

February 2013

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

FUNDRAISING

As a non-profit, fundraising becomes a necessary function of our operation. It helps fill in the areas over and above what our monthly donors provide and allows us to supply additional necessities for the children. This past year, we were blessed with folks who came to us and volunteered various forms of fundraising events.

Catch The Vision Fashion Show

If you missed this one, it was a delight. Our teenage girls in Kamina, DRC, along with their instructor, made many beautiful garments in various sizes and they were shipped to us. These were worn during the event by local models. There was a free-will offering during the event and \$1,200 was collected. There are still pieces of clothing that are for sale. If interested, visit our website and click on Fashion Show under Gallery to view these items. Many thanks to the Cline family for this big event and their heart for our children.

Second Annual Concert for the Congo

After such a success from our 2011 concert, the band volunteered to perform again in 2012. It was an even bigger hit this year and brought in \$3,500 in free-will donations. And, new sponsors of our children were added to the COR family. Thanks to all the band members for their talents, initiative, and their volunteer time away from their jobs and families.

Second Annual CK5K

Our Congo Kids 5k race was held again this year on a beautiful September day. Many returned from the previous year and new people joined us. After the race, many wonderful prizes were given away along with the medals. This year the grand prize was a hotel stay in Hawaii, donated by Journeys Peake Travel Agency, which was won by Patrick Weed. We grossed \$6,100 and signed up two more monthly donors.

50-Mile Marathon

Two marathon runners came to us this year and said they would like to run a 50-mile marathon and donate funds collected for their efforts to our non-profit. This was held during the summer and they collected



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a total of \$1,500. We thank them very much for their efforts and their idea of doing this for the children.

Heart 2 Heart

Springfield Faith Center's annual Heart 2 Heart was held again this past year in November. City of Refuge had a booth selling small baked goods, totes and tea. We brought in \$174 from these sales.

Christmas

Every year we send enough funds to the DRC for our children to have a special Christmas party, hot meal, and new clothes. We also add enough funds to feed orphaned children that are not yet in our program and have no food nor place to stay. Total children fed this past Christmas was 1,900! Our Christmas letter to our donors, and those of you who contributed to COR at Christmas time ear marked Christmas, brought in \$3,100. We thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. This is a very big time of year for the children and they await it all year, as do all children.

Recycle

Probably our biggest fundraiser is our Recycling. The first Sunday of each month, there is a pickup in the parking lot of Springfield Faith Center for people to drop off their recycle bottles and cans. During the past year, you recycled a total of \$4,100. All of these funds go towards the education of 12 high school scholars who are not in our orphan program. These are children who may or may not be orphans and were not going to school simply due to poverty. They are now attending and doing well. During 2012, two of these students graduated from high school and are now going to college. This, too, is from the recycling. Thanks to all of you who bring your car loads of bottles and cans each 1st Sunday. You are awesome and are making such a difference in the education of these 14 students.

PROGRAMS

Our Mission Statement is to serve the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo by contributing to humanitarian causes, crisis relief, and medical and religious efforts. As part of this statement, we partnered with malnourished pregnant women in Kamina, DRC and women's healthcare providers to launch the Malnourished Pregnant Women's Project. The lack of adequate nutrients during pregnancy leads to a multitude of complications, including high rates of mother and infant mortality. We are providing food and prenatal medical care, with the plan of sustaining supplementation through the lactation period. Additionally, in hopes of empowering participants economically, women receive livestock and bicycles as well.



Mission Possible Kids, a group of children from Garden Way Church, decided to help the Malnourished Pregnant Women's Project. They made and sold crafts at their church, raising enough money to purchase six bicycles! These same children earned enough money in 2011 to purchase six goats, and are an inspiration to us all. Thank you Mission Possible Kids and Garden Way.



Micro Loan Program

Our "goat" fund continues to do well. Our goats are now having kids of their own which supplies the families with milk and finances when they can sell their product. To date, we have sent enough funds to purchase 70 goats. Thanks to you all for these specially designated funds.

Vocational Ed Program

Our girls' sewing program is continuing and the girls are learning to sew more garments. We have been able to not only provide a few sewing machines, but fabric as well. We are in the process of starting a new fund for the boys. This will be our **Bicycle Repair Shop Program**. As funds come in, we will be assisting the boys in setting up a repair shop, buying the supplies and tools, and learning how to repair bicycles for others. These special projects for the boys and girls make all the difference to them. It not only gives them life skills and provides a way for them to earn funds, but gives them something to do after school and in their spare time. For those of you who have donated to the Vocational Ed Programs, you're making a huge difference in their lives.

OTHER NEWS

Now and then, we receive news from Kamina that is not always good. During the year, one of our Foster mothers died suddenly of a heart attack. We supplied funds for her burial. Two of our children left the Program to move to another city with their Foster family. We miss them and hope they are doing well. Last summer, and again early in 2013, dysentery and plaque spread through the city. Children were the hardest hit. Last summer we sent funds for 122 children to receive vaccinations and enough for the other children in their households. However, the outbreak in January, 2013 was especially hard. Seventeen of our children were hospitalized in critical condition and we lost one of our boys. He had been with the program since we started when he was age 6. This is extremely sad for everyone.

A Sanitary Campaign was started in Kamina to get rid of the mosquitoes. COR sent funds to help start this campaign and others matched it. Water areas were cleaned and areas were sprayed. This will be an ongoing event.

We held our Annual Donor's Dinner in the Fall of 2012 to thank all of our donors for everything you do. We simply could not be accomplishing what we have without your financial support and love for the children. We hope you enjoyed your dinner and the new video that was shown.

2012 FINANCES

Program Costs	73.8%
Fundraising	17.1
Management	<u>9.1</u>
	<u>100.0%</u>

Pat May, Treasurer