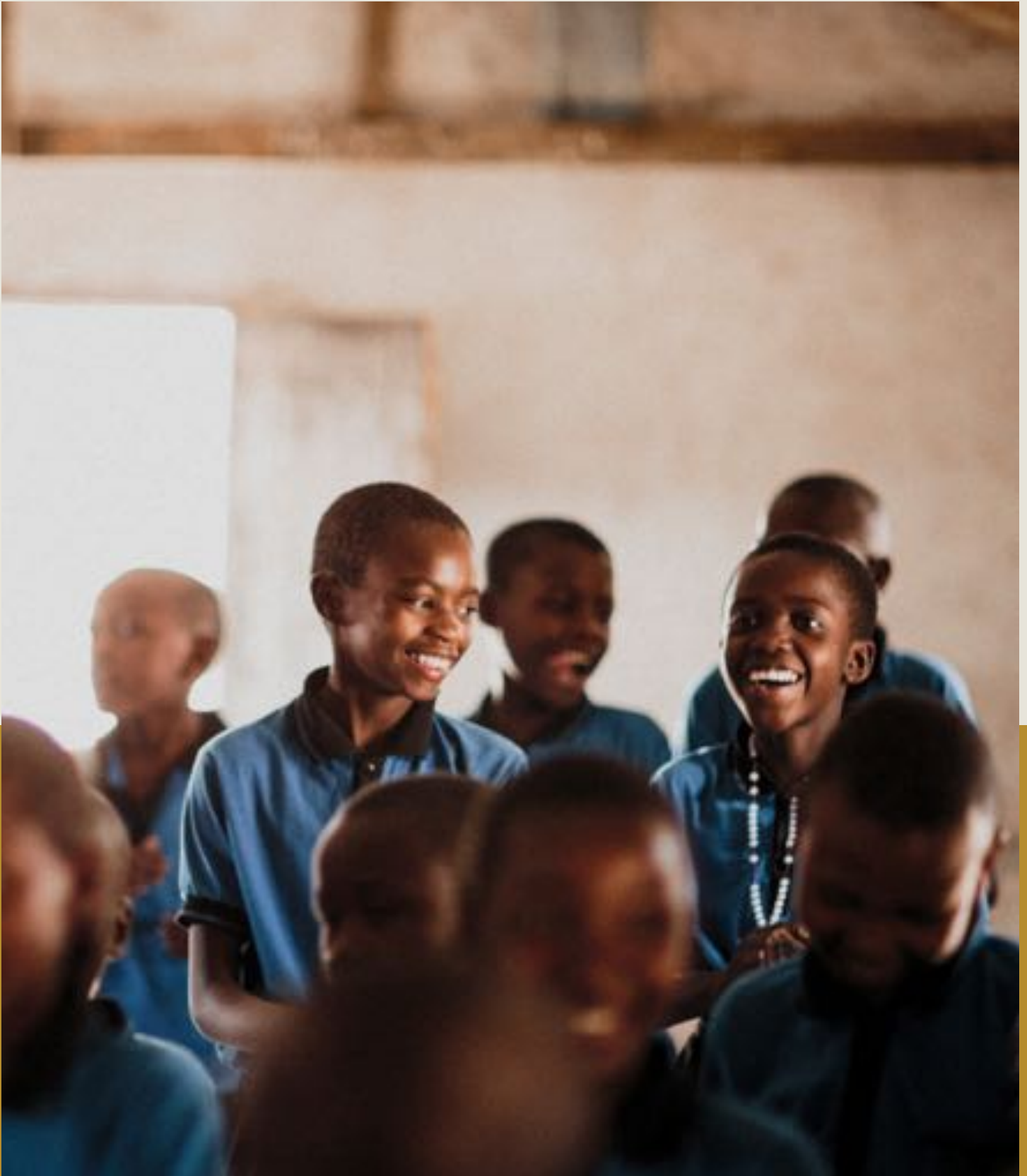




2018 Annual Report



OUR VISION IS THAT ALL CHILDREN IN AFRICA KNOW JESUS AND THRIVE AS THEY ARE LOVED BY A FLOURISHING GLOBAL CHURCH.



A Model That Works

Above:

Through Rice & Beans Month, Lahash funded the drip irrigation system that helped transform dry bush land into a thriving farm for the children at Nipe Tumaini.

Opposite:

Before he was sponsored, John was housed at a “rescue center” without consistent care or education. Now he has a loving family and attends Nipe Tumaini Academy.

Nipe Tumaini (NEE-pay Tu-ma-EE-nee) is a beautiful farm and children’s home located deep in Kenya’s Great Rift Valley. Nipe Tumaini is Swahili for “give me hope,” and the incredible staff there is sharing the hope of Jesus in word and deed with extremely vulnerable kids. They are grateful not to be doing it alone.

At Lahash, we operate with two fundamental convictions. 1) There are millions of vulnerable kids in East Africa who need love, support, and care in order to survive. 2) God has prepared Christians from across the region to minister to them. Lahash supports these local ministries, helping them become even more effective.

My family sponsors a little boy named John at Nipe Tumaini. Abandoned as a toddler, he was placed in the care of Benson and Eunice Mungai, the Kenyan founders of Nipe Tumaini. Their intentional, loving approach is helping John to thrive. As one of the quieter, younger kids there, he benefits greatly from the stable family environment.

The Mungais know that their vision to care for kids like John requires a multi-faceted team effort. Lahash is one player on that team. Nipe Tumaini relies on the Kenyan government, local community partners, a Kenyan board, partner organizations in Germany and California, and YOU. This model of working alongside each other for the sake of vulnerable kids is a model that works. We are all needed in building the Kingdom of God.

Lahash served 400 kids across East Africa in 2017. As you take in the stories and stats on these pages, remember that your sacrifices, gifts, and prayers helped make it possible. Thank you!



Daniel Holcomb

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Lahash Executive Director



SPONSORSHIP

Connecting vulnerable children with caring sponsors to help meet the kids' spiritual, physical, educational, and emotional needs.

At Path Of Hope in rural Tanzania, 90 Lahash sponsored children attended Bible Camp. The staff rejoiced to see many children, like Latifa, find peace, transformation, and healing through the prayer sessions. Latifa's family had sent her to witch doctors many times, but she left Bible Camp confessing that Jesus is the only healer! Seeing the change in Latifa, her mother now believes this, too!



SERVANT TEAMS

Developing missional leaders through in-depth training and hands-on service among vulnerable people in Portland and then in East Africa.

Immersed in cross-cultural ministry for the first five months of 2017, the team served primarily with Grace & Healing Ministry, and visited all the other Lahash partner locations as well. Director Mande Camos and Coordinator Yvette Garcia came back determined to build strong connections for the Servant Teams program and develop curriculum to enrich the experience for the next group of missional leaders-in-training.



400 KIDS CARED FOR

94 NEW CHILDREN SPONSORED

200 KIDS ATTENDED BIBLE CAMP



5 MONTHS LIVING IN EAST AFRICA



I didn't know what to expect from my time in Tanzania, but God knew just how to combine the training I received with my life experiences and the relationships I built there. I am excited to find new ways to live out what I learned as I continue my journey from here.

- Yvette Garcia



96.4%

SPONSOR RETENTION RATE

STAND WITH STUDENTS

Ensuring consistent academic progress for every child, then offering mentorship and scholarships to promising students for higher education.

Although his early life was marked by tragedy in South Sudan, Wani found stability under the care of Lahash's partner ministry in Uganda. Now, at 19, his dream of attending university as a Stand With Students scholar is within reach. While keeping up on his own studies, he also helps care for the younger kids at Kampala House, and encourages them toward academic success.



RICE & BEANS MONTH

Inviting a global community to eat simply and donate their saved money toward increased nutrition and sustainable food projects for the hungry.

Rice & Beans Month provided daily protein-rich meals for all the HIV-positive children at Grace & Healing Ministry, and began a new project as well! The leafy greens eaten by all the sponsored children at the weekly "program day" meal are now proudly grown and harvested by some of the older kids in the program. Great nutrition, plus a great experience tending the garden!



NINETEEN SCHOLARS

IN SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION



\$20,081 DONATED

FUNDING



NUTRITIOUS
MEALS



SUSTAINABLE
FARMING



WATER
PROJECTS



5 CHURCHES PARTICIPATED

Sponsoring A King & Queen

Two families find a heart connection from opposite sides of the world



For families living in poverty, the burden to find food is a heavy one. Things like education, medical care, and basic household items seem like unattainable luxuries when a daily meal is not guaranteed. In Rwanda, that was the situation for King and Queen, siblings who lost both their parents and were being cared for by their grandmother. Too old to work, the grandmother had only her strong faith and fervent prayers to offer on the children's behalf. Their hearts were fearful and heavy, and they didn't know if anyone cared.

The Andrews family was drawn to the idea of child sponsorship because of Lahash's commitment to accepting children who would likely be deemed "too vulnerable" by other organizations. When they heard about King and Queen, the lyrics of a favorite family song instantly filled their hearts: "Boys become kings, girls will be queens, wrapped in your majesty, when we love, when we love the least of these..." They were excited to build a connection with two kids they might never meet in person, but already knew were royalty in the eyes of God.

Sponsorship brought positive changes to King and Queen's life right away. They were especially excited to receive the uniforms they needed to be able to attend school. Their grandmother, after shouldering the weight of trying to care for them, was overjoyed at the answer to her prayers. "My heart had a heavy burden, but now my heart is released," she said. "I'm thankful to God. They have lessened my burden! He has sent

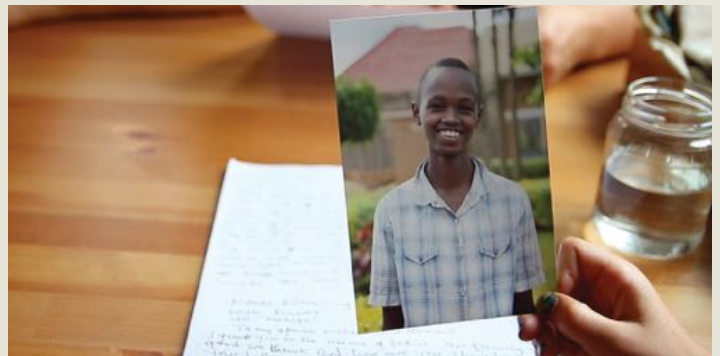
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these beautiful people to me. I don't know them. They don't know me. But God has come and brought them to me!"

For the kids, the connection to their sponsors was also a form of emotional support. "I'm so happy to hear that someone cares about me," King said. "I'm very happy in my heart because I didn't think there was anyone who would care about me. But now God has spoken to someone, and that family is thinking about me."

This sponsorship relationship has impacted the hearts of the Andrews family as well. "It really brings us back to what is important, what we want for our girls, and where we want our hearts to be," said Howard Andrews. "Jesus says, 'where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' We just want to remember that we can invest in something real."

Tangible, daily needs are met through child sponsorship such as school uniforms, meals, and medicine. These are vitally important, yet so are the intangible effects of love, encouragement, and prayers. Beginning with their first exchange of letters and photos, these families made a heart-to-heart connection, and now they share a bond that will shape their lives for years to come.



SEE More Of The Story...

Sponsorship is changing the lives of kids in East Africa and their sponsors. This video lets you see King and Queen at their home in Rwanda, and also their sponsor family at home in Portland. Though they may never meet in person, these families' stories are now intertwined in beautiful ways that benefit them all.

WATCH THE VIDEO "SPONSORING A KING & QUEEN"

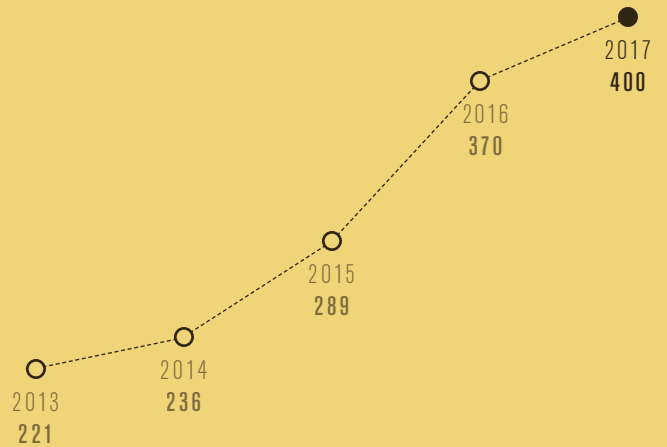
AT LAHASH.ORG/VIDEO

WHERE WE WORK

- 1. ADJUMANI
- 2. KAMPALA
- 3. MAI MAHIU
- 4. SHINYANGA
- 5. DODOMA
- 6. KIGALI



CHILDREN IN SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

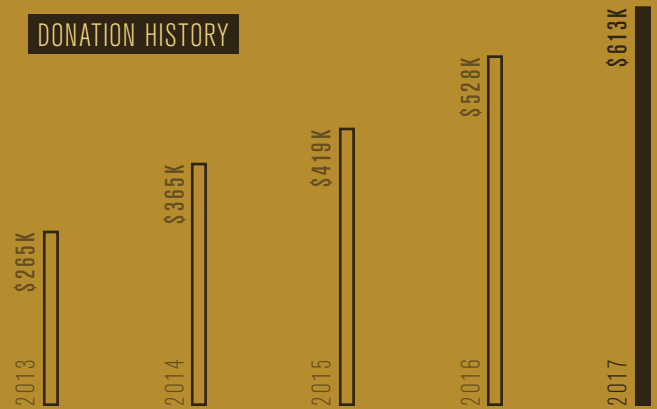


REVENUE

\$613,476

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM.....	\$149,410
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.....	\$46,017
RICE & BEANS MONTH.....	\$20,081
STAND WITH STUDENTS.....	\$34,075
EAST AFRICA STAFF.....	\$41,673
SOUTH SUDAN REFUGEES.....	\$11,406
SERVANT TEAMS.....	\$25,275
TRAVEL PROGRAM.....	\$51,588
STAFF SUPPORT.....	\$190,042
OTHER.....	\$43,409

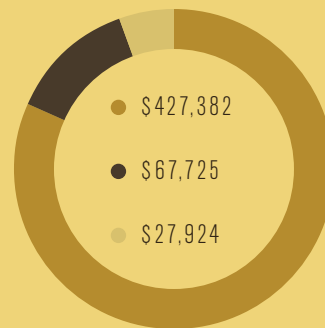
DONATION HISTORY



EXPENSES

\$523,031

PARTNER GRANTS.....	\$202,688
SERVANT TEAMS.....	\$12,090
STAFF SALARIES.....	\$175,166
TRAVEL.....	\$47,418
OVERHEAD.....	\$79,062
OTHER.....	\$6,607



PROGRAM	82%
ADMINISTRATION	13%
FUNDRAISING	5%

Thank You For Partnering With Us!

We are grateful for your involvement with Lahash and grateful to God for his provision and sustaining grace. Every donation we receive is stewarded with integrity, and we are committed to financial accountability and transparency. For more details, visit lahash.org/financials or contact our Finance Team at finance@lahash.org. To support the ongoing work of Lahash International you can donate online at lahash.org/give.



In recognition of our financial accountability efforts, Lahash has received the Gold rating from the non-profit listing service GuideStar.



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Psalms 9:1

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**