

HOPE FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN AFRICA

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Achieving New Heights

“But you, God, see the trouble of the afflicted. You consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to you; you are the helper of the fatherless.” - Psalm 10:14

Hope for Grieving Children Africa donors help improve the lives of orphans who are traumatized by parental loss.

We are grateful to our donors who help us in our work to bring **HOPE AND HEALING** to thousands of children in Africa who don't see a future for themselves because of the grief they are experiencing. But thanks to **YOUR SUPPORT**, these children are beginning to see how God is working in their lives and they are hopeful about what the future holds – a future that God has planned for them.

2016 OVERVIEW

In 2016, we **ENGAGED** with a record number of orphans, caregivers, community leaders and pastors through our *How to Love a Grieving Child Training Course* sessions.

We saw caregivers in four different African countries **EQUIPPED** to effectively help the vulnerable children they serve.

Through our *MASTERS School of Ministry and Vocation* we saw young adult orphans empowered to achieve their God given capacity as productive members in society.

Best of all, community leaders and pastors participating in our train-the-trainer course **LAUNCHED** hundreds of creative, sustainable grass roots orphan care initiatives in their own communities!



OUR MISSION

Hope for Grieving Children-Africa is a training ministry designed to equip pastors, caregivers and leaders, with the knowledge and skills needed to bring hope and healing to vulnerable children who have been traumatized by parental loss.

...I was looking at them (orphans) as outcasts, but with this training I received a new direction and new approach to them. I have been really able to help their anger and sadness. - Children's Home Worker

OUR VISION

Vulnerable children recover from the debilitating impact of parental loss, by improving their cognitive and emotional functioning, and regaining their God given capacity to function in a family and community setting.

2016 PROGRAM IMPACT

2016 was a great year as we continued to impact the care of orphans through our key program initiatives. Here is a glimpse into the outcomes associated with our major programs.



1. We **ENGAGED** pastors and orphan caregivers by training them in our *How to Love a Grieving Child Caregiver Course*!

Outcome: 95 Pastors and 135 caregivers were trained to guide orphans through the trauma associated with losing their parents.

2. We **EQUIPPED** pastors and caregivers through our *How to Love a Grieving Child Train the Trainer Course*!

Outcome: 70 individuals were certified to train others using our signature *How to Love a Grieving Child Caregiver Course*.



3. We strengthened our work through developing a network of partner organizations to help us deliver our training resources to **EMPOWER** even more individuals and Sub Saharan African countries!

Outcome: We actively engaged a partnership with **5 organizations** committed to similar work:

- Bloom Africa
- Baylor Children's Hospital Clinical Center of Excellence - Lesotho
- SOS Children's Villages International
- Forgotten Voices International
- e3 Partners Community Transformation Initiative

Outcome: We expanded our reach into Zimbabwe, Malawi and Lesotho.



...with your willingness to come and train, the awarding of certificates and all the prayer and support you gave us, our caregivers feel very honored. They've never felt honored before. They feel like they are really doing something now.
- Administrator of Children's Nest Orphanage

4. We **LAUNCHED** young adult orphans into personal and economic stability through our MASTERS Ministry and Vocational School.

Outcome: We graduated another class of **12 young adult orphans**

Outcome: **30 of our 34 graduates** are now fully employed or have begun sustainable businesses.



In summarizing all the individual outcomes presented above, we think we had a fantastic year!

- **300** were trained to provide care to orphans
- **3,000 orphans** are receiving informed help from the caregivers we trained



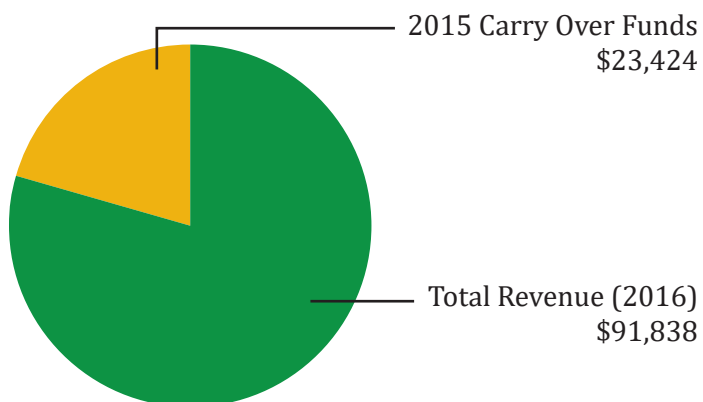
AN ADDED BONUS!

We take great care in continuing to support those we have previously trained. Following our training presentations, we schedule follow up visits to monitor their progress and provide additional support where needed. This year we documented a wonderful surprise...

Those we trained have gone on to start more than 300 grass roots orphan care projects of their own!

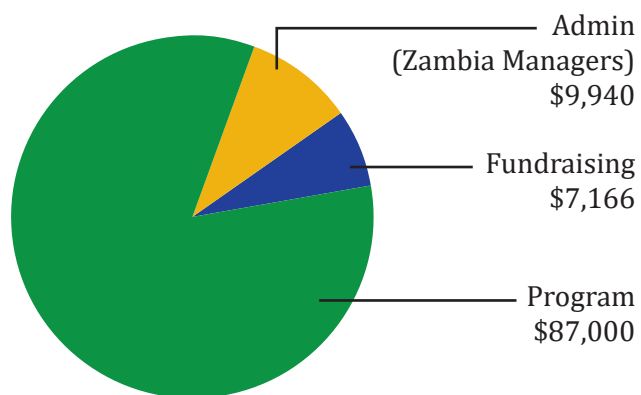
2016 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Funding



Total Revenue + Carry Over = \$115,262

Expense



2016 Total Expense = \$104,106

STORIES OF INSPIRATION

Ernest Shaka

Ernest attended our very first How to Love a Grieving Child Train-the-Trainer Course in Lesotho last year. Ernest serves as the Director of Counseling for the Baylor Children's Hospital in Lesotho. In this role, he coordinates all counseling efforts for mothers and children who have just received a positive HIV diagnosis. ***"I knew grief was a root cause of every addiction and medicine compliance issue faced by those I counseled so I determined to use my new skills in every session. The results have been more than I could have expected!"***

Ernest not only uses his new training skills with those he counsels, but trains all incoming hospital clinical staff in the HGCA curriculum. Ernest also uses the HGCA training with mother-to-mother support groups that he runs for mothers with HIV+ children. Also, he has begun to use his skills leading teen support groups called *Teen Club* (11-18 year old youth) and *Wise Ones* (18-24 year old youth). Most of these children are orphaned or dealing with very vulnerable family situations. Says Ernest; ***"these kids struggle. They don't know why but I help them see and then recover from their emotions of losing parents and the pain of their HIV+ status. This training has helped me so much!"***

Ernest has conducted more than 20 trainings involving more than 200 participants who care for more than 1,000 orphaned children. He has plans for several more trainings in Lesotho this year. His creativity and passion for the people of Lesotho and for the mandate of Hope for Grieving Children is amazing. Well done Ernest we are inspired by you!



Gibson

Gibson is a third-year MASTERS graduate. Typical for most students, his life was hard and his family impoverished. His father was an alcoholic, frequently abusing Gibson's mother and siblings. Gibson carried tremendous pressure to provide some sense of security in his home.

As he learned the promises of Scripture and his identity in Christ, he applied these principles to his family situation. By understanding the power of prayer and the redeeming power of Christ, Gibson regularly spent entire nights at home fasting and praying for his father and his family. Upon graduation, Gibson received a small business grant. He managed to purchase two used X-box video controllers and two very used TVs along with two video games. He collected odd pieces of lumber, cardboard and used plastic to erect a shelter and open a makeshift video arcade. Each child paid a small amount of money for 30 minutes of video gaming, and got more than they expected. Gibson often would pray and encourage the kids who were waiting for their turn at the games. His prayers for his family also paid off. Impacted by the transformation in Gibson, his father was freed from the grip of alcohol, has gotten a job with the local bus company and the family is beginning to thrive. Well done Gibson! You are indeed bringing the redeeming power of Christ to your environment!

