Christian ministries in the areas of business model formation, board and leadership structure, long range and strategic planning, and fundraising, with a focus on community development and outreach.

The core desire of The Beech Foundation is to glorify God by “being a bridge”—bringing solutions and capabilities together in new combinations to make a true and greater difference in the world. This has evolved into a focus on Christian Community Development.

In 2004, The Beech Foundation organized an inter-generational mission trip to Kenya. What started as a short-term mission has become a permanent commitment from several partners and individuals from several states, and representing various Christian denominations, and a variety of nonprofit ministry organizations. The mission has assisted seven churches in Nakuru Kenya establish a new joint ministry: Tumaini Mission Center and Bethany Children’s Home. The foundation partnered with the PCEA Nakuru West network of local churches to purchase 30 acres of land in January 2006, and opened the first wing of the children’s home in January 2007 with 56 children. Ultimately 400 children will be cared for and the Home will be augmented with a primary school, secondary school, clinic, chapel, street girls mission, and more. The economic model at the core of this partnership is built on creating a series of self-sustaining systems and projects. This approach has now generates over 80% of its annual budget locally and serves over 20,000 people per year.

In 2005, Jeff helped found and became the board president of Light House Village, Inc. This organization’s collaborative nonprofit business model brings together three nonprofit organizations on one 27-acre campus in order to maximize resources and opportunities to better serve those in need of specialized residential care. Each organization on the campus targets a need that is not adequately met by other agencies. It will ultimately include a Respite Care Home for Special Needs Children and Adults, Emergency and Temporary Housing and Support Services, and Residential Resource Center for Medically Fragile Children. The latter serves children who have been abandoned or removed from their homes and placed in state custody. The first phase of Light House Village opened in 2008.