Sharing the Hope

Why It Matters More Than Anything

At ECM, we are not primarily in the business of filling stomachs, providing clothing, and making sure kids have a chance for a good education, though we do all those things and more.

We are primarily in the business of bringing hope.

Some hope is for today. It comes from a good meal, a needed surgery, a new dress, or a chance to attend school. This hope is integral to everything we do, but alone it is not enough.

The best hope is one for eternity, the hope that carries us through all that we endure, because we are confident of an eternal reward. It is a hope based on the good news of Jesus, and the knowledge that God loves us deeply. This is the hope we share with children in Africa.

In 2017, we fed, clothed, educated, and mentored thousands of kids. We trained teachers, encouraged caregivers, taught farming, shoe making, and tailoring, led Bible studies, and evangelized communities and schools. And the common thread running through each and every activity, event, and encounter, was a desire to share the hope of Jesus with as many people as possible.

Because of your partnership with ECM, the only hope that really matters reached deep into the souls of the poorest and most needy, bringing joy beyond measure, and life-changing hope for today and eternity.

"We can live about forty days without food, about three days without water, about eight minutes without air, but almost no time at all without hope". - Unknown

100% of all people need Hope!
Finances

Why do donors give to ECM? Why do you give?

We hope it's because you, like all of us at ECM, want to share the hope of Jesus with the poor, the orphan, and the vulnerable. At ECM, we like to think that our donors are giving through us, not to us. You can partner confidently with ECM, knowing that we will use your gift wisely, effectively, and efficiently to touch as many lives as possible with life-changing hope. No gift is wasted, and every dollar given, in some way, impacts a life.

You can count on it!

Management $62,211  
Fundraising $59,258  
Programming $1,028,121

Financial data is for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. See www.ecmafrica.org or contact us for complete financial records.
Leadership

**US Board of Directors**

David Bryant, Chairman
Joe Joniec, Vice Chairman and Treasurer
Carl Lane, Board Member
Lee Lane, Board Member
Bob Eriks, Board Member

**Executive Leadership**

Mark Luckey, International Executive Director, USA
Sophie Owor Akello, Acting National Director, Uganda
Thompson Afari, National Director, Ghana
Jean-Pierre Mayele, National Director, Democratic Republic of Congo

Local advisory boards in Ghana and Uganda provide invaluable insight and leadership for ECM projects in Africa.

The following ECM partners are members of the John and Lorella Rouster Legacy Circle:

Martha Eriks
John and Lorella Rouster
Ruth Nelson
Sharyl Albright
Robin Schneider
Tommy and Lillian Johnson
Tom and Holly Keithley
Marilyn Denhart
Leslie Bailey
David Bryant
Bob and Denise Elder
Doyle and Sara Johnson
Joe and Lasca Joniec
Jack and Susan Krajnak
Carl and Lee Lane
James and Donna Lindell
Irene Mitchell
Whitney Rouster
Roy Schwarz and Joann Schmidt
Daniel and Carrie Slusser
Melanie Zerbey
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hanson
Jim and Marit Wallin
Mark and Stacy Luckey

1300+

Volunteer Hours logged by US volunteers in 2017!
**Our Focus**

**Orphans and Vulnerable Children**
At the very heart of everything we do are the needs of vulnerable children. Every one of our programs and projects align with our mission to bring these incredibly special children hope, help, and dignity.

**Education**
Almost nothing gives a child more hope than a good education. Our goal is to give our children every chance to be the very best that God has created them to be, and it starts with a proper education.

**Community Development and Evangelism**
Whether it's evangelizing at local schools, restoring street kids to their families, raising chickens and pigs, or helping to stop child trafficking, ECM workers in Ghana, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo are busy sharing the love of Jesus in very practical ways, making sure that kids both hear about *and* experience the love of God!

**Leadership Training**
Training leaders for the future is one of our most important tasks. ECM provides leadership training for schools, staff members, and church leaders. These trained national leaders impact the children of Africa in ways western missionaries never could.
2017 Highlights

- **14** homes built for widowed grandmothers
- **Famine relief** in Eastern and Northern Uganda
- **3000** pairs of shoes for needy families in Ghana
- **112** secondary and **9** university students received advanced education
- **388** children sponsored
- **64** children with albinism learned that they have incredible value in God's eyes
- **45** teens received vocational training
2017 Highlights

Cosmic Bowling Fundraising Event

2 new missionaries accepted for 2018

Sharise Riether
DRC

Linda Moore
Uganda

700 lbs of Sunday School materials developed and delivered to DR Congo

4 teachers from Calvary Church in Valparaiso, IN mentored teachers from St. Paul Primary School in Uganda

35 bunk beds plus bedding for Haven of Hope Children's Home in Ghana

84 street kids returned to their families in DRC

9 children with special needs received life-changing help
Every Child Ministries 2017

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