



2017
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



ORCHARD: AFRICA

A MESSAGE FROM **MICHELLE TESSENDORF** CEO/CO-FOUNDER



At Orchard: Africa, we place great value on people. As our partner, we know you do too. Which is why it is important to all of us that we minister to people in a meaningful way that brings lasting impact in their life.

At the beginning of 2015, we started a 5-year plan that, in short, is to “go deep”. We want to ensure that our work is not superficial but rather that it brings long-term solutions not only short-term relief. As a result, we have gone back to villages we have supported in the past and worked at adding depth and value to their projects.

We have added an agricultural component to many of the feeding projects. The purpose of this is to ensure that churches receive assistance to feed orphaned and vulnerable children and that they also work toward sustainability of their feeding projects. Added to that, we want to see individuals within the community not only take hand outs, but also be willing to receive a hand up. I am pleased to say that halfway through our “going deep” plan, your partnership has made it possible for both church and individual food gardens to flourish in poor communities.

Our pre-school curriculum is finally written and is being implemented with much success. Using this curriculum, a village church can start a pre-school in the remotest of areas. With staff who only have a high school qualification, children

can still receive an outstanding education. The curriculum provides daily lessons, work sheets, books and the materials they need on a day-to-day basis. Education is a key ingredient to breaking out of poverty and because of your partnership, village churches can provide their little ones with every opportunity to succeed at school.

A final phase of our “going deep” plan is to provide a next step for children who age out of our current programs. Young adults need to be able to make a way for themselves when the formal sector does not. We are in process with this and your support is making this project possible, for which we are so grateful. You coming alongside us as we in turn come alongside these tender adults, makes every inch that we dig deep worth it.

Although going deep is a 5-year plan, we have found that we are ahead of our goals. What a great place to be! We want to reach as many communities as possible so, while going deep, the next two years will also see us going wide again with our Food & Agriculture Program, as well as with our Care of orphaned and vulnerable children. More churches, more villages, more people being reached!

I started off saying that we value people. What we value is important. Values show us who we are. In this Annual Report, you will see what work has been done and also *how* the work has been done. Our Core Values have guided us in the “how” and you can read these on the back page of this report. As a partner of this ministry I trust that you see your own values reflected in the work we have all done together.

With much gratitude,

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“For it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” Philippians 2:13

MINISTRY

The Ministry program focuses on training, mentoring, and equipping local African pastors and their churches to respond to the immediate needs of their own community.

60

Churches Running Sustainable Programs

45

Church-Run Programs Funded

623

Pastors Trained To Be Community Leaders

EDUCATION

The Education program helps local churches start a preschool, provide an after-school learning center, and conduct life skills and entrepreneurial training for older students.

6,620

Church Preschool Students

260,892

Educated on HIV/AIDS Prevention

1,072,075

Learning Center Visits

346

Adults Trained in Small Business & Life Skills

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

The Food & Agriculture program emphasizes food security by providing meals and teaching communities to grow their own food using sustainable vertical gardening techniques.

9,427,811

Meals Served

9

Active Community Gardens

478

Individuals Trained in Vertical Farming

216

Families Using Farms-in-a-Bag

204,824

Home Care Visits To The Sick

8,099

Families Provided with Social Services

71,051

Children Completed Orphan Intervention Program

CARE

The Care program equips church leaders to be the hands and feet of Jesus. They care for orphans and the vulnerable through home-based care, trauma counseling, HIV/AIDS prevention, and orphan intervention.

ORCHARD: JOURNEYS DURING 2017

14

Teams Went on Journey Trips

348

Villagers Attended Team-Run Courses

180

Individuals on Those Journey Teams

75 years old

Is the Age of the Oldest Team Member

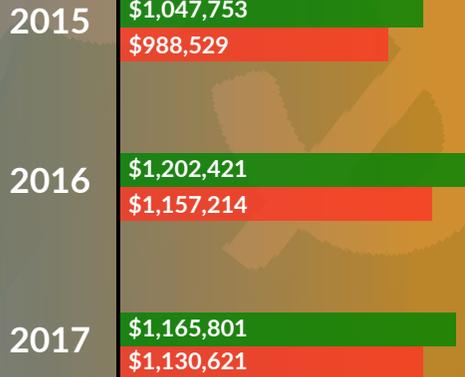
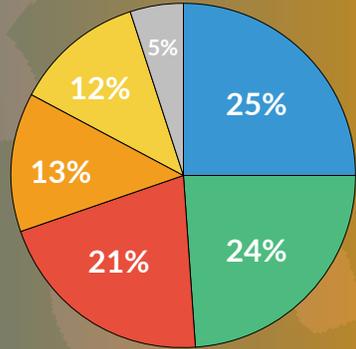
12 years old

Is the Age of the Youngest Team Member

13

Different States were Represented

2017 FINANCES



CORE VALUES ...continued from Michelle's message

TRUST

Trust in God is the start, the end and everything in the middle. This is God's work to do entirely as He pleases. We trust His goodness and mercy and love for us and for those we serve. Trust in each other is the platform from which we work. We choose trust over suspicion.

Philippians 2:13

RESPECT

We respect those we serve. We are aware that blundering compassionate responses can hurt people. We don't want to hurt people. We don't take on paternal roles. We respect the right of our beneficiaries to choose for themselves. We don't force our ideas, programs or projects on anybody – that would be disrespectful. We believe in respectful, equal partnerships.

James 2: 8-9

UNYIELDING LOVE

We choose God's never ending love. We find ways to practically demonstrate the value of those we are called to serve. We outdo each other in love. This is demonstrated in sacrificial service. Our love does not end, even toward those we personally find unlovable.

Romans 12:9-10

SINCERE GODLY WISDOM

We ask God for wisdom. What we perceive to be God's wisdom is done with sincerity of heart. We don't flippantly use the phrase "God said." We fear the Lord and we do not use His name to endorse our own desires. We don't follow trends simply to be trendy. We will wisely change our methods to fulfill our purpose but will not change the message of Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:12

TANGIBLE SIMPLICITY OF HEART AND MINISTRY

Simplicity is a heart condition and is tangibly evident in all that we do. Success is not measured by how complex we are, how big we are, how much we own or other outward things. Success is measured by life change. We present the Gospel, our mission and our programs simply and without complexity. We plan to win and be successful and this is measured against simple, tangible goals. In presenting our ministry to potential partners we present our vision with honesty. We inform of legitimate needs and then allow the Holy Spirit to be the one who convinces and leads people. We never exploit those we serve in order to increase giving, nor do we make use of gimmicky techniques. We are not given to exaggeration nor do we plead, cajole or manipulate emotions.

Acts 2: 46-47