

MADE IN THE STREETS

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



MESSAGE FROM MITS BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear friends,

I am excited to report that 2016 was another amazing year for the work being done at Made In The Streets. It was a year that saw many street children receive love, attention, teaching, training, fun, food and care at our Eastleigh Center in Nairobi, Kenya. The year also saw many of our students in Kamulu excel physically, spiritually, and educationally – in fact, this year we had nine students complete the national 8th grade exam. In addition, a group of 17 graduates successfully completed their literacy and skills training and begin the move from Kamulu into the world. The number of graduates continues to grow each year and has now reached over 300. None of this would be possible without our outstanding Kenyan team working each and every day on the ground and a multitude of visitors, volunteers and donors in the United States and around the world. The work that was begun by Charles and Darlene Coulston 22 years ago has continued to increase as many more children are able to experience restoration from the streets and slums of Nairobi and be transformed into amazing, capable young adults and disciples of Christ.

In 2016, we continued developing the site for a future camp facility located on our Mountain View property, and we supported the launch of a new street ministry in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. As we look ahead to the future, MITS remains committed and steadfast to growing our impact by ministering to the needs of the growing number of street children in Kenya and other parts of the world. At the end of 2016, we took a large step to help secure the future of MITS. With the help of Charles and Darlene Coulston, we found and hired a new full-time Executive Director to work alongside the Coulstons. We are thrilled to have Brad Voss step into this new role as of January 1, 2017. Brad will provide additional leadership for our staff, increase our fundraising opportunities and allow Charles and Darlene to focus on the essential work of loving and ministering our staff and our students. Please join me in welcoming Brad to our team and do not hesitate to let him know how you would like to help and support the work of MITS.

We are deeply grateful for those who have partnered with us in this important endeavor. Your generous donations and support are making an impact on children who have been forsaken and forgotten. Our prayer is that God will continue to use all of us to share the love of Christ with street children in Kenya and around the world.

Gratefully and graciously yours,

David Wilson
President



GOOD TO GREAT WORKSHOP

Our Kenyan staff are integral to the success of MITS. This year, the team participated in an important development retreat led by Charles and Darlene Coulston. The team traveled to Malindi on the Kenyan coast for a time of training and bonding. The Coulstons led the team through content from Jim Collin's landmark book Good to Great, exploring how the team could improve. As a group, the team asked themselves "What do we do best?" and "What makes me feel fully alive?" in addition to creating a "Stop doing" list.



The Results of the Retreat:

- Refocused our Kenyan staff's energy and attention on transforming the lives of street kids.
- Collective decision by our staff to stop our student farming program. Moving forward, our farmland in Kamulu will be managed and cultivated by Healing Hands International, to use as a demonstration farm for their ministry. All produce grown on the farm will be donated back to the MITS community.
- Several staff members identified feeling "fully alive" while serving on the streets or in a teaching capacity back in Kamulu. MITS will continue to explore how to place staff members in the roles where they operate best and we look forward to seeing the fruit that comes from a direct connection between passion and work.

EXCITING STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Irene Akinyi named Assistant Administrator

Irene has been with MITS since summer 2006, joining the team as a part of the major hiring process that year which took place after a doubling of the student population in early 2006. Since then, Irene has graduated from Daystar University with a degree in counseling, taught English and other subjects and served as our librarian and school counselor. For the last ten years, Irene has been a pillar of our community and is a dependable source of wisdom, leadership & fun. She is also our primary liaison with visitors from the United States.

As of this year, Irene will assume the new title of Assistant Administrator. In this role, Irene will relieve pressure from our Administrator, Francis Mbuvi, allowing him to focus on team relations, ministry planning, and preaching.



NEW MITS STUDENTS

Every year our team finds new young teenagers on the streets who are eligible to come to Kamulu for literacy education and skills training. The Eastleigh Team focuses on 13 and 14 year old teens who are sleeping on the streets and who appear to be good candidates to follow Jesus and do well in our boarding program. In 2016 we had 28 beds available, and we filled 24 of them.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW DEVELOPMENT

After our successful fundraising effort in 2015, we began to make definite plans for a camp at our Mountain View property. Back in 2005, we bought forty acres in the mountainous region just east of Nairobi, a one-hour drive from Kamulu. Much of it is very rocky, and it is sandstone, so there is opportunity for income from selling both sand and stones. Since there are only a few camps in Kenya where youth groups and churches can inexpensively experience camping, we decided that the best use of this land was a camp where we can also serve street children. Due to the presence of wildlife, including hyenas and leopards in the area, we have begun with building a 12-foot high wall around a rectangle 210 feet by 108 feet. We expect to begin the buildings in March 2017, after a road and a reservoir has been built, along with drilling a water well.

We hope to begin camp operations in 2018.

STREET MINISTRY GOES GLOBAL

According to the UN, there are 150 million street children around the world. Though MITS has a passion and mission for serving street children in Kenya, we have also recognized that we have both the ability and the responsibility to mentor other street ministry efforts. Over the 21 years Made in the Streets has been working in Kenya, our team has developed an effective model for street ministry. In the coming years, MITS hopes to mentor and train others interested in serving this unique population.

In August and September 2016, our staff trained five young adult Ethiopians in street ministry. The team stayed with us in Kamulu and visited the streets on a daily basis for hands-on training. They returned to Addis Ababa excited and well-trained. Though political tensions have slowed their work, they've been active in one-on-one and small group Bible study with street kids. We anticipate continuing to support and encourage them for a few years as they begin their own street ministry in Addis Ababa, where there are thousands of young boys on the streets.



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WEDDING BELLS

ZUHURA & JAMES



In October, MITS alumni Patricia Zuhura and James Mwangi were married at MITS in Kamulu! The wedding took place in the landscaped area between the chapel and the Bible classrooms. All the team, many students and some family were involved in preparations for the wedding.

Both Patricia and James graduated from MITS and now work for the ministry. Patricia has trained in computers and jewelry production and is currently making necklaces and bracelets from coconut shells, camel bone and other beautiful beads. In 2017, she will begin training some of the skills students in making jewelry. James has worked in our orchard and on the farm and also served as a residence supervisor with the boys. He also loves to work on the streets encouraging other street kids toward a new life. We congratulate them on their marriage and ask for your prayers as they begin a new journey together!



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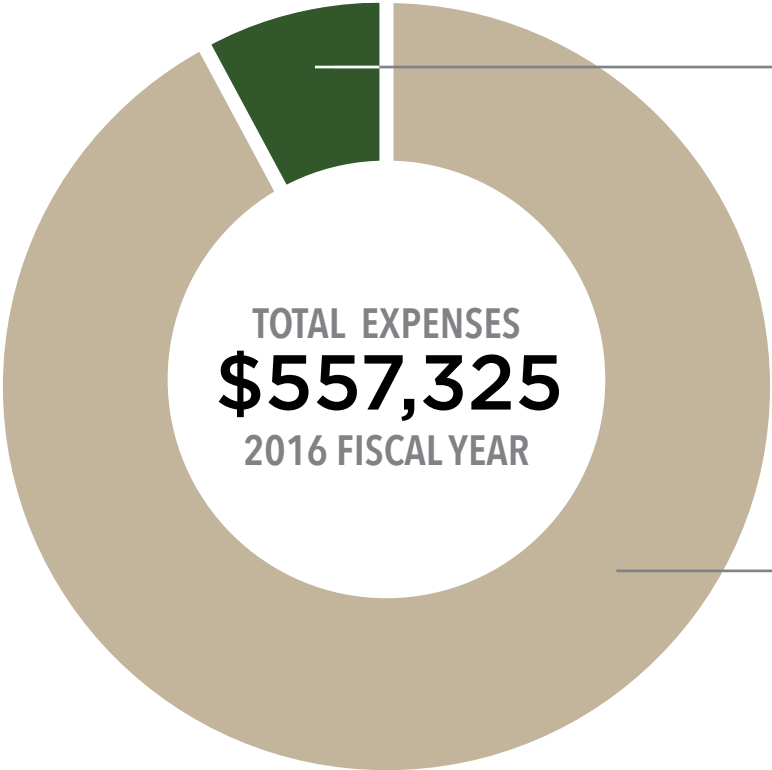
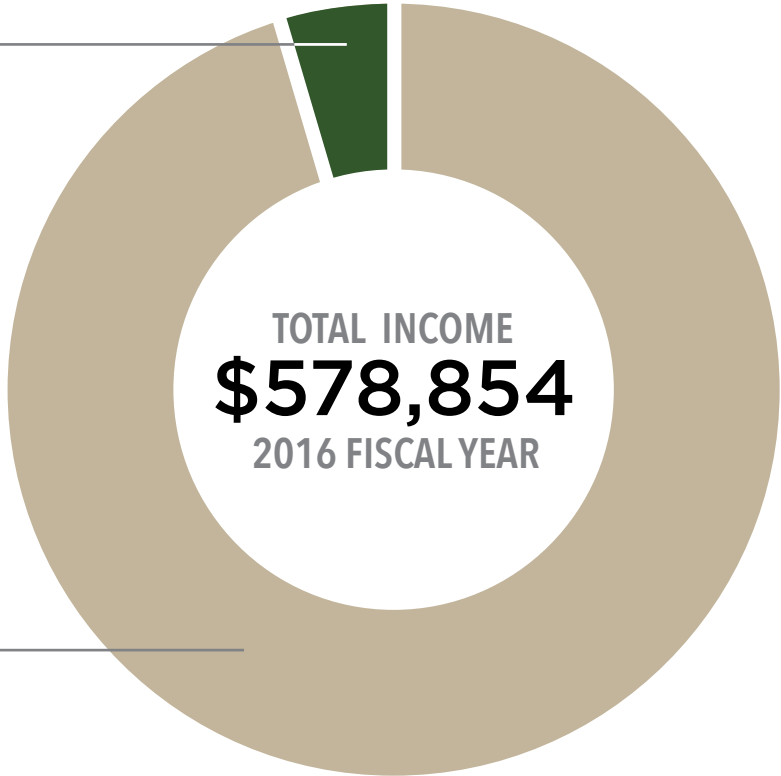
FINANCIAL REPORT

2016 FISCAL YEAR

**LEGACY
CAMPAIGN:
\$27,115 (4.7%)**

Legacy Campaign- Funds raised to develop Mountain View Camp and for future expansion of the MITS mission as we partner with others to launch new street ministry initiatives and support existing ones around the world

**DONATIONS:
\$551,739 (95.3%)**



**ADMIN/GENERAL
EXPENSES:
\$43,298 (7.8%)**

**PROGRAM
EXPENSES:
\$514,027 (92.2%)**



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THANK YOU *from the* COULSTONS

The Coulstons have loved being part of street ministry even as we grow older. We have a greater sense of urgency about reaching as many street kids as possible, about making Made in the Streets stable and strong for a long future, about helping our Kenyan team to develop their skills and love to greater heights.

The best event of 2016 was our team workshop in Malindi in October. There we explored our "hedgehog", which brings together three questions:

- 1) What really matters and makes you feel fully alive when you do it?
- 2) What do you do really well and maybe could be the best in the world at?
- 3) What do they pay you to do?

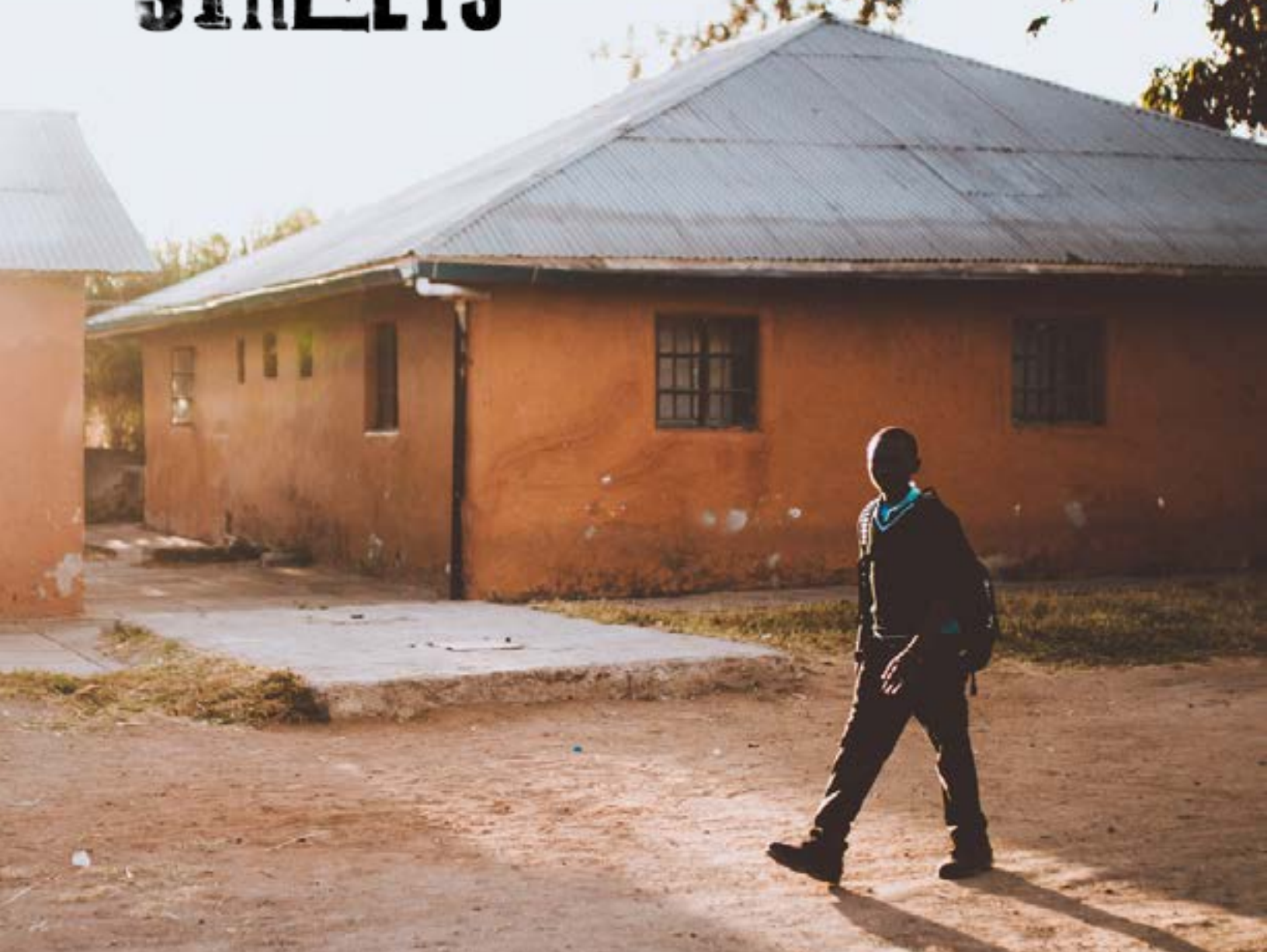
Our end result was "transforming the lives of street kids." So we decided to stop doing work that is not related to that goal. We also fine tuned our approach and method of recruiting street kids for Kamulu. All this makes us happy.

The best resource for our ministry is our friends in the United States who care about street ministry. We are grateful to all who generously give and who pray for our team and kids on the streets. We are also grateful for the many visitors who have blessed us with love, training and fun times.

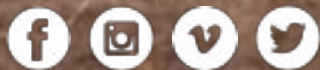
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Coulston".

Charles and Darlene

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