

Year in Review

2022



A Year of Refining

After two years of chaos, caused by the pandemic, 2022 gave us an opportunity to re-evaluate our ministry goals, measure successes and refine our method of serving the children and families of East Africa. Thank you to everyone who gave wise counsel, funding, and prayer support this year.

As you read of the achievements in this letter, please know that God used you to make it happen. When, "we," is mentioned, this means you! May God bless you for your faithfulness!

Jessica Page
Executive Director

By the Numbers

- \$279,184 given for Shepherd's Heart to steward for the Kingdom
- 5 current and ongoing projects
- 150+ children and families served

In 2022 the Lord provided us with \$279,184 to steward for His Kingdom.

Here are some of the ways we were able to serve others with the donations entrusted to us:



House of Mercy Children's Home

House of Mercy is a safe haven for children who have been orphaned, abandoned or removed from their home by local authorities. The House of Mercy strives to reintegrate the children back into their families or place them in the care of a relative whenever possible.

The home benefits 90 children directly and many more children and families through food and clothing donations.

Shepherd's Heart fully supports the running of the home. We provide education for every child, medical care, staff salaries, food, supplies and utilities.

Youth Empowerment Programs

We work to provide vulnerable children with tools they need to succeed in life.

Career Direct by Crown Financial

Career Direct is an assessment that we began giving in 2022 to all of our high school graduates. This is an assessment that is aimed at helping the student chart a course for work that they love and dramatically increase their job satisfaction and find meaningful work.



Scholarships

We provide education scholarships to students at the House of Mercy Children's Home, including college and technical school training. We also provide scholarships for more than 40 vulnerable youth.



Dignity for Daughters and Sons Program:

We partner with a Kenyan high school to provide sanitary supplies for girls and undergarments for the boys each month. Our staff were allowed to speak with and encourage the students for one hour each month. Not having the appropriate attire and monthly sanitary supplies causes students to miss a great deal of school.

Young girls are also lured by older men with the promise of providing sanitary supplies to them in exchange for their "company".

We thank God that none of the students in our program have any reason to be susceptible to these predators.

Note: We currently have enough support to continue this program for a few more months-if you would like to help, please visit our website under "Projects".

Success story:

According to the schools principal, absenteeism has decreased in the girls from an average of 30% each month to less than 5% since we began our program!

Family Preservation

Chosen Generation Community

The Chosen Generation Program provides social work services for several vulnerable families. We provide scholarships for vulnerable children, job training and start up grants for families, medical care and counseling services .

Goodwill Heart Community Outreach

Goodwill Heart is a church based outreach program that works to support vulnerable children and their families through prayer, counseling, emergency meals, scholarships, job training, alcohol and drug rehabilitation and medical care. The community supports more than 50 families.

“ We work to strengthen and equip families at risk of disintegration due to poverty, war, death or natural disaster. ”



What's New?



Shepherds Heart International School

We have recently come to realize that there is a great need for more quality schools in Kenya. We have students in more than 40 different schools of varying degrees of quality education. God birthed an idea of starting a Christian International School that can provide quality Christian education for our students as well as those from the community.

We desire to have the school completed and open by January 2024, which is a huge task!

The school will not only provide quality education, but also provide jobs for dozens of teachers, administrators and staff.

Several of our House of Mercy graduates have degrees that they are not able to use due to lack of employment opportunities. This would be a way to provide meaningful employment for them and others struggling to find work.

We have just began fundraising for the project. The first step is purchasing the land. We have a plot in mind but have no provision yet for the land.

If you feel called to invest in the Kingdom work of this school, please visit our website for more information.

In Memory

On December 5th, 2022 we lost a beloved partner and friend in a tragic car accident. Pastor Joseph Gideon Kerongo was struck by a speeding commercial vehicle while on his way to deliver food to the families in his care.

He was the founder of the Goodwill Heart Community, married to Jacinta with 5 children. His humility and love of children is what drew us to him upon our first meeting. Pastor Joseph loved God, loved his family, and he loved those no one else took notice of.

Evidence of his faithful sharing of the gospel and discipleship can be seen in the smooth running of his village church after his passing. He was gifted at raising up leaders in the church and encouraging those in desperate situations.

One of our staff followed him to the homes he visited for an entire week and the situations he dealt with on a daily basis were astounding.

A few examples were: visiting the home of a witchdoctor to pray for him to receive Christ and put away the practices of darkness, counseling several families devastated by alcohol abuse and left with no furniture or food in their home, finding a young lady tied to her bed because she would run off if she were loosed.

Pastor Joseph faced all of these issues and more on a weekly basis while providing for his family by cutting trees for others.

We were able to visit his family a few weeks ago and with the help friends from the U.S. in the area, we made a plan for continuing the work of God through Pastor Joseph's wife and adult son. We have also began training his son to raise hens to provide an income for his mother and sisters.

Pastor Joseph had begun making his own bricks in order to build a better home for his family. We would love to finish this home for them. **If you would like to help, please visit our website for more information.**

