2023
Year In Review

Wow, what a year it has been! We are so grateful for God's blessings and for the opportunity to continue empowering the next generation of Christ-centered leaders who will make a difference in their communities. Thank you for being a part of loving and nurturing this growing family! Here's some highlights of our year together!

Youth Empowerment

Intentionally Journeying with 250 vulnerable youth a year

15 youth started our LEAD program in Uganda

5 Interns served full time with us this year

2 Alumni went to Zambia for a Sports Ministry Training

LEAD

Our LEAD program aims to disciple youths and the first phase was lead by South African mentors. Fifteen young people gathered daily for classes to learn who they are in Christ, study the Bible, memorize Scripture, and participate in outreaches. The program helps the youth practically serve others and their community as well. The youths embraced the training and have shown amazing growth over the last few months. They now are all doing vocational internships throughout the area of Kampala.

Interns

This year, our team had the privilege of working with **five interns** in Uganda. Interns are a crucial aspect of our team, providing us with additional manpower while also receiving guidance and mentorship throughout their time with us. This experience allows us to develop deeper connections and build stronger relationships with one another, and learn skills that will make them employable.

Alumni

The team regularly works with alumni to provide support, updates and planning for future events, and training opportunities. Some alumni have started businesses, continued education, or created non-profits. Two alumni recently attended a sports training seminar in Zambia to further develop their community sports outreach programs.

Community Transformation

5,500 children & youth attended camps

36 students at the Learning Center

13 Church gardens

220 Individual gardens

1 School garden

150 Village Leaders trained in 5 curriculums

South Africa Ministry Base Development

Monthly Gatherings

This year we held many camps (8 youth camps, 2 sports camps, and 6 kids camps). In Uganda, a monthly camp for youth and local communities focuses on identity in Christ, character development, and team building activities.

Sportsmanship was the focus of two sports camps in Uganda and South Africa, which had about 60 youth in attendance each. Netball, soccer, and Christ-centered coaching methods were the main areas of training.

We hold bi-monthly camps for children aged 4-14 in Uganda and provide local volunteer training. Additionally, we train hundreds of churches in South Africa in youth-centered ministry curriculums.

Churches

150 ministry leaders from 15 churches in South Africa focused on World Lead, Reach for Life, STOP trafficking, AWANA and Foundations for Farming training. Thirteen of the fifteen churches have established gardens that serve as training hubs, already providing sustainable solutions for 220 families in the last four months.

Learning Center

A team in Uganda aims to support underprivileged children in the area through a Learning Center providing morning and afternoon classes to supplement formal education. With 36 current students, the team hopes to empower guardians to save for their children's future education. The team has undergone training in the Roots to Fruits curriculum, which prioritizes Christian values and will help tutor in other local schools as well.

AWANA

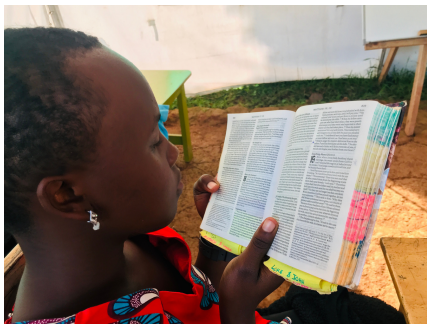
Not only do we do AWANA at our land but we also have the privilege of partnering with a few other schools in the community. We provide training for the teachers as well as help run the program at the schools. We soon will be adding Foundations for Farming to a few locations, bridging strong relationships with our local community.

Community Bible Fellowship

We aim to increase our cell groups in each place we work. This is where individuals can gather for fellowship, engage in Bible study, and deepen their understanding of God. This merges both youth and community members and offers a space to bond and share testimonies and prayer requests.

Our team is able to pray with them, encourage them and let them know that they can always come to fellowship when they face challenges. As a result of these weekly gatherings there have been a number of young people who have given their lives to the Lord.

There is a also a desire to have our own church on our farm in Uganda. We currently network with several churches and have leaders share words of encouragement with the community.



If you have interest in joining a future team to serve in Africa or have time to help us in our Billings office, please contact us for further information. Contact info on the last page!

School Partnership

Our team in South Africa partnered with a local high school and did outreach events, sharing the love of Jesus and raising awareness about human trafficking. The events were attended by around 1,000 students and staff, and there were also fun activities, praise and worship, and a dance performance by some alumni. Additionally, a garden was started at the school through this partnership that will feed hundreds of students.

Business Sustainability

Building Update

Although it has been a gradual process, we are thrilled to announce that we have officially registered, and are now waiting for the paperwork to finalize the title deed for our new headquarters. Our next steps include raising additional funds for the purchase of the building and for essential renovations that will allow us to move into the building. (There is more information on the enclosed flyer.)

Business Training

Todd, one of our volunteers, blessed us with a week of business training and leadership skills for 17 of our promising entrepreneurs in South Africa.

Visitors

11 Volunteers

We are so grateful that we had 11 visitors work alongside our teams this year and share their unique talents with us. From teaching and woodworking to art, sports, and business, there was a diverse range of skills that added value and training to our programs.

From the Executive Director

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for partnering with us through prayer and support this year!

We are on an exciting journey and believe God is with us. We couldn't do this without you, His child, willing to sacrificially give from the resources He has entrusted to you!

We value your prayers and please reach out if there are ways you feel lead to join our team and partner with us.

With Gratitude,
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