

HOPE & HEALING

Every Child Ministries Annual Report 2008



Every Child Ministries “Hope for the forgotten children of Africa”

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Hope & Healing in Uganda

Summer Day Camps (5 days each) held in 2008:

Kamwokya (slum area of Kampala)

Gayaza (outskirts of Kampala)

Tegotatoo (IDP camp in Gulu District in North) (with mini-medical clinic)



Top left: 200+ kids learn that Jesus brings healing & hope, Tegotatoo IDP camp



Top right: First aid & mini-medical clinic at the camp demonstrates that healing & hope in a practical way. Pictured are Lee Carnahan & Katie Rousseau.

Right: Eager kids wait outside the school gates for the beginning of the Kamwokya day camp.



Lower left: Activity time at IDP camp. Directing the group is Deborah Tsuchida.

Lower right: Telling the story of Jonah—How God brought healing & hope to the Ninevites. Pictured are Katie Rousseau, Kendra Lyman, and Brecka Arnett.



Development of National Ministry Center at Gayaza

The ECM National Ministry Center at Gayaza serves as a “hub of operations” for the growing ECM work in Uganda and as a local ministry center in itself. Training of American & Ugandan missionary teams took place at the Center this year. The wall, gate, and sign were completed & the inside was improved. Pictured here is the summer team.



Kamwokya & Tegotatoo sponsorship projects expanded



ECM also received a smaller office at the KCC Primary School in Kamwokya, presented to ECM by the school in appreciation of our work there. Here headmistress Jane Kansiime unlocks the doors to our new office.

Below, left: Tegotatoo children who got assistance with school uniforms in addition to those who were fully sponsored.



Below, right: Lorella addresses a group of parents who hope to get their children into ECM’s sponsorship program.



**A child’s dream—
to be sponsored !!**

Gayaza Sponsorship Project launched



Above: Three of the children sponsored through the Gayaza project. Staff worker Resty Kawalya had made an initial survey of the neediest children of the area. The project was launched in the summer with the help of the International Team that took pictures and compiled profiles of the children. Their school fees were paid, scholarship needs provided, and a weekly club meeting teaches character-building principles and life skills. Above some of the children try on new clothes given by friends of ECM.

Arrival of Arnetts. our first missionaries & Launching of Football Ministry



Above, left: Sponsored kids received a mosquito net and learned how to use it.

Above, right: Matt & Brecka with sponsored kids of the Gayaza area right around ECM's National Ministry Center



Below, left: Matt with one of the soccer clubs. Clubs all over the area formed an ECM league to have fun & learn cooperative effort & sportsmanship.

Christmas/New Year's Festival at Tegotatoo IDP Camp



About 600 Kids showed up for the Christmas-New Year's Festival at Tegotatoo. All enjoyed the Christmas story from the Bible with giant visual aids, a tasty lunch of rice, beef, and cabbage, and each received an article of clothing & a small toy as a gift. Most important was the personal attention & love showered on the kids by the International Team!

Preliminary steps to open office/programs in Gulu District

Sister Mariam worked through the latter part of the year getting ECM registered in the Gulu District and investigating where we might place our



office to oversee the work there. We are thrilled to have Mariam on the team to build up the work in northern Uganda where so many children have experienced such trauma during the war there.



Launching of Ministry to Children with Albinism



In Africa children born with the genetic condition known as albinism have a very rough time. Their skin is prone to sores and cancers, their eyes are excruciatingly sensitive to light, and they are often ostracized from society, considered a curse. In some places, witch doctors ask for their body parts to make what they believe is very powerful medicine. This has resulted in many albinos being murdered and dismembered.



ECM's plan is to collect sunglasses, eyeglass cases, sun screen lotion and wide brimmed hats and to give them out as practical gifts to show our love and concern to albino children. We have developed practical teaching to help them, their parents, and their teachers to view them in a more positive light. We plan a public awareness campaign to work for fuller public acceptance and to work against harmful misconceptions.



A blessing and not a curse !

Hope & Healing in Ghana

Character Building from the Bible Ministry for Public Schools



ECM's public school ministry continued in 2008, and more schools were added from the Agave area of the Volta Region following the American team's summer ministry there.



Initiative against shrine slavery

Throughout the year, ECM continued its initiative against shrine slavery. Serious negotiations for the liberation of another shrine looked promising throughout the year but did not come to a conclusion. Meanwhile the summer team did intensive personal visitation and showed the Jesus film in the Agave area where some slaves have been freed and three shrines continue to hold women and girls in ritual servitude. The woman pictured at the right welcomed the team to talk, but refused the Gospel, insisting she had already given herself to Satan.

We continued working on public consciousness and opinion by creating and maintaining various websites devoted to disseminating accurate information about the practice.



New life for former shrine slaves



The team visits Abiwu Awusi, a former trokosi slave who has taken a firm stand for Christ. ECM counselor-teachers Judith and Mary continued to visit, evangelize, teach and help those freed in past liberations, bringing healing and hope to those whose lives have been fractured by slavery.

Evangelism in idol shrines



Lorella and the summer team made contact with numerous shrines and shared the Gospel with several priests and priestesses. Above: An initial contact with three mamissi (mermaid spirit devotees). The main points of surprise seem to be that God desires and demands our worship and does not share His worship with the lesser gods or spirits. Some are seriously considering the Gospel message. Our goal is to share a serious, detailed presentation of the Gospel in each of the shrines of the areas where we work, and to continue building a relationship with the priests and devotees as long as they will listen in a friendly manner.

We also worked throughout the year to develop appropriate teaching materials designed to meet the spiritual needs of those devoted to idol shrines and to make the Gospel as clear as possible to them. Although we continue to refine our materials, we believe we are moving in the right direction.

Street Ministry & Vocational Training for Street Youth



Felicia Annan (above) continued to serve capably as Director of Street Ministries. About 150 children were served weekly at the Kantamanto Railway Station and at Agblobloshie Market. The ministry included a weekly meal, first aid and health attention,

Bible teaching, counseling, and games.

Grace Quansah finished her vocational training in hairdressing and ECM assisted her in setting up her own salon. Two young men are nearing completion of their training as well.

Haven of Hope



In 2008 Haven of Hope was home to 46 children who were orphaned, abandoned, abused, homeless on the street or rescued from idol shrines. Staff and missionaries work together to provide a safe haven and a loving home for the children and to train them to love and serve Christ.



Haven of
Hope
Happy-
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**We're a HAPPY FAMILY
here at Haven of Hope!**

Haven of Hope Academy



Haven Academy now serves the educationally disadvantaged from Nursery through 6th grade. Ashley Ducommun finished the 2007-2008 academic year there. Lindsay Hendrix and Elise Messner are serving as teachers for the 2008-2009 school year. We still face many challenges, but the children are making great strides in English and reading and are exposed to a host of enrichment activities throughout the year. During 2008, Haven Academy served 82 children from Haven of Hope home and from the local community.



Arrival of Driscolls, Gowins as long-term missionaries

We were encouraged with the arrival of our first long-term missionaries in Ghana. Jim & Carolyn Driscoll, along with Jere & Ruth Ann Gowin, began work at Haven of Hope in October. The Gowins will also be involved in Muslim evangelism in the north.



Hope & Healing in Togo & Benin

Teacher training in Cotonou, Bohicon



Lois Pope and Hazel Hermosillo accompanied Lorella to Benin in May. The team trained children's teachers—in the south at Cotonou and further north near the seat of the ancient Dahomey Empire at a town named Bohicon just outside of Abomey. Some former vodun priest attended the seminars and gave us their stories.

Evangelism in Idol Shrines around Bohicon & Abomey



Benin abounds in vodun idols and shrines. We made contact with numerous shrines, left Gospel literature at many, and were able to share the Gospel in some depth at a shrine-filled village called Cana. There the chiefs, elders and several priests and priestesses listened intently to the Gospel and asked our team to come back. The village is being followed up through the efforts of nationals.

Hope & Healing in Congo

Our International Directors did not get to DR Congo in 2008, They were advised by the staff that it was too dangerous to come because of the war there. And our staff in Congo do not have digital cameras, so we have no new pictures from 2008 from Congo. However, reports were received regularly and all our programs continued despite the devastating effects of the war.

Leadership training

Our two African Leadership Training Centers continued training leaders for children's ministry — one in Kinshasa and one at Mission Garizim in the interior.

Sunday schools for children

Graduates of our training continued teaching Sunday school in towns and villages throughout the Bandundu Province, Kasai Provinces, and Kinshasa. Almost 258,000 children are now receiving weekly training in Sunday schools started by ECM

Orphan aid

Sponsorship programs are underway in Kikwit and in a small way in Kinshasa. This helps provide educational and nutritional support for sponsored orphans.

Street children

The street child ministry has continued to be very active. We had to give up the gardening project in Kinshasa because the land owner was no longer willing to make a plot available. We also had to give up our Sunday services at the University. All other aspects of the program were very active, including sports, literacy, Bible teaching, and nutritional support.

Vocational training & vocational startup for street youth

Four street youth graduated from training and ECM assisted them in starting small businesses in small groups. One group of young men is now jointly operating a carpentry shop, while a group of young women have joined together as tailors. Their success is a great encouragement

to all of us at ECM.

Right: Pastor Mayele, DR Congo Director, discussing issues with the staff. 2007 picture.



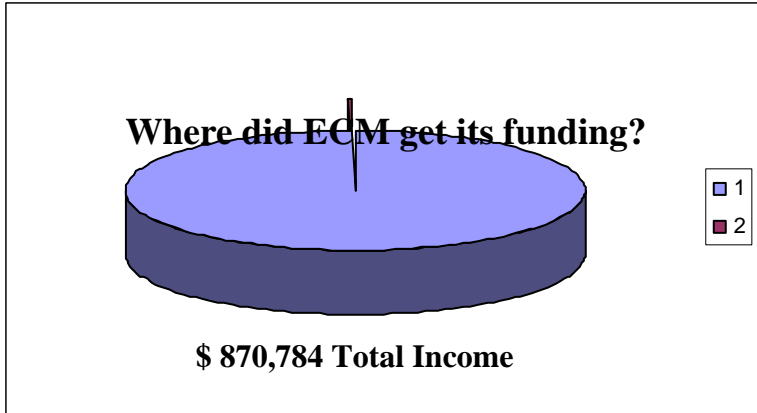
Hope & Healing at Mission Central—Serious Progress



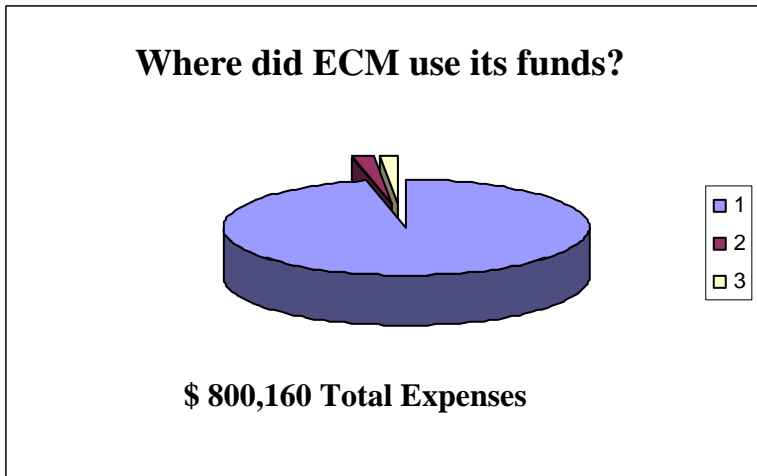
In 2008, the new addition was added to Mission Central and the front office area was remodeled. John Henry Rouster did the roofing, siding, breaking up the old cement, and much of the finishing work. A team of volunteers completed the drywall.

The new, upgraded Mission Central will so greatly enhance ECM's ability to serve African children! Thank you to all who are making it possible!

Financial Summary 2008



- 1— \$867,833 (99.66%) Contributions from churches, individuals & groups
- 2—\$2,951 (.44%) Interest & Investment Income



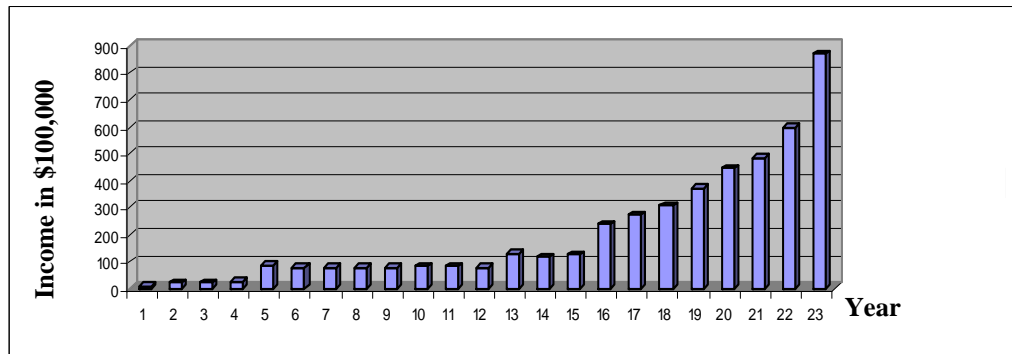
- 1—\$770,877 96.34% Ministry Christian Education & Evangelism \$743,468 Ministry to Constituency \$26,080 African Medical Ministry \$1,329
- 2—\$16,466 (2%) Management & General
- 3—\$12,817 (1.6%) Fund Raising

Ending Net Assets 9/30/08
\$353,587

How is ECM growing ?

Increased funding enables increased ministry to vulnerable children.

THANK YOU!



Expenses by Ministry Program

African Website	1,216
Child Rescue Street Children	1,224
Congo African Leadership Training Centers	9,204
Congo Orphans	8,278
Congo Staff Leaders	10,124
Congo Street Children	9,923
Congo Sunday Schools	21,941
Ghana Haven of Hope Construction	61,137
Ghana Haven of Hope Operations	52,556
Ghana Haven Academy Operations	24,350
Ghana Teachers' Resource Libraries	8,063
Ghana Public School Ministry	13,715
Ghana Slave Children	23,548
Ghana Staff Leaders	6,793
Ghana Street Children	16,025
Ghana Vehicles-Transportation	43,702
Ministry to Constituency	24,539
Missionaries Long Term	118,766
Missionaries Short Term	78,566
Sudan	2,297
Uganda Construction	110,027
Uganda Orphans	9,942
Uganda Staff Leaders	3,602
Other Expenses - Africa	16,789

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