



ANNUAL REPORT 2024



A HOPE AND A FUTURE

A LETTER FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



DANIEL
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Dear Friend,

All across East Africa, we meet kids who are living in immense pain and difficulty. Many of the children have lost parents, were born with HIV or albinism, or are struggling with hunger or extreme poverty. To an onlooker, it could seem like God has abandoned these kids. Their circumstances may look hopeless.

In the book of Jeremiah, the prophet tells us about how God's people were living with overwhelming obstacles 2,500 years ago. The people of Israel had been taken captive, experienced violence, and were struggling with hunger and oppression. They were frightened about their future. Many had lost all hope.

The prophet Jeremiah then revealed a special message to the exiles. He shared that God had not forgotten them; in fact, God promised to deliver them and to give them hope and a future.

Though we should be mindful about the context of scriptures, this story points to a larger truth for all of God's people. Even as we face heavy challenges in this life, God has given us each a hope and a future with new life in Christ. God is actively making all things new. Even though we will all have trouble in this world, we can take heart! Jesus has overcome the world!

Our Lahash team loves to watch kids step into their hope and a future. What a privilege it is to see kids across East Africa begin to dream, to laugh, to gain knowledge at school, to heal, and especially begin to know and walk with God! Kids like Faina (see next page) who are full of gratitude to God, to sponsors, to our local ministry partners, and to the ministry of Lahash.

In every moment of last year, God was busy rewriting stories and giving kids all across East Africa a new hope and a future. Thank you for stepping into so many stories of transformation, healing, and hope. You are vital to this work as you give, pray, serve, and advocate for these precious children.

Today we are celebrating another year of exciting milestones and accomplished goals, and you are invited to join us in our next chapter. Please join us by serving, giving, volunteering, sponsoring, praying, or even becoming a staff member. God is rewriting all of our stories, and there is a place for you with Lahash as we look forward to a brighter hope and future together!

Daniel Holcomb

*“May the God of HOPE fill you with all
JOY and PEACE as you trust in Him, so
that you may overflow with hope by the
power of the Holy Spirit.”
-Romans 15:13*





FEATURED STORY:

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

An eye infection and surgery didn't stop Faina from seeing her graduation dream become a reality. She is full of hope for what happens next.

In 2018, 13-year-old Faina lived in a small house with her grandmother and three siblings. Having lost her parents, Faina and her siblings were orphans. Their grandmother did her best to provide for them but struggled to provide consistent food and even purchase school uniforms.

To make things even more complicated, Faina struggled with an infection in her eyes, which caused pain and required surgery, which the family would not be able to afford on their own. It was hard for Faina to see any hope for the future amid such bleak circumstances.

Everything changed when Faina joined the Lahash child sponsorship program.

She shares, "Being in the Lahash program helped me to complete my studies, to know friends and leaders. [The program] helped me with my eye treatment! I got different gifts including food, and they helped us with house rent. All of this helped me and my family a lot."

The holistic love and care that Faina received from her sponsor and leaders at ERM-Rwanda, her local Lahash partner ministry, gave Faina the tools she needed to survive and thrive. "I saw the goodness of God through the Lahash program," she says.

Today, Faina is a proud graduate of a vocational training program! At 19 years old, she dreams of running her own successful hairdressing business. Where Faina once had no hope, she now has a future full of hope.

Graduating from a vocational training program has given Faina a sense of accomplishment and a path forward into a secure future where she can support herself, her family, and others in her community.

"Graduation means that my hard work paid off," she shares, beaming with pride. "All the skills I have learned — it is time to employ them practically, and it will help my family and society."

Sponsoring a child can change a child's life in powerful ways beyond what most sponsors could ever ask or imagine. Your monthly donation means that a child has food on the table, a place in the classroom, and the chance to hear the Gospel and be disciplined. A child who may have felt lonely now has a place to belong. They know they are loved and cared for by their sponsor, local ministry leaders, and, most importantly, God. Instead of feeling hopeless, they have a future full of hope.

"I want to say thank you, and God bless you to the donors and the sponsors," says Faina. "May God continue to give [you] the ability to help others who are in need because it helps them to achieve their dreams."

We want to join Faina and say thank you! As part of the Lahash community, you are helping bring hope to nearly 600 children across East Africa. You are helping us work toward our vision, toward a future where "all children in Africa know Jesus and thrive as they are loved by a flourishing global church." We couldn't do this without you!



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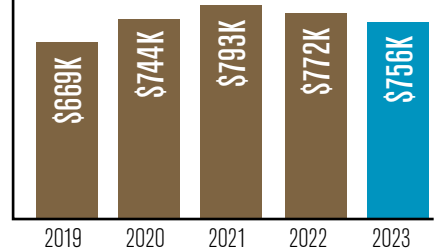
HOLISTIC CARE THROUGH **CHILD SPONSORSHIP**

In 2023, Lahash provided holistic care for nearly **600 vulnerable children** in **5 East African countries** by partnering with local ministries at **10 unique sites**.

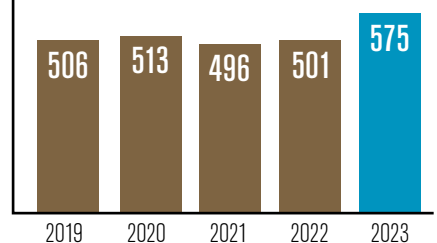
2023 FINANCIALS



DONATION HISTORY



TOTAL CHILDREN CARED FOR



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

NEW CLASSROOM
& NEW BOOKS FOR
KIDS IN KENYA



575

CHILDREN
RECEIVED
HOLISTIC CARE &
HOPE IN CHRIST



113 CHILDREN
JOINED OUR PROGRAM



122
KIDS ATTENDED
BIBLE CAMPS



HELPED BUILD
NEW CHAPEL
IN RWANDA



16

KIDS CAME TO
FAITH IN CHRIST
AT CAMP

WE HOSTED OUR FIRST
STAND WITH
STUDENTS
RETREAT IN KENYA



6 STUDENTS
GRADUATED
HIGHER
EDUCATION



The faithfulness of long-term donors and the encouragement of new Lahash supporters is empowering continued growth for our work in East Africa. By partnering across cultures and continents, we are bringing a hopeful vision to life! **Thank you!**



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