



CHILDREN
OF THE NATIONS®

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



Raising Children Who Transform Nations®

God is Working in Children's Lives, through You

Dear COTN family,

We praise God for you. Over the past year, you've improved the lives of children like David in Malawi. As you'll see on the next page, David says, because of your support, "I saw God working in me every day."

In 2016, you gave generously to our Million Dollar Challenge, providing physical, spiritual, social, and educational care to thousands of children like David.

You built safe spaces for children, including school dormitories in Uganda, more space in our Children's Homes in Sierra Leone, and a dining hall in Malawi.

You have helped children transition to adulthood through our University/Vocational Program, the Business Connections Initiative, and new Bible-based curriculum, like our Life Launch series.

Throughout this report you will see charts and numbers documenting your generosity. But please remember the children, like David, these numbers represent. Children who see God working in them, through you.

For the Children,

Chris & Debbie Clark

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COTN Founders





From Orphan to Activist: David's Story

Before he was seven years old, David Samuel worked like an adult. His parents had died, so he lived with his grandmother, but she was financially unable to care for him. So David did what he could to support them both.

He purchased plastic bags and used them to help merchants and customers carry their goods on market day. The rest of the week, David cared for villagers' cattle in the fields. They paid him in food.

◀ *"Life was really difficult," David says, "but I thought, that's how people live, that's how probably I will live for the rest of my life."*

**David is
making strides
thanks to God's
grace and your
generosity.**

On cold nights, David's grandmother would cover him up with a sweatshirt because they didn't have blankets. "Life was really difficult," David says, "but I thought, you know, that's how people live, that's how probably I will live for the rest of my life."

One day, some Americans came to David's village and started a vacation Bible school. It was 1999, the beginning of COTN's ministry in Malawi. Through the VBS program, David was identified as a child in great need and was invited to join COTN's new Children's Home.

David still remembers the date—September 20, 1999—when he walked into his new home. He was overwhelmed. There was carpet on the floor, beds, and he had to learn how to use a toilet. The rushing sound of the water terrified him.

David struggled to adjust to his new life, but he says, “I saw God working in me every day.”

David also started going to school, where he excelled. He went on to attend one of the best high schools in Malawi and graduated from the Catholic University of Malawi with a bachelor’s degree in social science in political leadership.

“I see myself now and think, oh

my gosh, I’ve really come so far,” David says. The boy who herded cattle now interns for Citizens for Justice, a government organization working to improve governance and social, economic, and environmental rights in Malawi.

David is one of many COTN children, now all grown up, who are making strides into the future of their countries thanks to God’s grace and your generosity! As David says, “When God says yes, it is a promise.”

Sponsor a child like David at
cotni.org/children.

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Ministry Totals



9,443

individuals medically assisted



407

Venture participants



3,660

children fed daily



1,408,104

meals shipped in-country



5,203

sponsors caring for COTN's children



16,544

people who heard the gospel



260,000+

pounds of food produced in-country

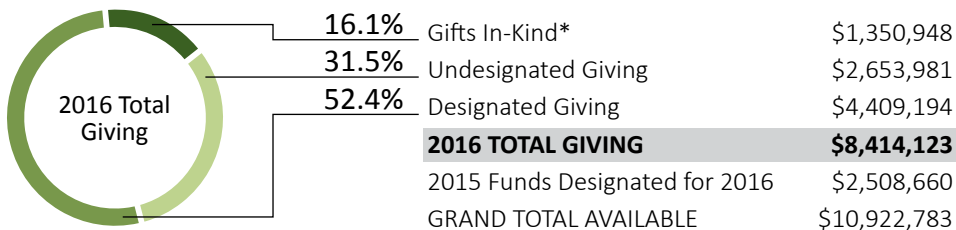


13,708

volunteer hours worldwide

Financial Results

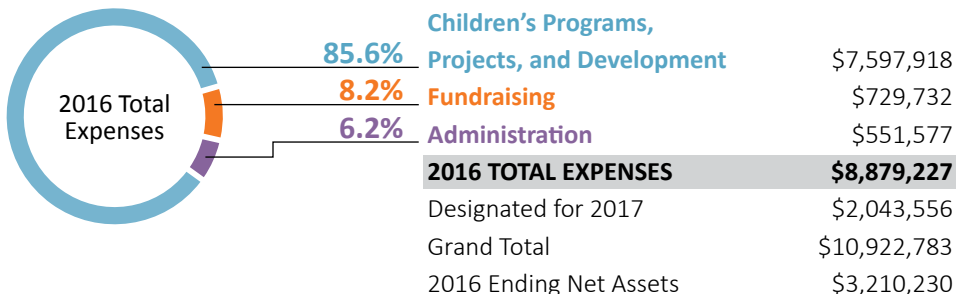
2016 INCOME



“Children of the Nations has earned a 4-star rating. ...This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Children of the Nations from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

- Ken Berger
President of Charity Navigator

2016 EXPENSES



*Gifts In-Kind are items and services gifted to Children of the Nations (e.g., equipment, supplies, medical and surgical services, consultants, professional services, etc.). Dollar values are estimated by management.

Note: Figures contained in this 2016 annual report are our best calculated estimates based on actual country statistics. Final dollar amounts can be found on our website once IRS 990 statements are filed. Financial amounts are subject to final independent audit.



million dollar challenge

Your gifts to the Million Dollar Challenge are helping to provide holistic care for the children.

You can see the results in the lives of children like Jenifer (*left*), from our Mtsiliza Village Partnership in Malawi. Thanks to your generosity, Jenifer and thousands of other children have plenty of food, a good education, and are learning about Jesus.

“My life has been transformed positively,” Jenifer says.

Thank you for answering God’s call to care for His children!

**GRAND TOTAL RAISED
FOR THE CHILDREN**

\$879,332.85



Spiritual Care



817

people made a decision for Christ



2,999

children/youth attended camp



2,248

people attended discipleship groups



1,328

Bibles distributed to children/youth/university students





Education



4,578

children attending COTN schools



118

students in the University/Vocational Program



17

schools operated by COTN



16%

improvement in kindergarten math scores

Resources and Sustainable Development



428,169

pounds of resources shipped



150

acres farmed



46,585

bars of soap shipped



3,174

SmilePacks® assembled





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Vision

Raising Children Who Transform Nations®

Mission

To provide holistic, Christ-centered care for orphaned and destitute children, enabling them to create positive and lasting change in their nations.

Transform more lives this year!

**YOUR \$50
GIFT OF**
**will go where it's
most needed,
to transform children's
lives all year long.**

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