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IMPACT  
REPORT 2020

# NO EXCUSES. EVER.

As we were returning from Uganda in mid-March of 2020, we heard some rumblings of travel restrictions for passengers traveling through Belgium. When we arrived at the airport in Brussels, we found mass confusion, tired and bewildered faces, and a whole lot of uncertainty about what to do next. Fortunately, we were able to safely transit through, beating the mad rush back home for thousands of US citizens.

Now, a year later, I still sometimes wonder what hit us. Of course, I know it was COVID-19, but it seems that there was, and is, so much more. Despite having more answers, we are left with more questions. It seems to me that much of the world is still confused, tired, bewildered, and very uncertain about what to do next.

Thanks to God's graciousness, we didn't face uncertainty at ECM in 2020. Your consistent prayers and giving made it possible for us to press on through the most difficult of times. We continued to be inspired by the countless kids in our programs who carried on, refusing to make excuses despite the huge obstacles they needed to overcome. Like our kids, we refuse to make excuses for what we might not have accomplished in 2020. Instead, we see their persistence and determination, and pledge to be equally as determined to accomplish our mission to bring hope, help, and dignity to African children and their families.

I hope you are as inspired as we have been this past year as you read through the stories on the following pages. May they remind you of God's love for each of us, and how our love for others helps spread the Gospel to those most in need.

More determined than ever,



Mark Luckey, Executive Director



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# 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

### US Board of Directors

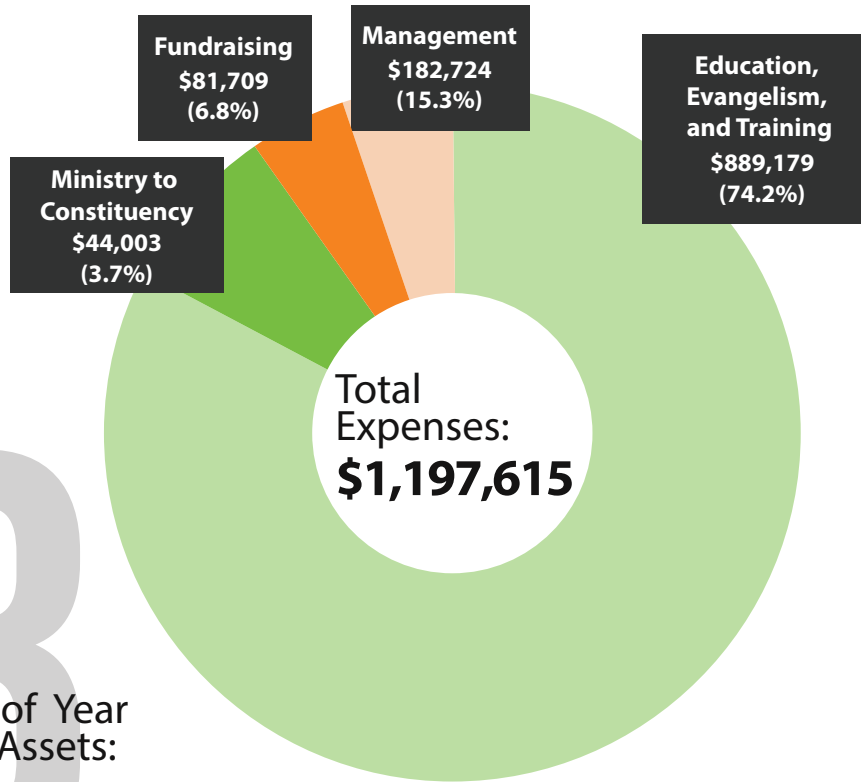
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“ECM PROVIDES SUNSCREEN FOR OUR CHILDREN WITH ALBINISM. IT IS SO IMPORTANT, YET MANY CANNOT AFFORD IT.”

# 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, 2020.**

**See [www.ecmafrica.org](http://www.ecmafrica.org) or contact our office for complete financial records.**

**Total Revenue:**  
**\$1,189,505**

**End of Year Net Assets:**  
**\$491,157**



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Despite the challenges of 2020, God was still on the move!



65 community children in Ghana were introduced to Jesus through Bible classes held by Haven of Hope staff.



More than 350 families were counseled, mentored, and encouraged by ECM national staff during the pandemic.



When schools closed because of COVID, ECM provided scholastic and personal materials so students could continue to learn at home! Some Hope Centers were even able to provide teachers to teach the kids at home!



In December, a medical outreach clinic was held in Nakifuma for people with albinism, and 120 children and caregivers were served!



75 women living in the Katwe slums of Kampala, Uganda received training in tailoring so they could better care for their families.



We learned how to get creative with our fundraisers and, even though we had to change things up a bit, they were still very successful and fun!



Over \$8,000 worth of food was purchased and delivered to 445 needy families during lockdowns.



We learned how to work efficiently at home and how to utilize more digital avenues to continue getting information, hope, and help to people.

# YOUR IMPACT

## Judith

In between her two arms she holds a pen and jots down a word. The doctor asks her for more words and she goes on and on. It is just amazing!

"She can wash her underwear. She even eats by herself" says Scovia Abbo, Judith Abbo's mother. This is so surprising because nine years ago Judith was born with no hands and no feet. Despite her condition, however, Scovia has continued to encourage and support Judith to grow and achieve her purpose in life!

Although she is ridiculed and mocked by others on a daily basis, Judith presses on. **"Friends abuse her. People stand by the road side just to look at her"** says her mother. This is very troubling to young Judith but she is a hardworking and brilliant little girl and continues to make friends and excel in school.

In fact, probably the most impressive thing about Judith is her determination to get to school each day! Judith's school, Mbula Primary, is **3 km away** from her home and she must walk there. Judith has very old wooden shoes that she uses for walking but they cause her much physical pain when supporting the weight of her body for long distances. Even still, she perseveres despite the pain and despite the distance. **She is determined to live a full and beautiful life no matter her circumstances, and we are more determined than ever to help her!**



**"JUDITH SHOWS INCREDIBLE DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED DESPITE HAVING NO HANDS AND FEET."**



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## Loriane

Loriane Minkoto began attending Sunday school as a young child in the town of Idiofa. She was taught by Odette Mupese, wife of Pastor Madioko. The two were trained at Mission Garizim in 2004.

**At the age of ten, Loriane realized her need for a Savior.** She thought about it for several months as Mama Odette faithfully taught the Bible lesson each week. At the end of each lesson, Mama Odette appealed to those who had not yet received Christ. Loriane knew she was talking to her, but she took some time to think about what it would mean to become a follower of Jesus.

**Finally, around 2007, Loriane responded, opening her life to Christ.** She continued to grow in the Lord and her parents soon noticed a difference in Loriane's attitude and swiftness to obey.

Today Loriane is in her second year of university, studying computer science in her hometown, still true to Jesus. In her teens and young adulthood, Loriane says she has faced many sexual temptations. Having children out of wedlock is almost the accepted norm where she lives! But through the Word of God that she learned in Sunday school, she has been able to keep herself sexually pure, waiting for the godly man God will bring to her in marriage. Her church family attests that she is determined to persevere in purity. **All because of Sunday school!**

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# YOUR IMPACT

## Dominic

As soon as Dominic Kimera Sunday was born, while he was still in the hospital, his father disowned him and his mother abandoned him.

They did this because little Dominic was born with albinism. Dominic went to live with his grandmother who named him Sunday because she loved going to church with him on Sundays. She took him to school and taught him how to work and how to behave.

When Dominic was seven years old both his mother and grandmother passed away. People ridiculed him and he began to lose hope in life. It was when Dominic went to live with his aunt in Kampala that ECM arrived in the area and he was received into the sponsorship program.

With the help of his sponsor, **he completed his Ordinary Level Certificate of Education (equivalent to a US High School diploma)** and had the chance to receive some training in Sunday school ministry. He was sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship and is now a qualified Sunday school teacher! He is also a gospel singer and has been on TV sharing about albinism!

Dominic says, "I am very grateful to God for all the opportunities because I want to change the lives of other children who have lost hope like I did. Today I stand up and praise God and say, 'long live ECM!' **I am very grateful to the staff for all the support, and for changing my life and giving me hope. Because I now know about Jesus, I know that I am created in His image and my skin color makes no difference to Him.**"

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## Caring for the Disabled

# YOUR IMPACT

Every Child Ministries Uganda, in partnership with Katalemwa Cheshire Home for Rehabilitation Services, implemented a three-day project for Children with Disabilities from June 25 to June 27, 2020.

The outreach had a great turnout and recorded many significant achievements. For example:

- **A total of 38 children with disabilities received in-depth professional assessments and their specific medical needs were determined. Most of these children were receiving such services for the first time in their lives.**
- **Many rehabilitation services were offered to the children, including physical therapy, counseling, occupational therapy, and nutritional rehabilitation.**
- **Care givers were trained on appropriate care that can enable their children to live better lives.**
- **Relief food was given to 23 families caring for children with disabilities. Since the lockdown brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the care givers, most of whom are single mothers, did not have access to sufficient food to feed their families.**

Since the time of the clinic, ECM has followed up with many of the children and their families to ensure that the children acquire the recommended assistive devices, such as wheelchairs and walkers, that they need. ECM is helping to make sure that caretakers are properly trained to care for their children, and that they receive counseling, support and spiritual guidance so they can more effectively participate in the rehabilitation process. Since most of the care givers are single mothers without jobs, providing 24-hour support to their children, ECM is also exploring income generating activities to help these families sustain themselves.



“ALMOST 40 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES WERE SERVED AT OUR 3 DAY OUTREACH!”

# MISSIONARIES

## Cathy Hayes:

"I will never forget the year 2020 and how God kept me healthy and provided all my needs in the midst of a pandemic! The obstacles I faced, God turned into wonderful opportunities. I ministered God's love to others by sharing encouraging Bible verses and providing essential food items to those in need."



## Linda Moore:

"Even in the midst of lockdown we thrived and God brought us together and made us closer and stronger. Our small groups became counseling sessions where children felt freedom to open up about their home life and we prayed and we cried. Through it all, God made us stronger."



## Wayne and Bonnie Hollyoak:

"This year God has used this ministry to develop and provide sunscreen for people with albinism. Youth and adults have learned welding, bicycle repair, wood working, tailoring, farming, poultry and sandal making. We continue to train ECM workers and youth, the community and other organizations for the purpose of sharing God's love."



## Lorella Rouster:

"Long months of quarantine have meant I had to delay my annual ministry trip to Congo, but have also given me even more time for writing my "through-the-Bible" lessons. This has enabled me to get ahead of schedule—about half-way through the Bible. Also, teachers were encouraged to teach small groups in their own homes rather than gathering in large groups. One teacher led his wife and child to Christ! Praise God!"



# OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

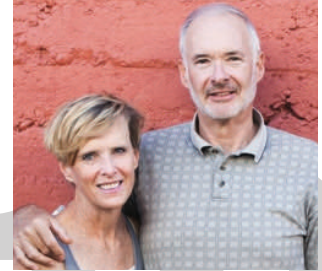


## Sharise Riether:

"Though it didn't look anything like what I expected the year to look like, I was able to prepare and create lessons for the ministry I am starting and attend several conferences which prepared me more than I could have imagined. I was also able to get 16 girls sponsored for school. That was a huge blessing and happened because I was in the US to see people! God provided throughout the whole time, even though it was never how I could have imagined my year going!"

## Russ and Marcia Baugh:

"2020 was a year of ministry of God's own purpose and grace. We witnessed God working with us extending the Gospel, securing homes and improving food security for the poorest of the poor, those widowed grannies God gave us, each raising her orphaned grandchildren, receiving Christs' comfort, security and satisfaction. Well-done honoring God this past year, Way Home staff! (2 Timothy 1:9)"



## Jim and Carolyn Driscoll:

"Looking at the challenges, we can easily say that this was one of the toughest years of our ministry and even our personal lives. But we can honestly say that we would not ever want to exchange our pain and suffering for the opportunity afforded us in sharing Jesus with those that don't know Him and are struggling with difficult circumstances."



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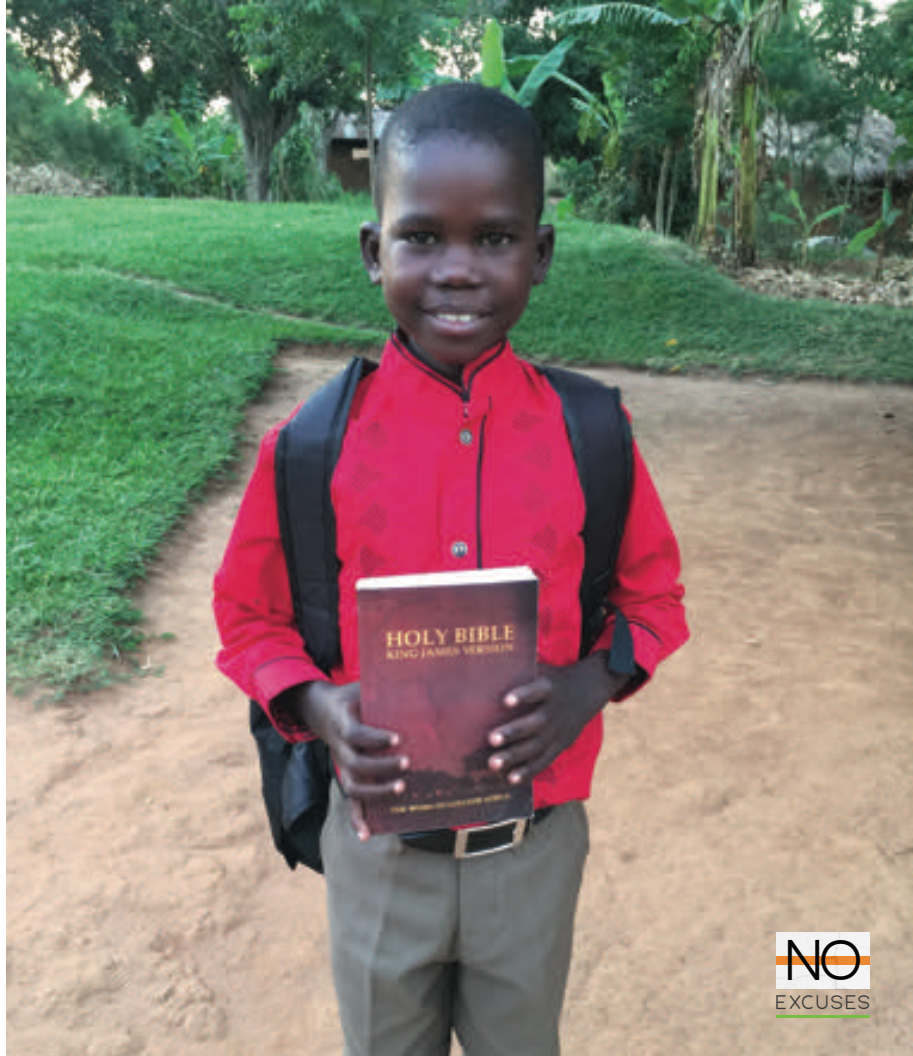
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