



# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Deeply rooted. Producing hope.

*Planting faith in the hearts of vulnerable children  
and communities around the world.*



Dear Friends,

Much of our conversation around Children's HopeChest this past year has focused on going deep – establishing roots, harvesting, and celebrating the fruit that comes from sowing seeds in good soil.

Within these pages are stories of restoration, faith, and hope from around the world, but these are mere glimpses of a much bigger story. Like a tiny seed that grows into something beautiful, these stories are evidence of seeds scattered in good soil – God growing something beautiful within the hearts of His people.

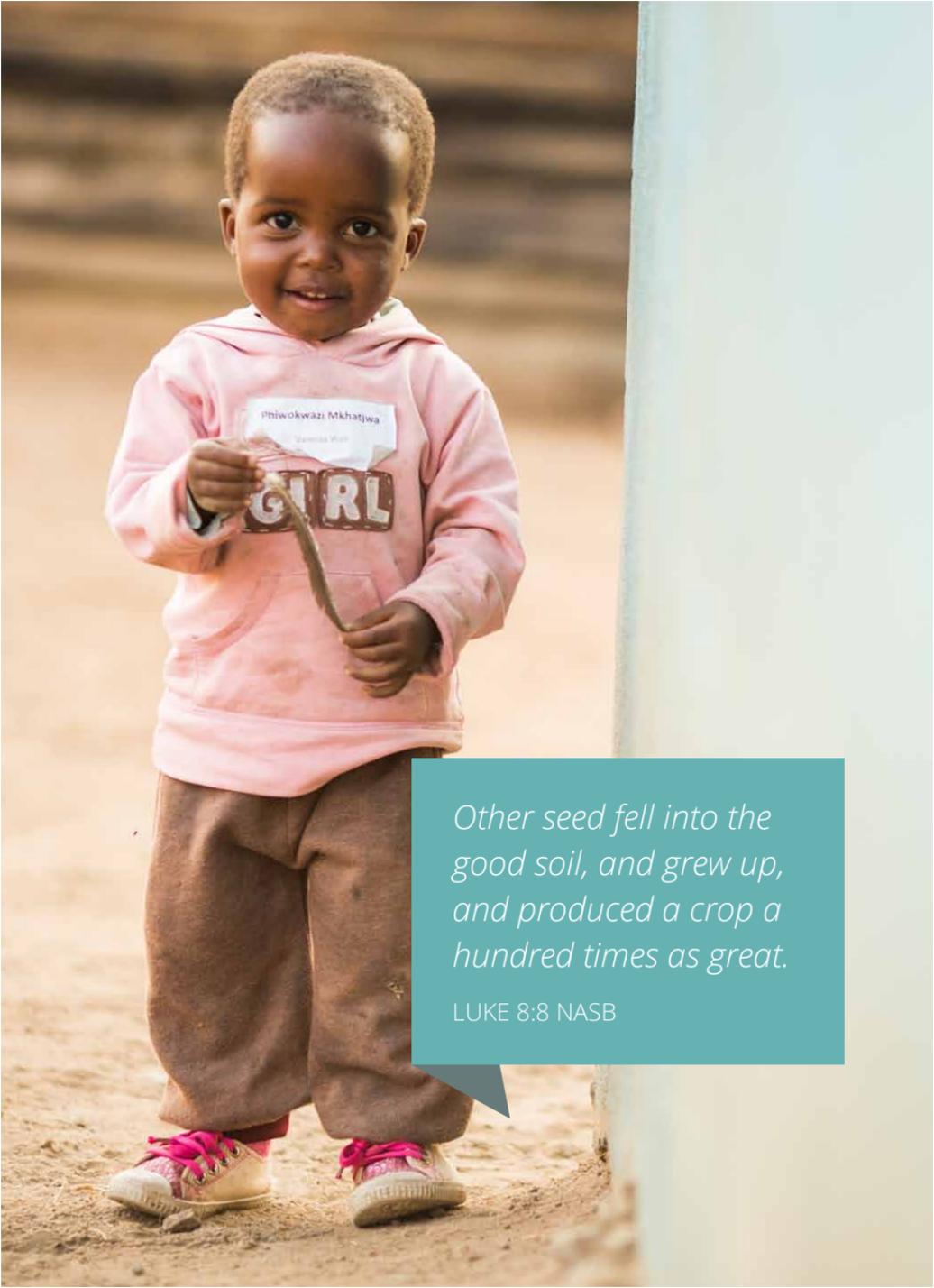
We hope you enjoy these snapshot moments and are encouraged to continue partnering with us, especially as we celebrate 20 years of ministry. On behalf of all those touched by Children's HopeChest, thank you and God bless you!

In Christ,

Ken Sparks, President & CEO

*So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.*

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7 NIV



*Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.*

LUKE 8:8 NASB

# Swaziland

27 CarePoints serving  
3950 children and  
their communities



## CULTIVATING HOPE IN SWAZILAND

With the gift of a new tractor, four CarePoints, 21 homesteads, and surrounding communities have enjoyed bountiful crops and new sources of income and nutrition.

*"The people of CHC started with our kids, and now they are concerned with us. Now we are able to feed ourselves, and we are grateful to God."*

GOGO NGWENYA

Local resident who used the new tractor

## BUILDING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

Attending the Young Climber's Success Summit in August 2014, 41 Swaziland Leadership Academy students gathered with 1000 Swazi youth and were inspired by testimonies of fellow peers to become the world changers God has called them to be.

*"The most effective way to bring lasting change is to live out the change you want to see in others through apprenticeship – walking alongside the learner and living out what you teach."*

BHEKI MOTSA

Program Coordinator, Swaziland Leadership Academy



# Uganda

16 CarePoints serving  
2230 children and  
their communities

## PROMOTING HEALTH AND WELLNESS IN UGANDA

In 2014, 1200 children at eight CarePoints were vaccinated against Hepatitis B. Guardians of the children, who otherwise cannot afford the vaccine, were very grateful for this gift.

## GROWING SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS THROUGH MICROFINANCE

With his harvest of potatoes, Mugisha sold a surplus, paid back the loan, and was able to purchase a cow, a valuable resource for sustainable farming.

*"I had lost hope, but now as a member of HopeChest's Microfinance Program, I can provide for my family and save some money."*

MUGISHA FESTO

Father of a Sponsored Child

## RAISING UP TEACHERS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

Orphaned when she was very young, Gertrude Namudasi came to Nabukalu CarePoint in 2009. Through fervent determination, she earned a Grade III Certificate in Teaching in 2014. Today, Gertrude serves as a respected Headmistress at King-David Nursery and Primary School.



## Guatemala

### **IMPROVING FARMING AND THE BOTTOM LINE**

The introduction of a new irrigation system for the avocado grove at Life Unlimited has made valuable improvements to the crop yield as well as the bottom line. With this improved hydration, the grove has the potential to generate \$32,500 annually, enough to cover a significant portion of Life Unlimited's budget.

## Russia

### **LOVING YOUNG MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES**

A newly formed Young Mothers program at the Ryazan Ministry Center provides support to five young mothers with children under three. These young mothers, who grew up without parents of their own, are now learning the skills needed to best love and care for their little ones. They are taking initiative to end the cycle of orphanhood in Russia.



# Ethiopia

33 CarePoints serving  
4320 children and  
their communities

## **REFRESHING COMMUNITIES WITH ACCESSIBLE WATER**

With the construction of nine new water points and three kiosks, thousands of children and their families now have close access to affordable clean water.

## **EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE**

CHC's Youth Development Program (YDP) offers shelter, food, clothing, and medical care with a strong focus on life skills and vocational training for vulnerable and orphaned youth.

*"God cared for me at the orphanage and through YDP. I am now studying at Addis Ababa University. I achieved the second highest grade point in the department first semester. I am planning to go forward with such excellence in the coming years as well. I can see the future is bright for me."*

YARED TSEGAYE

Youth Development Program 2014 graduate

# The Joel Home

## ENCOURAGING RESPONSIBLE MEN

The Joel Home in Colorado Springs, CO is a safe and nurturing community for teenage boys who have aged out of the foster care system.

Jesse, a soon-to-be teenage dad, was determined to re-write his legacy. Jesse attended fathering classes and a Bible study with his girlfriend Tori. Now engaged, Jesse and Tori are in Christian counseling and are raising their daughter with support from The Joel Home.

# Haiti

## CONNECTING HEARTS

In August, a team of 11 sponsors from Minnesota spent a week with the children of Fontamara CarePoint.

*"Last summer I felt very happy because I spent time with my sponsors. That was one of my best summer vacations ever."*

NERJUSTE AGLA MENSON, 11 years old



# India

## ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

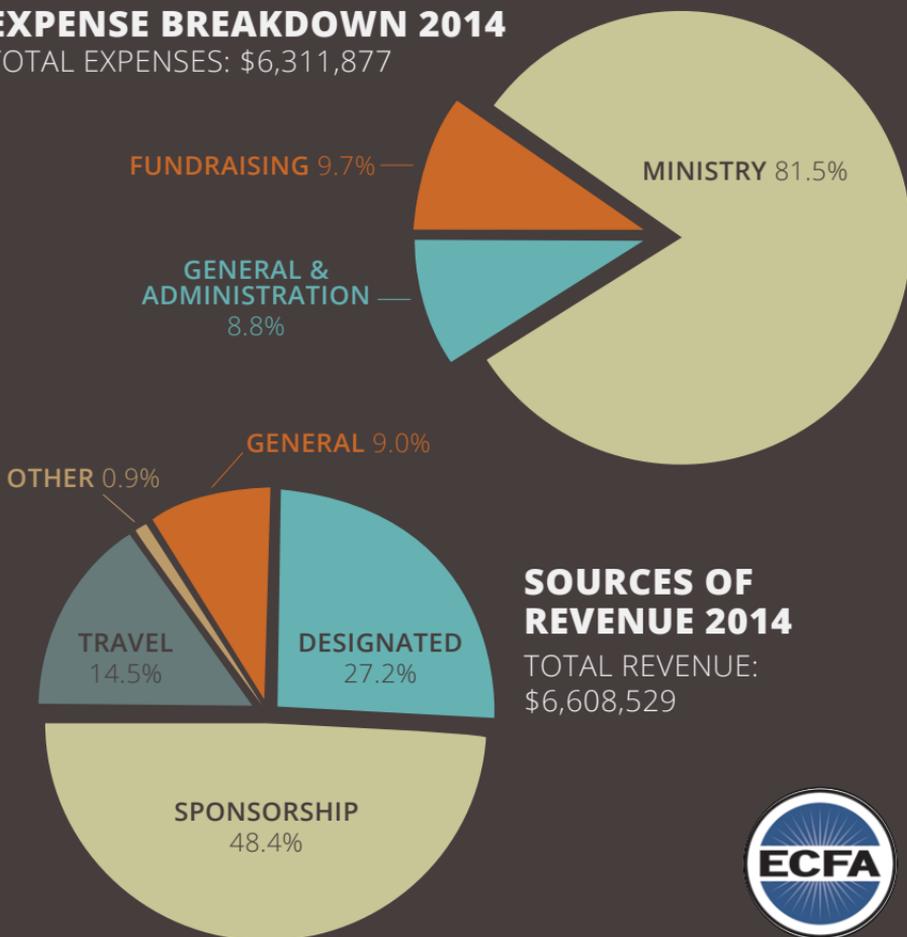
Tamilarsi's parents, both illiterate and extremely poor, are grateful for Children's HopeChest and the opportunity for their daughter to attend school since she was a preschooler. Now in 11th grade, she dreams of becoming a nurse. Last year, Tamilarsi met her sponsor Susan who visited during a Mission Trip to India.

## COMMITTED TO FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

Children's HopeChest is committed to honoring the name of Jesus in every aspect of this ministry. We value relationships; honoring all people as beloved children of God. As stewards of God's resources, we handle financial assets and information with responsibility, integrity, and transparency. All numbers used in this report are audited. We are a member of ECFA and maintain a 4-star Charity Navigator rating. [See our full financial overview at hopechest.org.](#)

## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN 2014

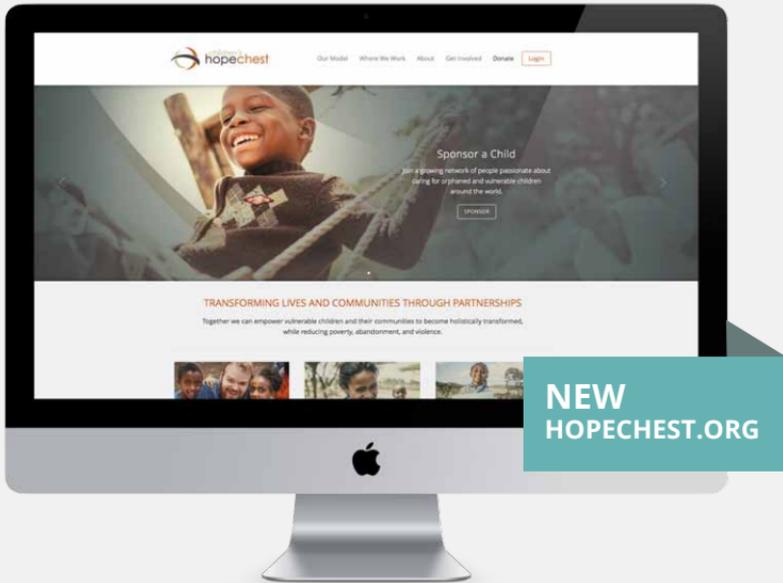
TOTAL EXPENSES: \$6,311,877



## SOURCES OF REVENUE 2014

TOTAL REVENUE:  
\$6,608,529





## Keeping You Connected

We invite you to check out our fresh, new, easy-to-use website that allows you to stay connected with your sponsored child and Children's HopeChest worldwide. As a sponsor, you have the ability to write your sponsored child as often as you like – a powerful way to extend your support to the hearts of children and their communities. We encourage you to visit the site often for up-to-date information on CarePoints, programs, trips, and how our Community-to-Community model continues to build life-changing relationships throughout the world.

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