



Rebuilding Lives Of African Kids Together

Every Child Ministries 2007 Annual Report



PO Box 810 Hebron, IN 46341

E-mail: ecmafrica@ecmafrica.org www.ecmafrica.org

Rebuilding broken lives of African Kids in DR CONGO

Regional gathering in Kinshasa encouraged many of our workers



A regional gathering in March encouraged ECM trainers. Some traveled great distances under difficult conditions to gather in Kinshasa. We were encouraged to learn that the work of so many of our SEC (Specialization in Christian Education) graduates was so active. Here a group of ECM trainers practices a “Jesus” parade to gather children using a large “Jesus” puppet they made from everyday materials.

Training & materials received from International Network of Children’s Ministry



ECM partnered with the International Network of Children’s Ministry in the project. INCM sent four trainers to Congo and ECM invited our good friend Dr. Dale Garside as translator. Here Kurt Jarvis helps Mulela learn to teach children the Ten Commandments using hand and finger signs. Each of our trainers received a backpack full of teaching materials courtesy of INCM.

25 Congolese orphans now sponsored in Kikwit

We are thrilled that 25 orphans from Kikwit have been sponsored and are now attending school and receiving an extra meal three times a week. Here is the group with some of the Christians who help with the orphan program. The children live with extended family members but many were barely existing before receiving sponsorship. Pastor Meya, on the right, coordinates the program.



Street Kids program active



11 street youth in vocational apprenticeship



Street boys learning carpentry through an ECM vocational apprenticeship. Suddenly, life is filled with hope once again! The apprenticeship program is supported through sponsorships of \$30/month. Many of the boys also lead in songs and worship and the weekly Street Kids Fellowship that meets Sunday afternoons. Etienne and Mulela head up all the street ministries.

Teachers still seek training at ECM's Specialized Centers

Bantumenga is one of the graduates of ECM's two "African Leadership Training Center"'s offering one year of intensive training in Christian Education. Kinshasa specializes in urban ministries while Garizim specializes in rural ministries to children and youth. Mupepe is the Director of the Kinshasa school, Munguba Director of the Garizim training.



Sunday schools now up to 2,333

Sunday Schools up to 2,333 in Central Africa

Right--One of 2,333 Sunday schools in Central Africa started through ECM training. Most of the Sunday schools are in DR Congo. Some are also in Congo Brazzaville and in Angola. You can't even begin to imagine how enthusiastically these children soak in God's Word! In some schools children come barefoot. In some they stand up for lack of chairs or logs. In all they learn to love Jesus.



ECM's Goals for Congo in 2008

- Train sponsorship coordinators for more effective ministry
- Call together our trainers in the Bandundu Province for encouragement, renewal & training
- Increase the number of Sunday schools by providing more funds for training seminars
- Help some of our graduating vocational youth get started in their own businesses
- Renew & update our papers with the government of Congo (much has changed since we registered in the 90's).
- Purchase & develop a home or shelter for street children.

Rebuilding broken lives of African Kids in GHANA

Opened new girls' home on HH property



The girls at Haven of Hope now have a home of their own. The home has two spacious rooms, plus mother's apartment and baths. The girls especially like the fact that the showers and toilets are attached so they no longer need to go outside during the night. They like the gentler, quieter sounds now that the girls are on their own. This means that Haven of Hope now has space to accommodate more children in need, so everyone is happy.

Constructed Activities Center



Began construction on Guest Center

Serious construction began on a Guest Center that will provide housing for groups visiting Haven of Hope. Present apartments will soon be filled with the missionaries now preparing for service at Haven of Hope and Ghanaian staff living at the home. The new Guest Center will also serve as a Training Center for preparation of teams planning to serve not only at Haven of Hope, but throughout West Africa.



Sea container packed, sent to Ghana, received



Above left—John Rouster looks over the disassembled Activities Center ready for loading into the container. Right—The packing crew with some of the boxes to be loaded. The container held the Activities Center, solar panels, metal shelving, and over 1,000 boxes lovingly gathered and packed by volunteers.

44 children now in residence at Haven of Hope, 82 attending school at Haven Academy



Haven of Hope now provides safe shelter in a loving family atmosphere for 44 children rescued from the streets, slavery in idol shrines, and other abusive situations. Haven Academy is the school created to help these children. At Haven Academy we also accept children from the surrounding community for a total enrollment of 82. Haven Academy now offers Nursery through 5th Grade. Children this year were excited to take computer classes and French in addition to their regular academic fare. Fridays are given to music and sports.

- First baptism of children at Haven of Hope—14 children baptized



Left—The children gather at a river near the HODEM church for the baptism. Right—The pastor's wife, Tina, gives a baptismal certificate to Regina Asantewaa. Regina is barefoot because the children performed dances that day.



Some former trokosi slaves have come to Christ



Left—Dametor Saho and Right—Trokina Atsiabu have come to Christ after being liberated from the Sovigbenor shrine in 2005. Now these children have Christian mothers!



In-depth proclamation of the Gospel in several idol shrines



Lorella & Judith minister in several idol shrines of the Aflao and Agave areas. Our work in liberating shrine slaves has permitted us to create friendships of a sort with many traditional priests and priestesses, resulting in unusual opportunities to proclaim Christ right in the courtyard where idols are worshipped. The shrines greatly affect the lives of children and we have a great burden to minister there.

School ministry in 100 schools monthly

In June, school ministry teams of Americans and Ghanaians working together reached 17 schools and 3,000 school children in the town of Aflao. Ghanaian staff workers carry on a monthly ministry in 100 schools with ECM's program, Character Building from the Bible.



160+ reached in street ministry weekly



Felicia Annan makes her rounds. Here she visits a family in their tent shelter stretched out on the sidewalk in downtown Accra. Visitors have described Felicia's visitation ministry as "the heart of ECM street ministries. Felicia herself? They call her a "human dynamo." Under Felicia's direction ECM ministers to 160 to 200 street children weekly in two locations of Accra.

Seven former street youth in vocational apprenticeship



Grace Quansah is learning hairdressing in her vocational apprenticeship program with Every Child Ministries. This will give her a rare opportunity to leave street life and even to start her own small business.

Vocational apprenticeship programs are supported through sponsorships. Additional funds are needed in order to help our graduates get set up in their own businesses.

ECM is presently apprenticing street youth into carpentry, plumbing, electrical, hairdressing and dressmaking professions.

ECM's Goals for Ghana in 2008

At Haven of Hope:

- Complete construction of the Guest Center and the Security Fence.
- Get two missionary couples to Ghana to help at Haven of Hope
- Provide one or more short term missionary teachers for Haven Academy
- Begin the registration process for Haven Academy with Ghana Education Service
- Initiate training for the caregivers

School Ministry:

- Add additional schools in the Agave area & initiate school ministry in Aflao area
- Add 10 new lessons to our character-building curriculum

Street Ministry:

- Initiate regular training for staff

Slave Ministry:

- Press forward negotiations for the next liberation which are now in process
- Find ministry partners for Ghana staff members Judith and Mary
- Get a missionary to Ghana to work full time on the project

Rebuilding broken lives of African Kids in Togo

Teacher training in two key centers



A training team of US and Ghanaian trainers conducted two week-long training seminars for children's leaders in Notsé and Tsevie, centers of historic and spiritual significance for the Ewe people. About 70 leaders were trained in each place.

Very strong contact in Pastor Atitso, a man whose heart is in ministering to children



ECM conducted these seminars as a guest of Pastor Kodjo Atitso Jean-Marie, who with his wife Hortense has a great vision and burden for the children of West Africa.

We would love to cooperate more with Pastor Atitso in the future, and we see him as a key player in our efforts to end shrine slavery amongst the children of Togo and Benin. Fluent in English, French and Ewe and with a passionate heart for the Lord and for children's ministry, the Atitso's could be a great addition to the ECM team in the future.

Gathering of information on the shrine slave situation in Togo & creating public awareness of the problem



A ten minute TV interview turned into a great opportunity in Togo when the host became sick at the last minute and offered ECM an entire hour of free TV time. People in Togo have now had a chance to hear about ECM’s work and about our concern for the slave child problem.



Through interviews and just “talking around”, we were also able to find out many helpful details about the situation of children in shrine slavery in Togo. These are like pieces to a puzzle that we feel will eventually be helpful in freeing the children as God guides & enables us. We plan to continue this work next year in Benin.

ECM’s Goals for Togo-Benin in 2008

- Hold one or more training seminars in Benin.
- Translate all our slave information & publicity materials into French & get up on French-speaking websites.
- Initiate a more intensive prayer initiative for the project.

Rebuilding broken lives of African Kids in Uganda

First direct ministry to children in Uganda (In 2006 ECM trained teachers of children)

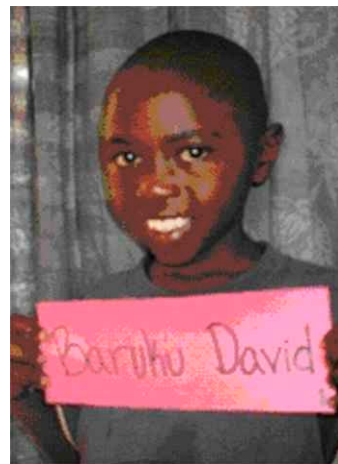


Left—Tegotatoo IDP camp in the Gulu District, Day Camp, including lunch & first aid clinic. Right—Kamwokya Slum Project, morning kids’ club. Each ministry lasted one week and attracted about 300 children, all of whom were unable to attend school.

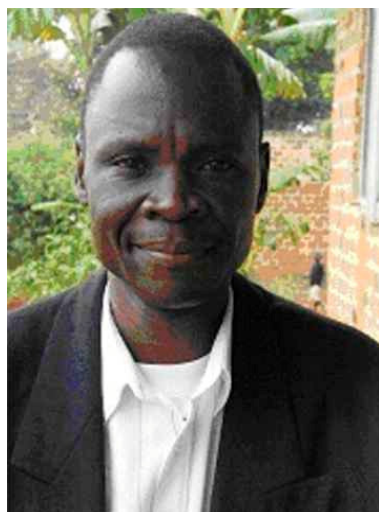
Two sponsorship projects initiated with 26 children now sponsored



In both Kamwokya and Tegotatoo, ECM summer volunteers were able to get pictures and information that enabled us to start sponsorship projects in those areas. Twenty-six children are enrolled to start school when the new school year begins in early February, 24 of them for the first time.



Initial staff selected for Uganda Projects



Some of our former volunteers were elevated to staff status to begin the sponsorship projects. (l to rt) Pastor Francis Makoha, Kamwokya Project Coordinator, Sophie Akello Odor, National Secretary and future Gayaza Project Coordinator, Below: (l to rt) Pastor Chris Isabirye, Tegotatoo Project Coordinator. These new staff members will be supervised by our faithful National Director, David Lubaale (below right).



Office base of operations & 4-wheel drive vehicle purchased



We were extremely pleased that we were able to purchase an adequate office and lot to serve as a national ministry center through private donations. Funds from the Fall Banquets purchased a four-wheel drive ministry vehicle, giving us a strong base from which to begin operations in Uganda. The ministry center will be our base for the Gayaza Orphans Project which is now in development.

ECM’s Goals for Uganda in 2008

- Get the Kamwokya and Tegotatoo sponsorship projects firmly established & expand them as sponsors become available, with a total of at least 40 children sponsored in each of the projects by the end of the year.
- Add an orphan sponsorship project at Gayaza to be based at the ECM National Ministry Center.
- Add teaching in HIV/AIDS prevention as a regular feature in all three orphan projects.
- Get the office fully operational including improvements in plumbing and mosquito control, addition of cooking facilities, e-mail service, and fencing in the property for security.

- Purchase property and obtain funding for a self-sufficiency food security project for youth involving raising chickens. This will combine with vocational skills training for youth.
- Purchase property for a children's home/orphanage.
- Assist in resettlement, especially drilling wells and providing educational assistance.

Rebuilding broken lives of African Kids through work at US Mission Central

Paid off Hebron property where Mission Central is located

Renovated former house with volunteer labor



A team of volunteers prepares newsletters for mailing around our one central worktable at Mission Central. Think what this place is like when ten different projects are going on at the same time!

The renovation/addition at Mission Central will add efficiency and we hope, attract volunteers who may have been discouraged by the crowded conditions of the past.

Removed back porch in preparation for construction of new volunteer center
Completed final building plans (Waiting for architect to finish the details and send them to Indy for state approval. Then construction can begin. Our contractor can work in any except the very worst of weather.

ECM's Goals for US Mission Central in 2008

- Add another administrative assistant.
- Add a person experienced in development.
- Complete the volunteer work area addition.
- Move into the renovated/expanded building across the driveway from our present place.

That was 2007!

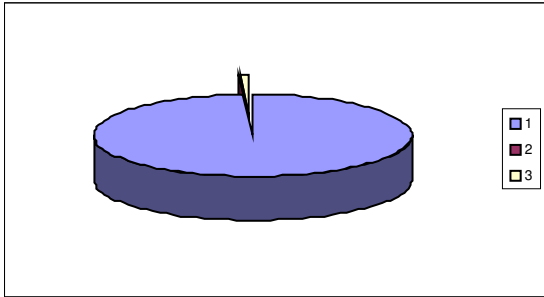
**Every project, every purchase, every goal, every decision—
all had one goal in mind:**

Rebuilding the lives of African children

- **together with God**
- **and together with you.**

Thank you for joining hands with ECM and with God in this great work. We appreciate you, we love you, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God bless you richly, one and all. We believe there are even greater things ahead in 2008. THANKS AGAIN, on behalf of the children!

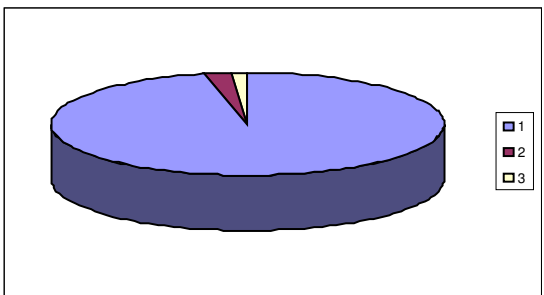
ECM—Quick Financial Summary



Sources of ECM Income

- 1. Blue— Contributions from churches, individuals & foundations \$588,641 99%**
- 2. Red— Rental Income \$2,039 less than 1%**
- 3. Yellow —Interest & investment income \$1,840 less than 1%**

Total Income \$595,613



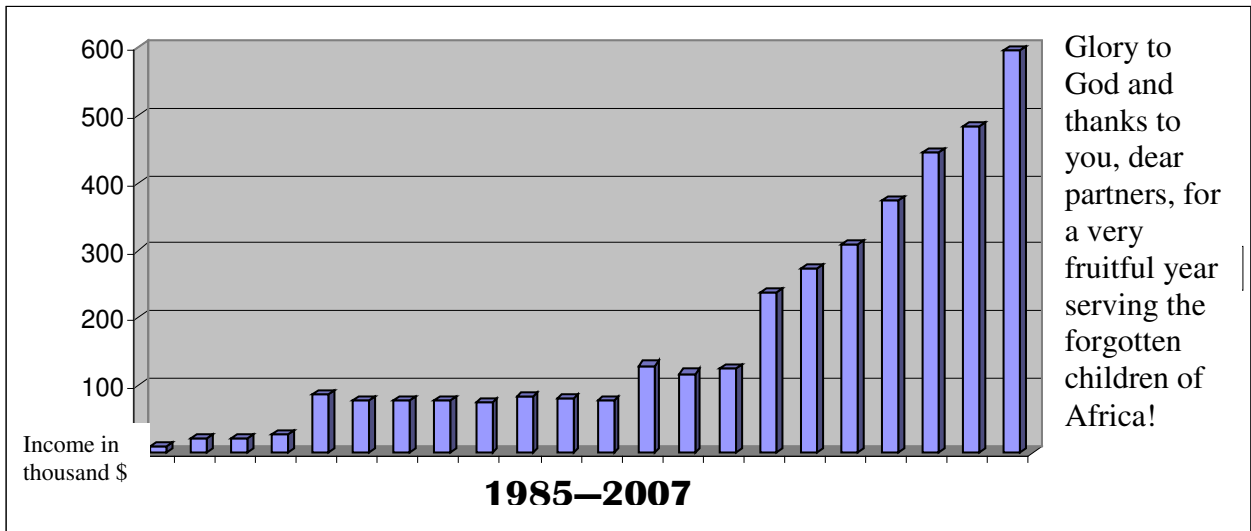
Expenses

- 1. Blue— Ministry or Program \$542,035 96.3%**
- 2. Red— Management & General \$13,603 2.4%**
- 3. Yellow— Fundraising \$7,481 1.3%**

Total Expenses \$563,119

Full audit available on request. IRS 990 form can be viewed online at www.Guidestar.org.

Every Child Ministries—22 years of ministry growth for African children



Growth in income means **MORE CAPACITY TO SERVE**, more capacity to **REBUILD THE LIVES** of African children—together with God’s grace and your continuing partnership. Once again, thank you for helping ECM build more capacity to serve in 2007.



Thank You!