

Wrapping Up 2023



LEAD Program

Sept-Dec 2023

The young participants of the LEAD program have successfully transitioned into their designated internship roles, demonstrating impressive dedication and proficiency throughout October. These budding interns have showcased an outstanding degree of professionalism and devotion to their work.

The program has placed five talented young women – Sandra, Rose, Mercy, Skyler, and Grace – in hairdressing internships at salons located in Kampala and Wakiso. Jackie is interning at the Wakiso district offices, while Sarah is gaining invaluable insight at the SAY offices in Gimbo. Among the five young men in the program, Jonathan and Stanley are honing their skills at a workshop, while Bright is also working alongside Jackie at the Wakiso district offices. Further placements include Emmanuel as an intern on a construction site in Wakiso, and Samson at the Red Cross branch situated in Wakiso.

Upon completion of their internships at the end of November, all twelve interns were celebrated in a special graduation ceremony.



AWANA

This year we have had AWANA at three venues, the SAY Gimbo land, St. Ludigo primary school and at Hope Christian Life church, with a total of 300 children. The children love Awana and it is the highlight of their month, week and day whenever the club meets.



In South Africa, the team focused on the next phase of training AWANA leaders; the emphasis has been on putting into practice the teaching and learning techniques introduced in the previous phases. These sessions focused on equipping teachers with the necessary skills and tools to effectively implement the program's curriculum in their respective churches.



VBS Camp

The objective of the VBS Camp was to create an environment where children could develop a deeper understanding of their faith, learn valuable life lessons, and foster connections with their peers.



The VBS Camp was a huge success with an impressive attendance of 120 children! These students received a spiritually enriching experience that they will always remember. The camp offered a variety of activities which were designed to engage and captivate the children. These activities included:

- Bible Study Sessions: The children participated in interactive sessions that helped enhance their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.
- Group Games: Exciting group games were organized to help promote teamwork and enhance the participants' social skills.
- Music and Worship: The children deepened their spiritual connection through music and worship sessions.



Community Bible Fellowship

Since October, we've studied 25 chapters and made significant progress in reading God's word. Alongside reading the Bible, we've also prioritized prayer. This year, we've made an impact on many young people, and by God's grace, five of them have given their lives to Christ.

Our final fellowship for the year took place on November 29th. To stay connected, we've created a WhatsApp group to continue communicating, reading the Bible, and having discussions. We plan to resume our fellowship as soon as we open up for 2024.



Learning Center

In June of this year, Sarah and Martha attended a Roots to Fruits training program in Gulu, which inspired the creation of the Learning Center. In the past five months, thirty-six children have attended the Learning Center and participated in four days of weekly classes.

Our team of five committed teachers has volunteered their time to educate these children. The children, who initially lacked confidence and struggled with basic literacy and numeracy skills, have shown remarkable progress. They can now read, write and speak fluently, and demonstrate a newfound confidence in their abilities.

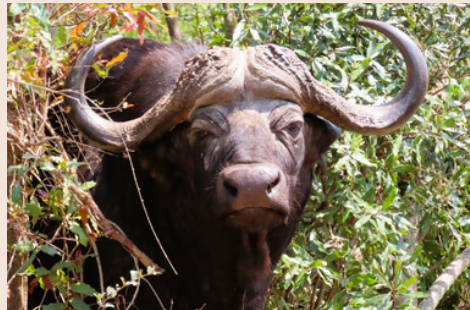
As the year draws to a close, our team held a meeting with parents to establish a collaborative framework towards building an educational foundation for their children.



Refreshment

Our team enjoyed a refreshing mini-vacation at Kruger National Park, as part of our team-building and heritage month celebration. We were treated to breathtaking views of scenery and were able to witness the park's diverse wildlife firsthand.

The experience was humbling and reminded us of the grandeur of God's creation, as well as the care and attention to detail given to nature and humankind. We are grateful to the management and the Turner family for their hospitality and for providing us with an inspiring opportunity to reflect on the magnificence of the natural world.



Earrings

The South African office staff decided to launch a small earring shop within their own workspace, utilizing recycled materials like plastic bottles, beads and wires. They also advertised their products on social media platforms and received a few orders and inquiries.



Nursery



At the nursery, there is an array of trees including mangoes, avocados, oranges, and lemons that are being prepared for budding and grafting in the upcoming year. Additionally, the nursery has a collection of herbs such as mint, rosemary, basil, and thyme that are being planted in anticipation of the coming year.

US Update

We want to thank Berkshire & Hathaway for providing our free office space in Billings! This is such a gift and they have made us feel right at home.



Amy Hall has relocated to PA to be closer to family but we are thankful that she is still working remotely for the organization.



While there is a lot Amy can do from afar there are still some things that we need help with in Billings. We are thankful for Kim and Carol as they are taking hands to keep all administrative tasks going here in Billings.

Heather has successfully traveled thousands of miles to key partners throughout the US this fall. We are so thankful for each partner joining hands with us to fulfill the great commission.



THANK YOU!
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2023 Fundraising Update

Operations is our largest budget category. This category includes all 16 of our indigenous staff's salaries, building utilities and maintenance, vehicle upkeep, facilitators/teachers, food for multiple ministry programs and camps, farming supplies, and transportation for our staff and interns to do outreach. We need about \$20,000 monthly to run these basic operations in all 3 countries and to be able to regularly impact the lives of hundreds of youth and children. We have \$30,000 to go to complete our 2023 Ministry Goal.



Operations

Goal: \$240,000

Raised: \$210,000

Need: \$30,000



Building

Goal: \$186,000

Raised: \$175,591

Need: \$10,409

Renovations

Goal: \$68,000

Raised: \$0

Need: \$68,000

Total Needed: \$78,409

We want to celebrate with you that we have raised \$175,591 towards our goal of \$254,000! The cost of the building is almost covered and then we will work on transferring the title to our name. Thanks to your generous donations, the building will be able to be purchased outright, without a loan!

The remaining funds will go to essential renovations needed to fully utilize this space for offices, ministry outreach, and sustainable projects. We have \$78,409 left to raise to meet this goal.

When you give towards our US staff support, this allows Heather, Amy H, and Amy L, the US board and US volunteers to keep our US headquarters in good standing and stewarding your gifts well.

If you are able to give a skill or gift-in-kind, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us or visit our website for further information.



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