



2022
ANNUAL
REPORT
moving forward



our mission

STRENGTHENING THE AFRICAN FAMILY IN OUR
SHARED BATTLE AGAINST HIV/AIDS AND POVERTY

Tree of Lives Family:

Our Board of Directors started 2022 with a long-awaited return to see our Kenyan partners after the travel shutdowns of the previous two years. We were excited and encouraged to see our ministries thriving despite our prolonged physical absence and the myriad other challenges of COVID. We found that the roots we planted so many years ago were able to continue growing in new directions and bearing fruit because, from the beginning, we had cultivated partners. It was overwhelmingly hopeful to know that those on the ground every day are equally empowered and invested in our shared battle against HIV/AIDS and poverty. We were also keenly aware of how richly blessed we are in you, our donors, who have laid the essential groundwork that makes it all possible. Your faithfulness, trust, and generosity are the cornerstones of this successful foundation and all that has followed. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As the year unfolded, we moved forward with invigorated momentum. We were able to resume our regular pilgrimages, beginning in October. We worked with longtime partner George Mbugwa Kimani, "Teacher George," to establish a Scholar Program for our Joy Village children to shepherd them through high school and into college where they can prepare for success as they move into adulthood. We were able to support an incredible World AIDS Day event for our Holy Family Center Youth Mentors that reached over 5,000 people - more than quadruple the number reached at last year's event. God is good.

Yet new and increased challenges have also emerged. Food costs have doubled and show no sign of going down. Salaries, meanwhile, have remained the same, for those who were blessed to have a job at all. The backlog of issues from the pandemic has continued to make it difficult for patients to find transportation to the clinic for their HIV medication. Many have fallen into non-compliance with their drug treatment regimens. Youth and young adults have been particularly affected as their group support networks had to be suspended due to COVID. There is still great need and much to do.

We are eager to get to work in 2023 and confident that the Lord will make a way as together we serve the beautiful people of Kenya. Thank you again. Your love, support, and prayers make more of a difference than you will ever know.

This is all eternal.

In Him,



Jim





world AIDS day

EQUALIZE AND END THE TRIPLE THREAT

December 1 is International World AIDS Day. It is set aside for the global community to renew its commitment to ending AIDS as a public health threat. For the last 20 years, Nazareth Hospital and the Holy Family Center have contributed toward the sustained efforts to control and manage HIV, making significant achievements in Kenya.

Data from The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) on the global HIV response reveals that during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV progress has faltered and resources have shrunk. Nazareth Hospital and the Holy Family Center are working to embrace the Kenyan campaign to tackle the inequalities exacerbating the problem, including economic, social, cultural and legal disparities.

In Kenya, the Ministry of Health, used the Swahali word "#SAWAZI-SHA" meaning "Flatten" as the campaign tagline with the goal of ending the triple threat, meaning:

1. Zero new infections
2. Zero teenage pregnancies
3. Zero gender based violence

Ambassadors traveled to popular gathering spots including marketplaces, flower farms, boda boda (motorcycle) sheds, bus stops and even a mobile road show from Nazareth to Ruaka, a neighboring town. This creative outreach allowed them to reach 5,000 people on that day.

During this event, 15 Holy Family Center peer mentors participated. They tested 817 young people for HIV, 13 of whom were enrolled in the Holy Family Center program, and 25 of whom were put on pre-exposure measures. Those living with HIV are on follow-up programs and were advised on starting treatment early so that they can live a full, healthy and productive life. The clients with negative tests received messages on prevention and risk reduction measures.



5000
people reached

4000
of those reached
were youth

817
tested for HIV/AIDS

13
of those tested
identified positive

15
teen mentors led
the event

joy village

LIGHTING UP AT A FRACTION OF THE COST

50

kids living in the Joy Village

Kenya is a world leader in the number of solar power systems installed per capita. More Kenyans are now turning to solar power every year rather than make connections to the country's electric grid. This is due to a number of challenges related to connecting to the national grid, with the first and foremost being the cost of setup and the high cost of buying power from Kenya Power.

10

staff members at the Joy Village including 6 mamas, 3 aunties and one grounds maintenance supervisor

This year, Tree of Lives received a generous donation to convert the Joy Village to solar power, freeing it from municipal electricity. The annual utility bill for the Joy Village is \$22,000. The solar panels will pay for themselves in less than three years and virtually eliminate the Joy Village's electric bill.

The solar panels were installed over the roof of House 7 and over the laundry room roof.

What an amazing opportunity for the Joy Village to use renewable energy and decrease the bills they have to pay.

36

solar panels installed on the roof above House 7

9360

average watts per hour that the thirty-six panels will provide



the scholars

CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

113

active scholars
enrolled in
Allamano scholars
program

\$402

average cost per year
for one scholar

14

Joy Village students
enrolled in high
school

1

scholar graduated
from university

The Scholars Program was created in 2008 to help further education for the children of the Allamano School and help with tuition for the Joy Village kids once they enter high school. Without this program, many students would pause their education. Last year, Tree of Lives arranged for a Kenyan community-based organization to hire Teacher George (George Mbugwa Kimani) to supervise our Scholars Program. He worked to support Kenyan students from primary school through high school and, in some cases, post-high school studies. His ultimate goal is to help them find a well-paying job to support themselves and their families.

We are so proud of our Joy Village and Allamano School scholars! Ten of the Joy Village scholars started Form 1 (equivalent to 9th grade) this year. The children apply to different high schools and are accepted based on academics and other indicators.

In our Allamano Scholar program, we have one hundred and thirteen active scholars. Out of the 113, one graduated from university and two graduated from secondary school and have applied to university and college. In December, we had two scholars graduate from secondary school, twelve from class eight and two going from grade six to junior secondary. All of the students will be promoted to their next grade.

Each quarter, Teacher George holds scholar meetings for the students and their parents. At these times, he goes over the progress of each student to ensure they are following all of the guidelines to keep their scholarships.



making spirits bright

BOXES OF LOVE DISTRIBUTED OVER THE HOLIDAYS



This year's Boxes of Love distribution was more meaningful than ever as food prices in Kenya have soared. Tree of Lives distributed 200 Boxes of Love to children and their families enrolled in the Holy Family Center and 120 gift packs to children that attend the Allamano School. Thirty youth and adolescents from the HFC Youth Mentor Program volunteered to package and distribute the household gift packs. The boxes provide enough materials to last through the Christmas holiday, or about four weeks. In each box, recipients received:

- School bag
- Refillable water bottle
- Toothbrush
- 2 liter of cooking fat
- 2 kilograms of wheat flour
- 10 kilograms of maize flour
- 72 kilograms rice
- 1 kilogram of green Mung beans
- Bar of soap

**some students also receive school shoes*



200

children given
Boxes of Love
supplies at the Holy
Family Center

30

youth volunteered to
distribute the Boxes
of Love packages

120

Boxes of Love
distributed to
Allamano School
students

\$20,210

money raised during
the Boxes of Love
sale this year. This
money will be used
to purchase the 2023
Boxes of Love.



2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Revenue

TOTAL REVENUE **\$391,666**

Expenses

Administrative 18,334

Kenyan Based Grants

<i>Nazareth Hospital Charity Fund for Needy Patients.....</i>	<i>43,200</i>
<i>Nazareth Hospital Pastoral Care & Counseling.....</i>	<i>15,600</i>
<i>Nazareth Mother to Mother Program.....</i>	<i>10,800</i>
<i>Scholars Program.....</i>	<i>44,392</i>
<i>Women of Worth.....</i>	<i>18,880</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Youth Program.....</i>	<i>9,000</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Youth Program World AIDS Day.....</i>	<i>3,800</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Food Pack & Infant Milk.....</i>	<i>10,800</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Patient Support.....</i>	<i>6,300</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Boxes of Love.....</i>	<i>6,500</i>
<i>Holy Family Center Staff Engagement.....</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>Allamano School.....</i>	<i>6,128</i>
<i>Allamano School Boxes of Love.....</i>	<i>2,694</i>
<i>Slum Child Foundation for Korogocho Children's Support Program.....</i>	<i>5,500</i>

Joy Village 129,577

Joy Village Solar Panels 45,000

Joy Village Scholars 8,000

Joy Village Hearing Aids 1,200

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$388,671**

MAJOR DONORS

We are thankful for all our donors and supporters. The following donors were major contributors in the 2022 fiscal year. (\$1,000 and up)

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Geneva Presbyterian Church, Canton, MI
Great Bridge Presbyterian Church, Chesapeake, VA
St. Matthews United Methodist Church, Acton, MA

partnering together

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR FRIENDS IN KENYA



BITES OF JOY

There is a sweet connection between the preschool at First Presbyterian Church and Tree of Lives. This past year, the half day ones class opened a cookie and baked goods stand. It was full of desserts that raised money for the Joy Village. Parents and staff from the church and preschool visited and purchased all kinds of cookies and treats. The class raised more than \$1,300! What a sweet gift for Tree of Lives!



JOY VILLAGE CLUB STARTED

Two youth group members at First Presbyterian Church in Norfolk decided to start a club at Norfolk Collegiate, a local private school, to raise awareness for Tree of Lives. They hope to bring attention to the lives of children influenced by HIV and AIDS and to have fundraisers and create community in the school for a meaningful cause that is close to their hearts.

They promoted the club at the annual Norfolk Collegiate club fair. Thirty-one students joined! "As we begin to get further into the academic year, we intend to sell unique Kenyan items and all proceeds will go to the Joy Village," said co-founder Arlie Johnston. "We wish that not only will our members and peers learn more about our church's foundation, but create a global perspective upon the lives of children facing adversity in Africa," added the group's other founder Mackenzie Farrell.

we went back!

TREE OF LIVES RETURNED TO KENYA

2022 was a great year! At the first of the year, the Tree of Lives board returned to Kenya for their first trip in two years. The team was excited to be on the ground once more and catch up with friends. Despite the myriad challenges of the pandemic, our ministries continued to thrive thanks to the hard work of our partners and the faithful generosity of donors. We then had another pilgrimage in October.

Our 2022 Pilgrims:

Kelly Alcorn
Emily Eure
Santee Ferebee
Megan Foard
Jane Friddell
Antipas Harris
Hunter Johnston
Erik Van Strien
Steve Story
Margo Taylor
Jim Wood

Interested in going on a pilgrimage? Consider joining us in 2023, January 8-20 or October 1-13, and see how we serve the people of Kenya. Contact Jim Wood at jim@fpcnorfolk.org for more information.



astounding success

HOLY FAMILY CENTER CONTINUES TO CHANGE LIVES



HIV PREVENTION

6,050 tested for HIV

554 newly identified HIV positives

522 newly enrolled in the program (*some of the newly HIV positive identified are linked to other clinics in closer proximity to their residence).

HIV CARE AND TREATMENT

6,467 patients currently on antiretroviral therapy (ART)

94% overall viral suppression

95% retained on ART from time of initiation

100% of TB/HIV co-infected patients on ART

100% TB screening of HIV infected individuals (*TB is the major cause of mortality in HIV infected patients)



PREVENTION OF MOTHER TO CHILD TRANSMISSION

138 newly identified HIV positive mothers

100% ART compliance for HIV infected pregnant mothers

0% mother to child transmission (*for past 9 years there has been no mother to child transmission for mothers enrolled in the program).





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