

2023 Annual Impact Report



Every Child Ministries

Our *Mission*

Transforming lives in Jesus' name by offering hope, help, and dignity to children, families, and communities.

Our *Vision*

Transformed children transforming the world.

Our *Values*

Our God given PURPOSE is to be: Passionate, United, Reaching out, Partnership minded, Obedient, Servants, and Evangelistic.



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A Whole New World

Before you start humming music from Aladdin, think for a minute about having your whole world literally changed. And not just changed, but changed for the better. A whole new world is a **reality** for the children whose lives are touched by the Gospel.

And it wouldn't happen without you. This past year, you've brought world-changing help to those with the greatest needs. Here are just a few examples highlighted in this report:

- *Imagine being deaf and having no way to communicate, but then being taught sign language at a Christian school. **A whole new world!***
- *Imagine watching a mission facility be used for nearly 35 years, only to have it given to your church and community to be used to help **you** reach others with the love of Jesus. **A whole new world!***
- *Imagine living as a child with a large tumor on your face, feeling hopeless, only to be blessed with medical care that takes away the tumor and brings hope. **A whole new world!***
- *Imagine receiving a Bible for the very first time, being able to hold God's precious Word in your hands and read it every day. **A whole new world!***

The Good News means a whole new world for those who come to know Jesus. The hope that comes through knowing Him is both the truth that drives ECM *and* the result of our efforts. Together, let's keep introducing kids, families, and communities to a whole new world, for today and for eternity.



Mark Luckey
International Executive Director



Congo Deaf Ministry



Through our new Congo Deaf Ministry, twelve sponsored deaf children have started school for the first time in their lives! As you can imagine, some of them were a bit apprehensive, starting out on a new adventure into something totally unknown.

These kids have a lot of catching up to do, but we know they will make great strides. **We are so grateful for your support which gives them this wonderful opportunity.**

A few of the children are still unable to communicate, and attempts to do so with them can cause them great fear. However, they are now in the hands of caring and experienced teachers, some of whom have been teaching the deaf for 25 years.

The children are learning how to

The Christian Church for the Deaf in Congo is growing and thriving thanks to ECM's new Deaf Ministry!

communicate in sign language and this will open up a whole new world for them! **Please pray for these students as they adjust and for our new deaf ministry to grow and thrive!**

As part of the new deaf ministry ECM also recently employed two evangelists to begin visiting the deaf at the Christian Church for the Deaf of Congo. The members there were getting discouraged but when ECM stepped in, they realized they were not alone. Interest stirred and the believers began meeting together again. Enthusiasm is now high and attendance is growing, all because ECM simply showed these dear deaf brothers and sisters that somebody cares and is thinking of them!



Some of our new deaf students on their first day of school. This was their first time in school EVER!

Stewardship

Prudently managing our financial resources is crucial. We value each donation, ensuring it's used effectively to advance ECM's vision. Grateful for our supporters, we pledge to handle funds with honesty and openness, all while thanking God for your generosity.



Total Revenue	\$1,968,828.00
Total Expenses	\$2,015,992.00
End of Year Net Assets	\$756,786.00

The Breakdown:

\$1,673,311

Education,
Evangelism,
Training

\$10,705

Ministry to
Constituency

\$235,539

Management

\$96,437

Fundraising

A Bible In Their Hands



At ECM, we desire to help children know who Christ Jesus is from an early age. Knowing, believing, and sharing the gospel is the most important thing we can ever do. We love seeing our children grow in their understanding as they realize that God is real and that they can put their faith in Him. We love to nurture and disciple these young minds as they grow in their relationship with the Lord.

Pictured below is staff from our Sogakope Hope Center in Ghana handing out Bibles to students at Agorkpo Junior High School. This high school hosts a regular worship service for the spiritual growth of the students, but most of the students did not have a copy of God's word. The students were overjoyed when they each received their very own Bible.

The Gospel needs to be proclaimed in all communities and to all ages! But there is a transformative power that takes place when the gospel is shared with kids. Seeing the passion and love for God in our children motivates us to continue our mission to share Christ's love with those we serve.



The Spirit was moving as ECM staff handed out Bibles at a worship service at Agorkpo Junior High School in Ghana.

The year *in review*

Uganda

1,820

people empowered by gifts given through our gift catalog.

280

children with albinism received sun screen lotions, sun/reading glasses, UV shirts/hats, etc.

45

people learned to thrive under our Family Empowerment Program.

Ghana

700

people heard the gospel through school ministry, Bible clubs and discipleship programs.

150

people received free medical screening.

36

children cared for at Haven of Hope Children's Home.

Congo

1,104

new Sunday school teachers trained.

12

deaf children started school.

388

new Sunday schools established.



Triny - Then and Now



Many of you may remember Triny, a girl in Uganda with a large facial mass that ECM helped, beginning back in 2016. Triny has a rare case of fibrous dysplasia which causes normal bone tissue to be replaced by scar like tissue.

Triny had many surgeries but the tumor kept growing and reappearing again. ECM helped her receive the proper surgeries and medical support she needed as well as helped her continue in her education.

Eight years later, Triny is now 18 years old and, praise God, is doing very well! Her health is in great condition, although she continues to need a few additional surgeries to keep the tumor growth at bay as she grows. She is excelling in school and thriving socially!

Triny's dream is to become a specialist surgeon. Thank you so much to all those who followed along with Triny's story. She is a success because of your prayer and partnership. THANK YOU!!

TRINY

THROUGH GOD'S GRACE AND YOUR SUPPORT
TRINY IS NOW THRIVING!

Then



Now



The Repurposing of Mission Garizim



In December 2023 ECM officially handed Mission Garizim over to the CEEC church in Congo! Mission Garizim is a Sunday School training facility started by ECM founders, John and Lorella Rouster, in 1990. During ECM's early days, Mission Garizim was the main way ECM developed teacher trainers to multiply Sunday schools throughout Congo. People from all over Congo would come to Mission Garizim to be trained at one central location.

The name Garizim was chosen because it means Hill of Blessing and that is exactly what Mission Garizim has been for over 30 years! God has used Garizim to develop over 160 new trainers, to help over 6,000 churches establish and strengthen Sunday schools, and to win thousands to Christ.

Alot has changed since Garizim was started and, over time, the focus has shifted to portable

training centers, which allow ECM to reach more distant areas and train people in their local language. With the new system in place, there is much less need for a training center at Garizim.

When ECM opened Mission Garizim, our agreement was that when we no longer needed the mission, we would turn it over to the CEEC church that helped us get it. Thus, it's time for the church to receive the mission, use it as a Christian school, and continue the medical clinic there. Mission Garizim has fulfilled its purpose! Now the buildings will continue to be used to further the cause of Christ in the hands of the local church. It will still be a blessing! We have many wonderful memories of Garizim, but we know this decision will continue to advance the spread of the Gospel, and we trust the CEEC church to use wisely the new treasure they have received!



After 33 years, ECM has handed over Mission Garizim, our first Sunday school teacher training location in Congo, to the local church to now be used as a Christian school and continued medical clinic.

Our Missionaries



CATHY HAYES

Cathy works as a volunteer nurse at Gulu Hospital in Uganda and also does Bible and leadership training.



JIM AND CAROLYN DRISCOLL

Jim and Carolyn's ministry in Ghana is community evangelism and helping children at risk of being trafficked.



JOSET WELLS

Joset's ministry in Uganda is focused on showing children, regardless of disability, that they are deeply loved.



KEVIN AND ANGELA BLANK

Kevin and Angela have a ministry working with children and families in the Buikwe District of Uganda.



LINDA MOORE

Linda serves in Uganda educating, equipping and empowering the vulnerable, the broken, and the outcast.





Our Missionaries



LITA SUMMERS

Lita is currently building her support team and training for the ministry. She plans to serve in Kinshasa, DR Congo.



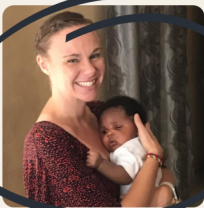
LORELLA ROUSTER

Lorella and her husband John founded ECM in 1985. She now serves Congolese families through the Mwindia Project.



MARCIA BAUGH

Marcia serves grandmothers raising their orphaned grandkids through her ministry, The Way Home, in Uganda.



SHARISE RIETHER

Sharise's ministry, Beautiful Blessings, in Congo provides child care for mothers learning a trade.



WAYNE AND BONNIE HOLLYOAK

Wayne and Bonnie's ministry, In HIS Care, finds a variety of ways to reach children who are in need in Uganda.

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our partners for your
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