

STRENGTHEN

Hope



**ANNUAL
UPDATE
2020**



Dear Friends,

Never before in my lifetime has the entire world faced such steep shared challenges as in the present season. At the time of my writing, Rwanda, the U.S., and many nations are navigating the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including school and church closures, strict social distancing, and massive numbers of job losses—not to mention a heavy loss of lives. In Rwanda, as in many developing nations, the impact of these disruptions has been felt even more intensely by those who already struggle with poverty. From the families we serve in rural communities to the leadership of New Life Bible Church in Kigali, from our sponsored college students to our young Dream Daycare participants—everyone is facing new unknowns and feeling the isolating effects of this difficult season.

And yet, our God is the same as He was just a few short months ago, before all this started. The God carrying us through the trials of COVID-19 is the same God who has walked for years alongside the students, families, and staff members you will meet in the pages of this annual update. He has always been faithful to this ministry, and we are seeing His faithfulness again and in fresh ways during this crisis.

In Joshua 1, God tells Joshua to lead the people of Israel across the Jordan River and into the Promised Land regardless of the loss they have just suffered—that of their faithful leader Moses—and regardless of the many unknowns up ahead. God commands Joshua to be “strong and courageous.” Three times He repeats this command! “Do not be afraid,” He charges Joshua; “do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). The people of Israel, with their new leader to guide them, are called not to wallow in fear or wait for a new sign, but to charge forward in the bold confidence that their God will do mighty things.

We have many encouraging things to report from the past year—ministry updates we are excited to share with you as we reflect on all that God has done among His people in Rwanda. We hope these updates encourage you. But we also pray that they can serve as a call and challenge for you, an invitation to join us in a movement of courage, strength, and hope in the days to come. We’re actively responding to the needs placed before us in Rwanda, and we are expecting God to work in great ways and be glorified in the midst of all of this uncertainty. Will you join us in this response and expectation? We deeply value your partnership, now more than ever. Together, let us strengthen our hope, being strong and very courageous as we go forward into the ministry God has called us to.

Charles

DR. CHARLES MUGISHA
Founder & President
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Cover image depicts Iranzi Jeandeude, the first student registered for sponsorship in Nyamagabe, Rwanda.

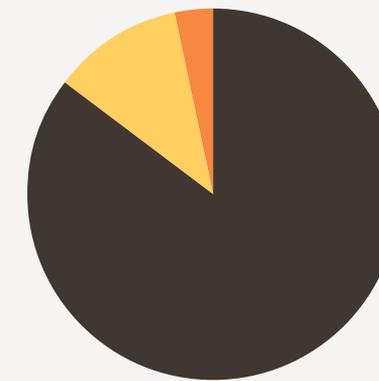
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2019 FINANCIALS

2019 REVENUE \$13,691,568

2019 EXPENSES \$13,543,055

EXPENSES BY PERCENTAGE



Program

85.4% | \$11,571,417

Development (fundraising)

11.3% | \$1,525,258

General Administrative

3.3% | \$446,380

The revenues and expenses shown above reflect a 14-month period due to a change in our fiscal year. In order to better align our fiscal year with our operational cycle, we have changed from a fiscal year ending October 31, to a calendar year ending December 31. This change requires that we report on the 14 months from November 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019 in order to transition to our new fiscal year.



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STRENGTHEN *Faith*

“From these theological studies we have been able to learn a lot—among other things, deep understanding of the Bible and keeping guard against heretical teachings, preparation for sermons, understanding the real meaning of salvation, and how we should preach. We pray that such an opportunity goes beyond Kayonza and to the very remote areas for many to get a clear understanding of how to deliver the truth of God’s word.”

BUTERA GEOFFREY

Pastor of New Life Bible Church - Kageyo B

DELIVERING TRUTH

In each community we serve, students and families have their spiritual needs attended to by our caring, biblically-trained pastors and through church and community-based discipleship opportunities. Every year, we see students and their parents accepting Christ and finding new life through Center Days, Christian camps, revival meetings, and the faithful, compassionate ministry of local New Life Bible Churches.

Since new laws came into effect in 2018, teaching pastors in Rwanda are required to hold academic training in Bible and theology, training that many do not have access to on their own. For this reason, in 2019 we launched the ACT Mobile program, a branch of the Africa College of Theology. This program allows us to offer classes in preaching, discipleship, Bible-reading, and more to pastors from rural communities, allowing the truth and hope of the gospel to be preached more effectively in every community.



1,055 students and parents committed their lives to Christ.



397 students were baptized.



57 local pastors ministering to more than 10,000 combined church members were equipped through the ACT Mobile program.



STRENGTHEN *Education*

“Thank you for making us smile again, thank you for helping us dream and achieve the dreams we dreamed of. Africa New Life Ministries has created hope for the future for us who were in the darkness of having no hope for tomorrow... they have made us the agents of change and a positive change for not only our families but our nations.”

MUHIRWA DEUS
Sponsorship program graduate
and medical school student

MAKING AGENTS OF CHANGE

From the very beginning, we've prioritized education as the key to escaping poverty. Today, more than 10,500 sponsored students form a generation of change agents ready to bring hope to their world. Standing behind them are more than 100 teachers in the schools and education centers we manage or support and dedicated community staff members who ensure a safe and transformative sponsorship experience.

This past year, we saw our largest-ever cohort of 757 university, college, and post-secondary vocational students pursuing advanced education through scholarships and sponsorship. More than 300 students completed our Dream Leadership Academy, a gap-year program that offers leadership and career development opportunities while graduates await final exam scores to determine their post-secondary options. These men and women also received a Certificate in Christian Discipleship from Africa College of Theology, equipping them to serve and lead in their communities both spiritually and professionally.



10,500 students in preschool through university are currently pursuing education through our programs.



757 students are currently receiving post-secondary educational support through our Dream Leadership Program, university and vocational scholarships, and career/vocational counseling.



497 students completed their high school degree or equivalent vocational training through our sponsorship program.



576 students stayed in school while waiting for a sponsor thanks to the Helping Hand Fund.



STRENGTHEN *Community*

“Parents are responding positively to what we do. Kids used to come from home without bathing, but not because they don’t have water and soap. But through our health talks, parents have treasured hygiene. They give their children time and love, and there is tangible transformation.”

UWASE DOREEN
Kayonza Community Nurse

GIVING TIME AND LOVE

Healthy bodies and empowered families form the foundation upon which community development can take place. Without food in their stomachs, children cannot learn in school or sleep well at night. Without access to basic medical care—checkups, vitamins, hygiene products, and support in addressing more significant illnesses—students cannot grow to be strong and hopeful. Without opportunities to support themselves and their families, women experiencing poverty have little hope of improving their circumstances. But with these basic needs met, the transformation of a community becomes possible.

In addition to our long-running food, women’s empowerment, and community nurse programs, in this past year we saw the fulfillment of big dreams as the Dream Medical Center Hospital became fully established as a local medical provider in Kigali. Doctors and nurses at the hospital treated more than 13,600 patients during last year, offering medical expertise and world-class care alongside compassionate, Christ-like service.



11,460 student health visits took place with community nurses.



2,250,000+ meals were provided across Africa New Life’s programs and schools.



13,600+ patients received care at the Dream Medical Center Hospital.



128 women and young children benefited from programs at the New Life Family Center.

STRENGTHEN *Rwanda*

For nearly twenty years, Africa New Life has seen and helped foster transformation in lives and communities around Rwanda.

The numbers in this update represent just a portion of the real, lasting changes that get at the roots of poverty and help transform a nation. The COVID-19 crisis has brought new and unexpected challenges and has affected Rwandan families—already vulnerable due to their poverty—in profound ways. The future has many unknowns in it. But we're moving forward in courage and faith.

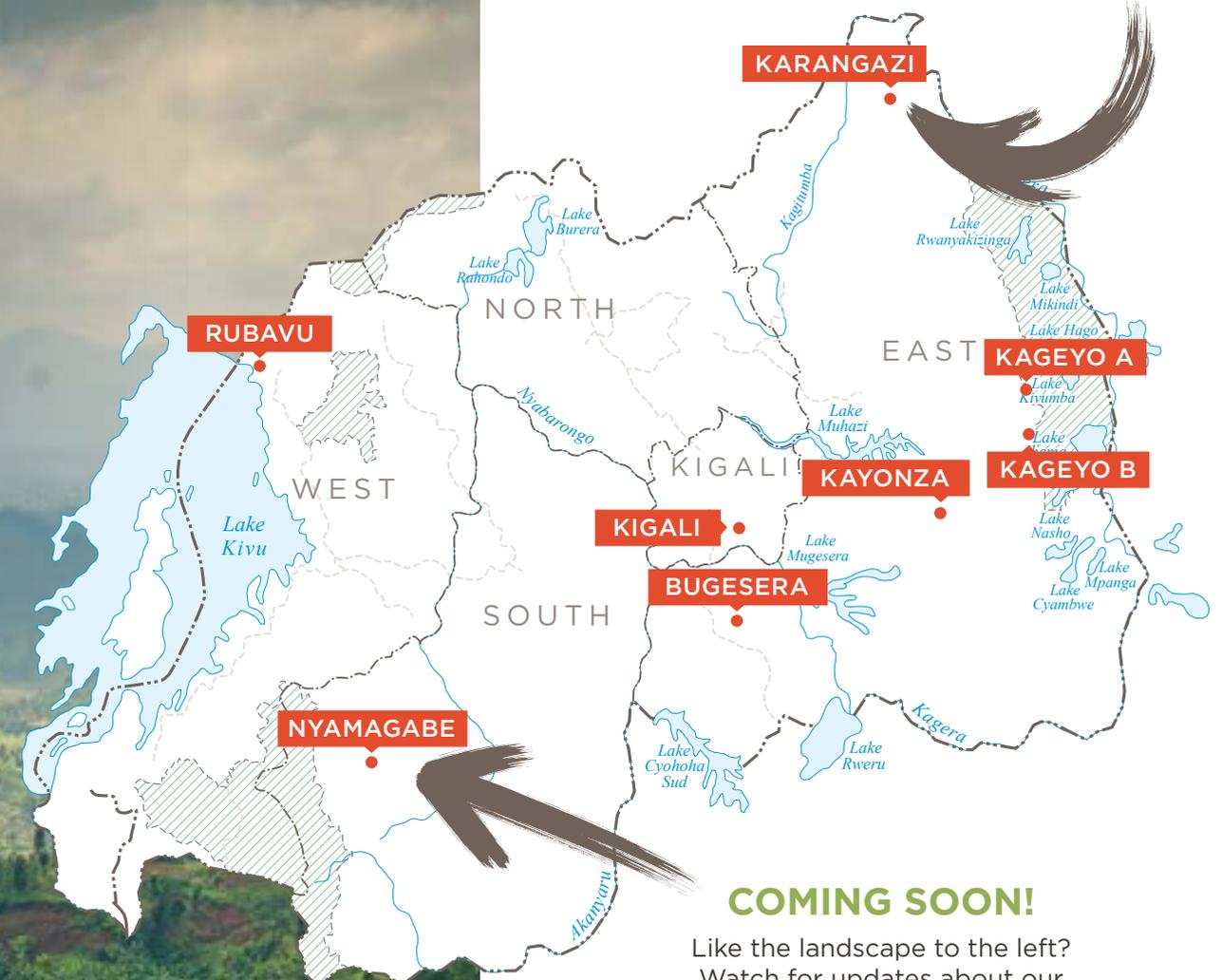
Because of the many years our local leaders have been ministering in their communities, building relationships, and finding solutions that work, Africa New Life is poised to continue providing short-term emergency relief and long-term solutions that transform lives and communities. Your gift to Africa New Life's Impact Fund (our general fund) now will help us continue the transformation, no matter what the future holds.

We need your partnership today more than ever.
Will you join us?

Visit www.africanewlife.org/impact to learn more.

YOU DID IT!

Our latest community was launched with your help in summer 2019!



COMING SOON!

Like the landscape to the left? Watch for updates about our newest community, Nyamagabe, in the months to come.



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