



# Forgotten Voices

Innovating Orphan Care  
Through the Local Church in Africa



## 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

**\$950,101**

TOTAL  
RAISED

**87**

CHURCH  
PARTNERS

**12,573**

TOTAL  
BENEFICIARIES  
(CHILDREN, SIBLINGS,  
CAREGIVERS)

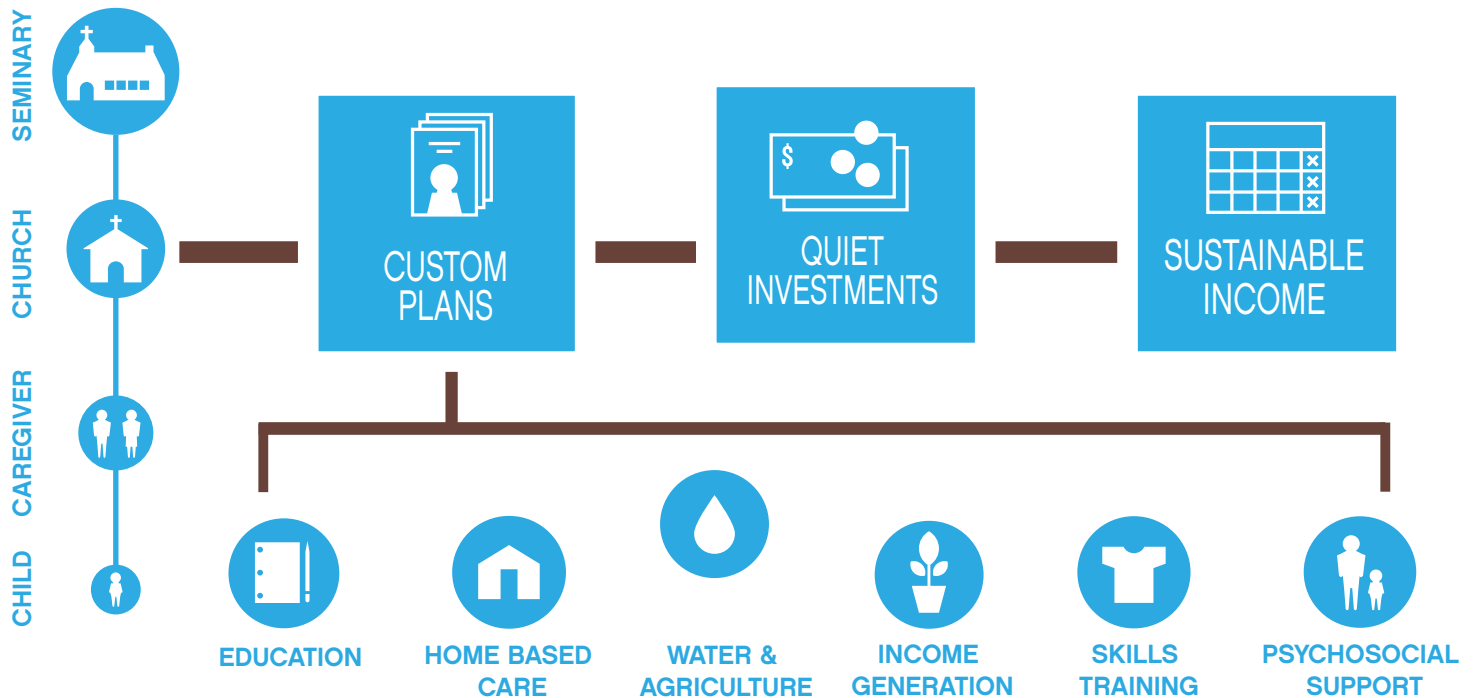
The reality is the church in Africa is growing faster than the orphan crisis. Local leaders say they are not being listened to, leaving a potential pipeline for effective transformation untapped.

IF WE CAN SOLVE THE PARTNERSHIP CRISIS, WE CAN SOLVE THE ORPHAN CRISIS.

# HOW? BY CATALYZING LOCAL CHURCH INITIATED RESPONSES IN AFRICA

Our vision is to innovate orphan care by listening to and supporting the existing efforts of local churches in Africa to preserve each family's ability to care for orphaned and vulnerable children.

## OUR MODEL



We partner with local **SEMINARIES** to find theologically-sound pastors who lead churches serving their communities with effective orphan care strategies.

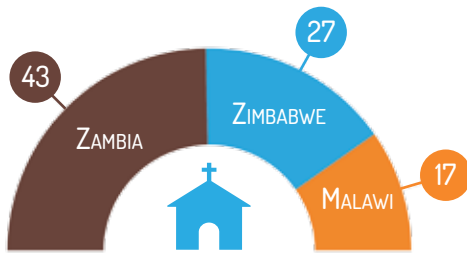
We help a local **CHURCH** create a **CUSTOM PLAN** that meets the unique needs of families caring for orphaned and vulnerable children in their community. Over the course of five years, Forgotten Voices then **QUIETLY INVESTS** in the plan and provides tools for **SUSTAINABLE INCOME**.

These **CAREGIVERS** are already caring for orphaned children in their communities. We tap into their wisdom to encourage and support them by equipping the church to help them thrive.

The **CHILD** is cared for in a way that is custom, quiet, and sustainable. We do this by empowering a network of support around them.

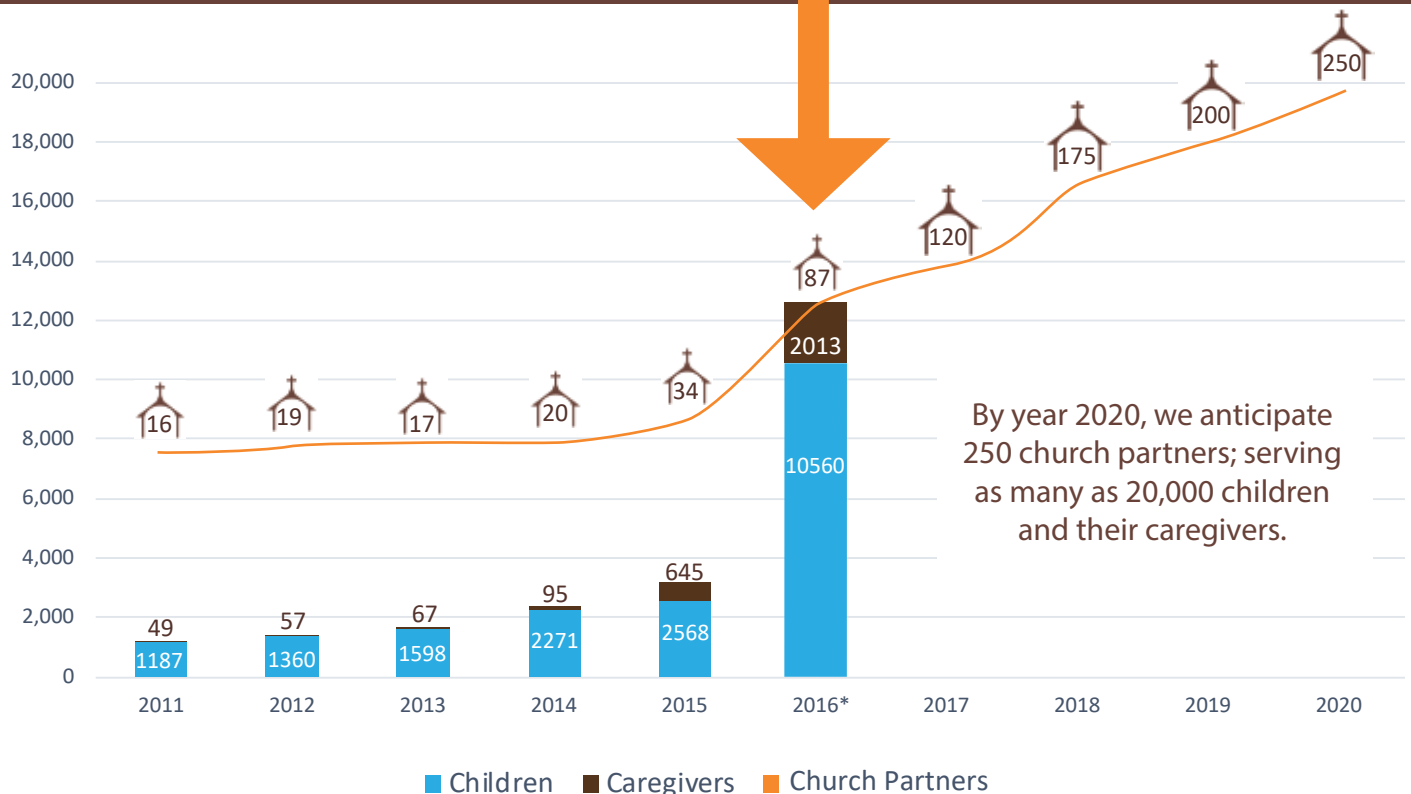
# IMPACT

87 church partners reached more than 12,500 children and family beneficiaries



## 12,573 Beneficiaries

including children and members of their households.



\* The dramatic growth in the number of beneficiaries served corresponds with nearly tripling the number of church partnerships and improving our data collection capabilities.

# Plus...

In addition to helping orphaned and vulnerable children and their families through our standard model, we also provided 628 households in Malawi with emergency food relief last year. As we began pursuing partnerships in Malawi, we listened to local church leaders. They shared that the dire food crisis – particularly in remote areas often overlooked by traditional aid efforts – required immediate attention, even as we planned for future sustainable farming inputs and trainings.

This relief reached **an additional 1,514 CHILDREN**, and provided a meaningful pathway for Forgotten Voices to foster and strengthen relationships with local churches in Malawi.



This grandmother, in the remote area of Lulwe, Malawi, benefitted from the church's intervention of food distribution. The food she was given has helped her look after three of her grandchildren who are orphaned. It has also encouraged her to attend church and has offered her a period of reprieve from anxiety and stress.

# And...

**655 CHURCH-BASED VOLUNTEERS** participated in training this year in Africa. Topics included supporting grieving children, facilitating savings and credit groups and implementing new farming methodology. We are committed to training and equipping local church volunteers as a key strategy in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of orphaned and vulnerable children in their communities.

# FINANCIALS

**2016**  
CONTRIBUTIONS

+

OTHER INCOME →

 **INDIVIDUAL** \$546,824

 **CORPORATE** \$ 20,561

 **CHURCH** \$ 64,104

 **FOUNDATION** \$261,480

 **GIFTS IN KIND** \$ 48,884

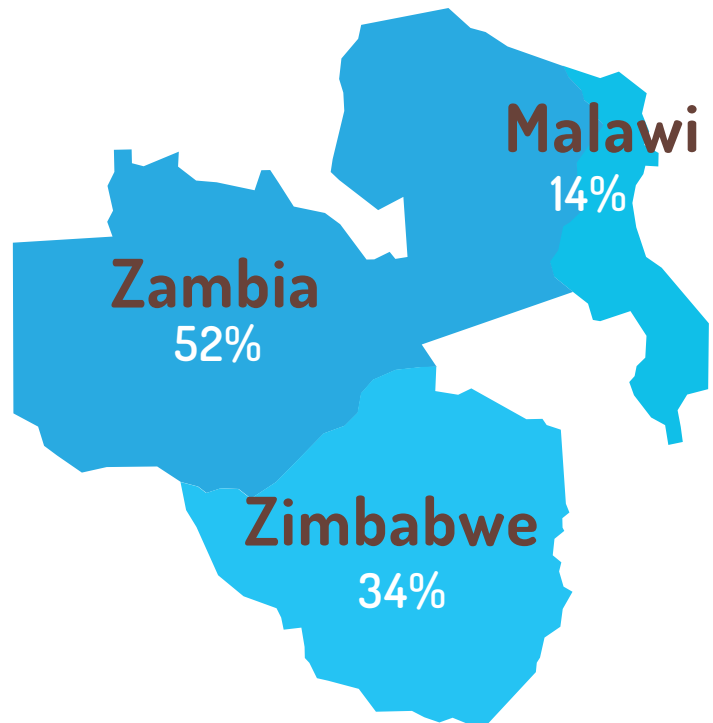
 \$ 8,248

**= \$950,101**

**2016 PROGRAM  
EXPENDITURES**

**\$657,785**

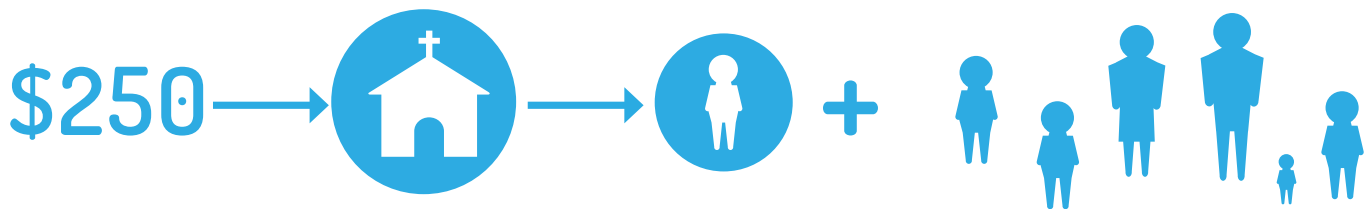
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Total organizational expenses for fiscal year 2016 totaled \$836,337. Fundraising and administrative expenses were 21% of this total, while programmatic investments were 79% overall.

# YOUR INVESTMENTS

An investment of \$250 per year can help a local church partner in Africa meet the needs of one orphaned child, plus his/her sibling(s) and caregiver(s)



By investing through local churches, we quietly support custom plans, training, and sustainable solutions. On average, each church partner receives an investment of

**\$8,500 per year.**

**\$2,500**  
**CUSTOM PLANS**  
to multiply a church's impact  
for children and families.

**\$5,000**  
**TRAINING &  
SUPPORT**  
for church and community  
leaders and volunteers

**\$1,000**  
**SUSTAINABLE  
INCOME PROJECTS**  
for planning and development

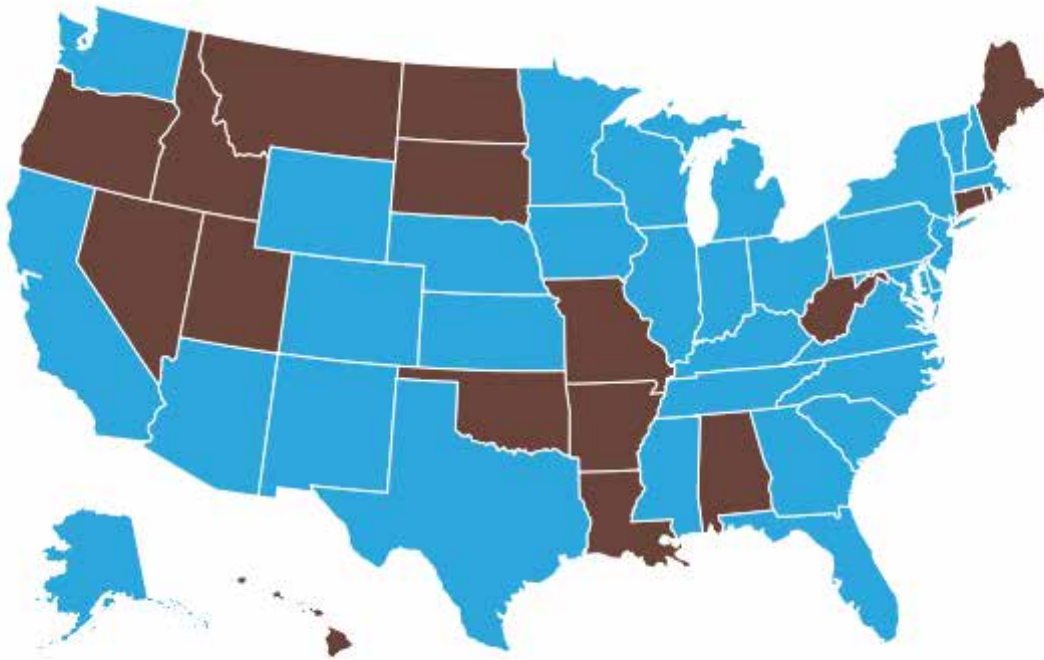


Lubuto Church of Christ in Zambia has helped lift the tired arms of Mrs. Zulu and the six children under her care. They have provided extra school supplies for her kids, and they have helped her start a business, through which she is able to feed her family. In turn, Mrs. Zulu gives back to her community and encourages others as the chairwoman for the Women Fellowship Group at Lubuto Church of Christ.

Because of support from our donors, Forgotten Voices is able to establish church partnerships like the one with Lubuto Church of Christ. Through this partnership, the church is able to generate sustainable income that will provide for their ministry of helping others. In turn, the church is able to invest in its members, like Mrs. Zulu, by providing long term solutions that help them provide for their families. With a renewed confidence and restored dignity, these caregivers can then turn around and care for other members in their community.

# DONORS

Friends from 34 states supported Forgotten Voices this past year, with donations totaling nearly \$1 million.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Our supporters include children, adults, families, churches, businesses and foundations.

Whatever the magnitude of their gifts, we appreciate the generous hearts that are inspired to join our efforts!





## Helping African churches thrive.

“We enjoy supporting Forgotten Voices because of the fact that it’s a behind-the-scenes kind of helping, where the credit is going to the African church and not to us... It’s empowering. And it’s helping the African church thrive and minister to their various communities where this is going on. So I think this is a great model.” -Margaret Gray

“It’s not designed to create dependence, but to create independence. Big difference!” -David Gray

## No gift too small.

Toby, a first grader, stopped by the Forgotten Voices’ Dillsburg office with his mom and siblings to donate his summer savings of \$28.57. His generous donation exemplifies the heart of Christ, and equates to providing for the needs of one orphaned or vulnerable child in Africa for a little more than half a year.



## Little people, big impact.

Last year for their annual birthday charity fundraiser, Blake and Ben chose Forgotten Voices as the recipient of the funds they raised. In lieu of presents, these ten and eight year old boys raised \$250, enough to help a local African church provide customized care for one orphaned or vulnerable child plus his/her siblings and their caregivers for an entire year.

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