




Impact Report



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A Living Faith



If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:16-17

If our faith is to show life, if our faith is to *be* alive, it must be **demonstrated**.

At ECM, we strive to demonstrate our love for God, and our love for others, through our actions. When physical needs are met, people experience hope for today. But something much deeper, and ultimately even more important is accomplished in the process: people are drawn closer to their creator, opening up opportunities through which the gospel can take root, changing their lives for eternity.

That’s why we hold medical clinics, provide educational opportunities for children, teach farming, train teachers, raise funds for surgeries, and provide sunscreen for kids with albinism.

Not only does it improve the lives of the most vulnerable, but it gives them an eternal hope by offering them the opportunity to accept the gift of salvation.

In this report, you will see examples of how you, through your partnership with ECM, have brought this **whole gospel** of Jesus to kids in Ghana, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. May it remind you of how God is working around the world to restore his creation, and how a living faith impacts the lives of his children.

Mark Luckey, Executive Director

Our Vision



Believing that children are Africa's greatest resource, a precious treasure from God, we work toward an Africa where children are valued and respected, living lives of hope and dignity.

Mission Statement

To offer hope, practical help and dignity to African children and their families in the name of Jesus.

Our Focus

Bringing Hope for today, tomorrow, and eternity.

- We bring hope for today by meeting physical needs
- We bring hope for tomorrow by providing opportunities for education
- We bring hope for eternity by focusing on spiritual growth

ECM Leadership

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Medical Outreach Brings Relief



In 2019, ECM conducted three medical clinics in Uganda. The first clinic was held in Naigobya, the home of ECM's newest Hope Center. We had held a "mini-clinic" there in 2018, and sensed that the need was great for a more extensive clinic. We were right! Over 300 people showed up during the two day clinic, looking for help with a variety of medical needs. As is always the case, ECM hired a local doctor to oversee the clinic, giving both credibility to the clinic as well as work for the doctor and local nurses.

A few days later we took our traveling medical show four hours down the road to Tororo, the site of another relatively new ECM Hope Center. This Hope Center services mainly children with albinism, but the clinic was open to everyone in the community. And they took advantage of the opportunity, with over 500 people showing up to receive help. Soon after, ECM-Uganda National Director Brian Mukalazi began to envision a medical clinic in Tororo specifically to meet the special needs of those with albinism. God provided the financing for Brian's big vision, and in December it became a reality. Over 600 people with albinism received medical attention, eye exams, sunglasses, lip balm and sunscreen, capping a great year at ECM for medical outreach!

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Mechanical Evangelism



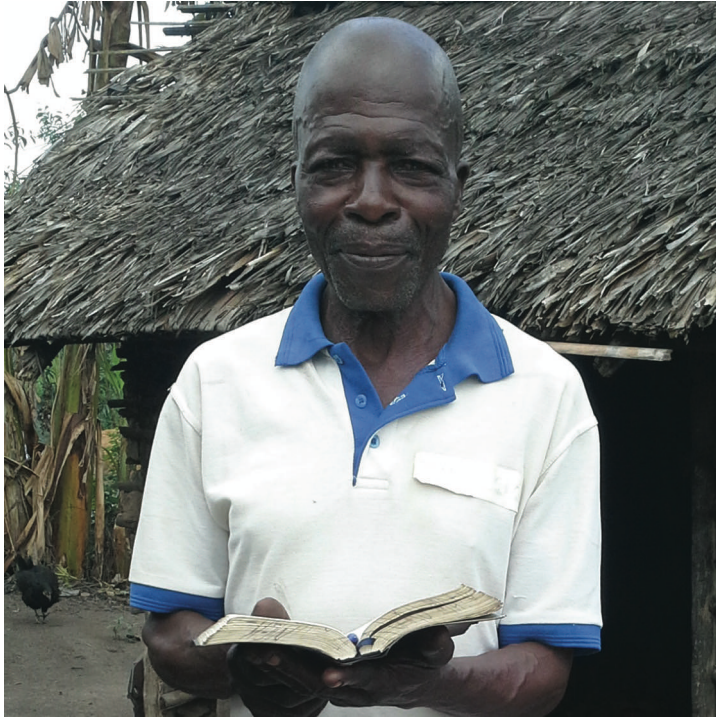
Charles Appiah became a street child when he was eight years old. The second of seven children, Charles left home when his father died and his mother abandoned the children. His grandmother had been taking care of all seven children but there wasn't enough food, so he made the decision to go to the street as a load porter (someone that carries other's items) so that he could get food to eat.

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One day Charles met an ECM staff member (also named Charles) on the road. He approached the man, and the man started asking questions. The conversation ended with the man asking Charles to meet him on Sunday at the main truck stop in Koforidua (where ECM holds a church service every Sunday for street boys and load porters).

During the meeting Charles heard the gospel and was told about ECM, and eventually came to know the Lord. Now 24 years old, he has been supported by ECM in Vocational Training as an auto mechanic. He finished his apprenticeship at Apaak Mechanics in December 2019, and began working there as a mechanic. Soon he hopes to start his own workshop.

Why We Train Sunday School Teachers



When ECM Congo worker Pastor Mupepe visited traditional Teke villages he found three villages entirely taken over by a religious group that most would call a cult. The cult leader, Papa Floribert, had never heard straight untwisted Biblical teaching, but he was spiritually hungry and eager to learn. When Pastor Mupepe tried to organize Sunday school training in Floribert's village, he asked to come. Though his attendance as a cult leader would be out of the ordinary, it was allowed. Who could tell what God might do?

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When Papa Floribert heard the Good News during the training, he knew it was something he wanted for himself. After the training, he came to Pastor Mupepe, declaring that he was repenting of his sins and was trusting Christ as Savior. When he made it known publicly that he was no longer with the cult, half of his former members followed his example and declared their faith in Christ as well.

Madina's Miracle

Ten years ago when Madina Mutesi joined the ECM child sponsorship program in Uganda, she had no idea that her first job would be with the same organization. Her light hair, eyebrows and eyelashes set her apart, but to the majority her uniqueness was an item of ridicule. "I grew up in a home with five aunties who had several other children to take care of. It was not easy to have me in school, a situation worsened by the fact that I was a child with albinism," says Madina.

Madina was born in the slums, where people live by "survival of the fittest." "People often called me a ghost," she says. Despite discrimination, Madina would always stand her ground, displaying confidence in herself. Growing up in a world where persons with albinism are considered to be ghosts and viewed by others as either curses or demi-gods that bring wealth, did not make it easy to thrive, but also did not deter her from pursuing her goals in life.

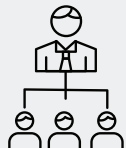
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After completing high school, Madina enrolled in a 6-month confectionary course under the "Skilling the Youth" initiative. Because of her outstanding performance, the manager for the initiative chose her to give a speech before the President of Uganda on behalf of over 8,000 other graduates. The presidential handshake that followed is one Madina says she will remember for life.

On her employment with ECM, Madina says, "I didn't expect this. I never thought that ECM could employ me some day, but it's now my opportunity to give back." Madina will be working under the Special Needs and Albinism Program, the same program under which she was identified and given a future ten years ago. We are proud of her accomplishments and her courage!

Our Faith in Action



90 volunteers donated over
800 hours of their time! Thank
you volunteers!



64 young adults participated in
advanced education and training
opportunities through the Next
Step program.

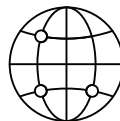
29 children were reunited in full or part
with their families through the Haven of
Hope Reintegration Program in Ghana.



5 young adults graduated from
their programs and moved from
sponsorship to independence.



36 formerly homeless children
were loved and cared for at Haven
of Hope Children's Home.



14 mission trip participants served
in a variety of ways in Uganda and
Ghana

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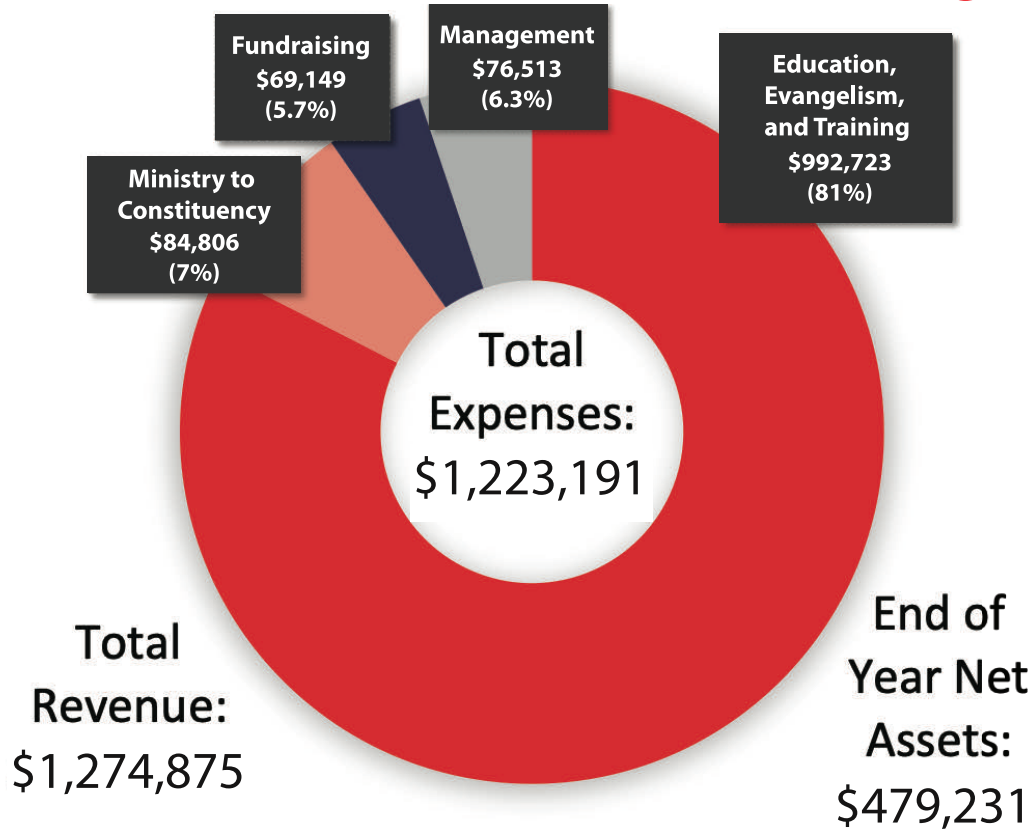
With an increase in 2019
of nearly **800**, ECM has
now started over **4300**
Sunday Schools in Congo!



Spiritual guidance was provided for
over **325** sponsored children
through ECM's Saturday Bible Clubs.



Stewardship



Wisely stewarding the financial resources we receive is incredibly important to us! Each gift given is greatly appreciated and is used as efficiently as possible to further the vision and mission of ECM. We thank God frequently for our financial partners and commit to using the funds provided with integrity and transparency.



Note: Financial data is for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

See www.ecmafrica.org or contact our office for complete financial records.

ECM Missionaries: Impacting

Sharise Riether

Sharise joined the ECM team in 2017, and lives in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She is in the process of establishing a daycare in the capital city of Kinshasa called **Beautiful Blessings**, a safe place where babies and young children are cared for while their mothers are learning a trade to lift themselves out of poverty. Sharise's goal is to love and care for children, bringing the life and joy that comes from knowing Jesus and experiencing God's love.



Lorella Rouster

Lorella and her husband John founded ECM in 1985. Lorella continues to serve by writing Bible lessons for children in the Kituba language, enabling Sunday School teachers to evangelize and disciple the new generation in Congo. Her goal, through **The Mwinda Project**, is to create a library of lessons covering all the major events of the Bible. Lorella travels to Congo periodically to evaluate teachers as they use the lessons and to confer with Congolese staff for training, evaluation, strategizing and prayer!

Russ and Marcia Baugh

Russ and Marcia partnered with ECM in 2011 to establish **The Way Home**, a ministry to widowed grandmothers caring for their orphaned grandchildren. In addition to building homes for the widows, The Way Home also offers extensive Bible teaching, Farming God's Way training, mentoring, and preventative nursing care. The Baughs also operate The Way Home Discipleship Training Center, where pastors and other Christian leaders receive much needed Bible training.



Linda Moore

Linda has been an ECM missionary in Uganda since 2017. Her ministry, **Shining the Light**, serves vulnerable women and children, with a special focus on those who are deaf. She teaches children skills to help them succeed in life, conducts Saturday Clubs, and shares the gospel by word and action.

Lives with a *Living Faith*

Cathy Hayes

Cathy has been serving with ECM in Uganda since 2011. She obtained her Ugandan nursing license so that she could assist staff nurses at Gulu Regional Hospital. She also ministers outside of the hospital, with ECM staff, through Saturday Clubs, working with children with albinism, and overseeing the health of the children in the Tegotatoo Hope Center.



Wayne and Bonnie Hollyoak

Wayne and Bonnie became ECM child sponsors in 2013, and eventually ECM missionaries in 2018. Through their ministry ***In His Care*** they show the love of Christ to the forgotten children of Africa, with a special focus on children with albinism. They were instrumental in the development and production of locally made sunscreen for children with albinism.



Jim and Carolyn Driscoll

Jim and Carolyn have served with ECM in Ghana since 2007. After having served for many years at Haven of Hope, they relocated to the Central Region of Ghana. They have a heart for evangelism and church planting, and are involved with helping ECM sponsored school children who are at risk to traffickers. The Driscolls host Bible studies in their home and conduct pastor/teacher training, especially in the areas of lesson preparation and evangelism.



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