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YEAR IN REVIEW - 2017

PRESIDENT'S LETTER | BEARING MUCH FRUIT

A branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine. For over twenty years, LIA has consistently set aside Monday as a day of prayer. Each week, every LIA office gathers together for corporate prayer. We submit to the Father as we join to read Scripture, worship, intercede for the needs of the team, and unify as an organization to pray over a specific country.

The first prayer update I sent to the LIA teams in January 2017 was a word given to us by the Lord that He promised to fulfill in the year. God invited us into a year of *fruitfulness* at the start of 2017—a year of bearing much fruit. We praise God for how He watches over His word to bring it to pass!

As every LIA staff team started the year, we reflected on the words of Jesus in 1 John 15:1-8:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

With that we submitted ourselves to abide and accept the pruning of the Lord that we may bear much fruit through His strength.

This was the first year of LIA's 5-year strategic plan. As we reflected on 2017 as a whole, we were in awe of all that had been accomplished. The abundant fruit of transformational development could not have been more fulfilling to watch.

In keeping with our model, we partnered with 180 local churches within the 14 countries we serve in Africa and the Caribbean, 75 of which were new church partners. A total of 92,500 people were served throughout the various communities as we mobilized and equipped these local churches to address the needs of their communities.

Over the course of 2017, children who live in poor and difficult situations were emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually transformed through our model. Our impact on orphans and vulnerable children will always be significant because it is very close to God's heart. Of those we served in 2017, a total of 3,399 were children. Through our model, we economically empowered 572 care givers so that they could continue to meet the needs of their children. Sustainable impact has been an ongoing reality as local church partners empowered by our model have continued to facilitate transformation even after we exit the community. This is the kind of fruit we desire as we continue to abide in Christ.

In similar ways, we saw increased numbers of impact in our Community Health, Economic Empowerment, and Education strategies, centered around the local church. While many stories of transformed lives were shared from one community to another, only a few can be shared in this report.

The generosity of our partners increased significantly in 2017. We received several multi-year funding commitments. One of these enabled us to expand our work in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, and Congo with three year project plans. Yet another generous gift helped us complete and dedicate the accommodation building of the training center. All of these examples reveal the faithfulness of God.

As we continue into the second year of our 5-year strategic plan in 2018, we echo what was said at our recent partnership meeting; leaders of foundations joined mission directors and individual partners at our bi-annual event and it became clear that God has called LIA to much more than we have articulated in the strategic plan. We eagerly anticipate the fruit we will bear by the Lord's guidance in 2018. May we continue to bear witness to the advancement of His kingdom through Life in Abundance as we abide in Him *together*.

For His glory,

Florence

WHAT IS POVERTY?

When we traditionally think of poverty, we often limit our understanding to merely the physical lack of material things. While physical poverty is indeed a threatening vulnerability, the realities of poverty span far beyond the material world. Just as man was created densely complex, poverty is a multifaceted issue that encompasses physical, emotional, and spiritual impoverishment. Poverty is evident in everything from the systemic scarcity of resources to the deprivation of the mind through the lies of the enemy. We serve to empower the world's most vulnerable from a "wholistic" approach to address all forms and facets of poverty.

Basket weaving program | Cyangugu, Rwanda





WHAT IS TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

Our Transformational Development Model builds on the truth that the Gospel should bring about changes within the spiritual, social, and material dimensions of a community to improve the human condition from a “wholistic” approach. We long to faithfully steward the vision of our model that the Lord graciously granted to our founder Dr. Florence Muindi through the following steps:

STEP 1 – ENGAGE LOCAL LEADERSHIP

With the Lord’s guidance, we enter a community and ask that He reveal “men and women of peace.” We gather the local pastors and leaders and pray the Lord guide us as we cast vision together for the transformation of their community. As the Lord gives vision, the pastors and leaders identify their community’s most felt needs.

STEP 2 – INVITE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

We partner with and work through the local church in a three-year commitment. During this time we equip and empower the church through the giving of resources, training, and mentorship. As the church mobilizes and begins to build capacity for sustainable solutions, local leaders launch programs and initiatives to target the specific needs of their community.

STEP 3 – CULTIVATE COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Transformational development is only sustainable if the community takes complete ownership of the process. As the church is equipped to build sustainable solutions, mobilize resources, and engage their community, we consistently see individuals and communities at large transformed. We celebrate the initial impact of transformed lives and envision the work that must continue long after we have phased out from the community. This occurs when we completely hand over the programming and responsibility to local leadership after our three-year commitment, thus establishing a sustainable solution for continual transformational development.



SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Earning capacity and savings are the basis for alleviating physical poverty. When one is able to provide for their family, they have more dignity and a better understanding of their self-worth. We focus on economic empowerment opportunities that promote self-sufficiency and innovation to create value in a given economy.



COMMUNITY HEALTH

Health is the basis for life. Each and every community we serve has a specific emphasis on disease prevention, health promotion, and care. The community plays a vital role in identifying the areas of greatest need and implementing health programs that build upon existing assets, capacity, and the established health network.

WHY THE CHURCH?

We partner with and empower the local church because we believe Christ has ordained His Church to carry on the purposes of God. There is no other body that knows the local community better than the local church, as they are made up of that same community. The local church knows and feels the full impact of the problems plaguing members of the community. They are the ones who can most effectively bring about sustainable solutions to meet the community's needs and continue the work long after we've phased out.



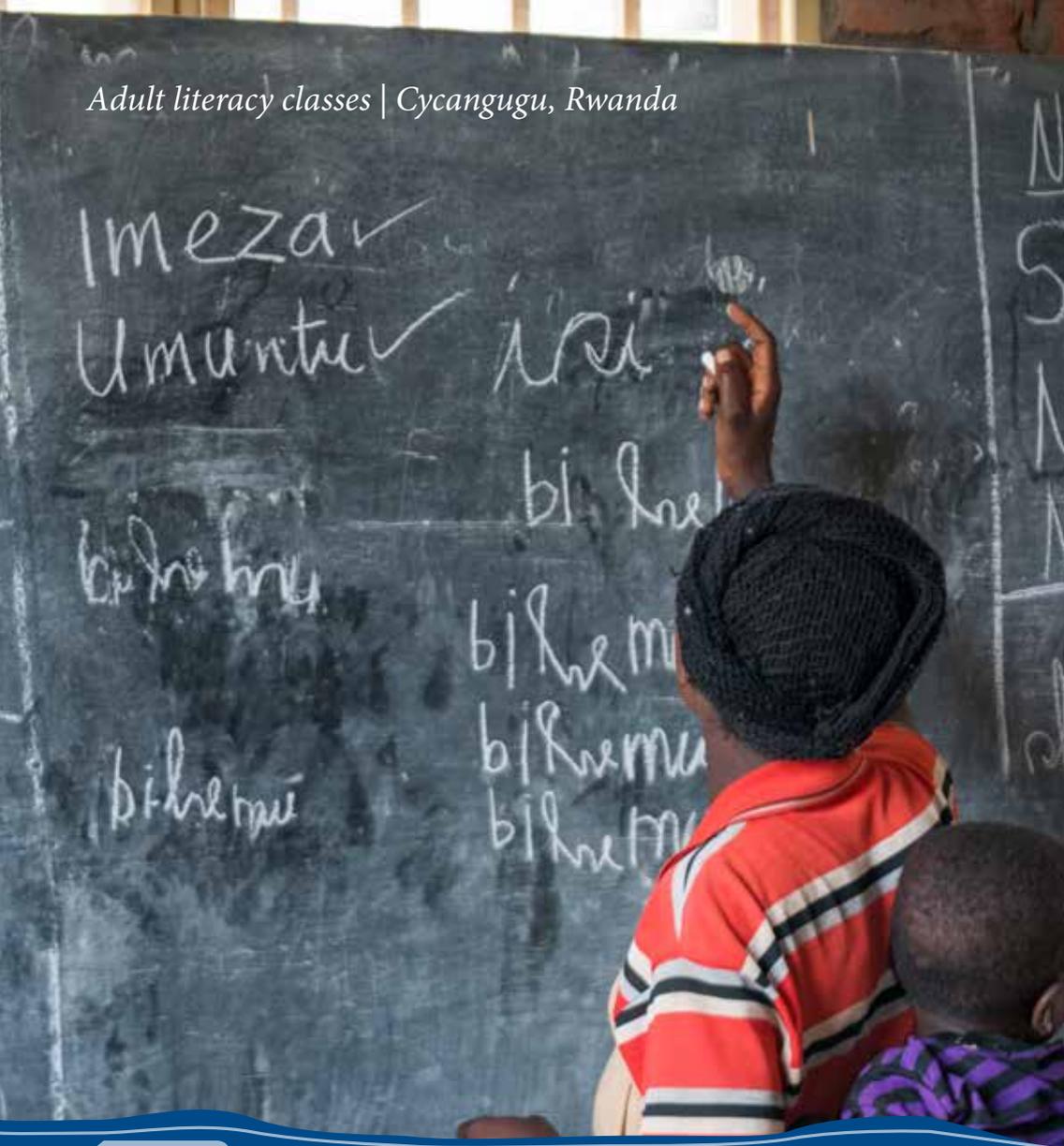
SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Social engagement is the basis for breaking the poverty cycle. Nothing changes when nothing is changed. We work to equip and walk alongside communities as they identify the structural evil that perpetuates their circumstances. Furthermore, we encourage our local church partners to fully utilize their unique role in the community by advocating for its most vulnerable members.



EDUCATION

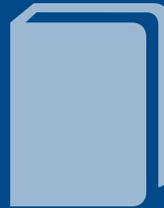
Education is the basis for development. All our initiatives include community-wide seminars and educational interventions targeting the identified needs, assets, and capacity within a community. Specific attention is always given to developing the practical theology of our church partners within the community.



WHO WE SERVE

I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance. John 10:10b

We seek to serve and empower the poorest and most marginalized communities, families, and individuals in Africa and the Caribbean. We walk alongside those we serve to cultivate ownership of their transformation. Those present in these communities long for a day in which they'll have adequate food, good health, education, and a purposeful life. Because of their destitute conditions, hope is fleeting and change seems impossible. This is why we serve with the hope of the gospel to "wholistically" serve each facet of poverty. We see a day when the world's most vulnerable and marginalized will have life and have it in abundance.



EDUCATION



WHERE WE SERVE

Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed the miraculous and continue to see the kingdom of God here on earth. We currently walk with 230 churches and 30 communities in 14 countries throughout Africa and the Caribbean—serving all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

As we walk with the Lord and seek His guidance through prayer and petition, we claim spiritual authority over the territory He grants. Just as our Christ defends the cause of the fatherless, the widowed, and the foreigner, so we seek to address injustices and watch God transform sorrow to joy and fear to hope.

We reference our work in three ways: New Territory, Active Territory, and Ongoing Impact. Each of these categories represents multiple countries and communities, while each community is unique in the amount of time served, programs launched, and level of community ownership.

Market day | Cyangngugu, Rwanda

COUNTRIES WE SERVE

New Territory
Countries of the Lakes Region—including DR Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda—have recently been opened to us in God’s timing.

Active Territory
Communities that we currently serve—where programs are in process to bring wholistic transformation—include Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Somaliland, Egypt, Jamaica, and Haiti.

Ongoing Impact
Kibera, Kisumu, Makueni (Kenya), Adama and Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) are just a small list of communities that we have exited that continue to thrive and take ownership of their transformation.





Everest and his family | Cyangugu, Rwanda

NEW TERRITORY - RWANDA, LAKES REGION

RECONCILED AFTER 20 YEARS

On the southern coast of Lake Kivu lies Cyangugu, a serene Rwandan community known for its lush landscape. A gentle breeze rustles over the land and carries the morning melodies of fishermen singing as they bring in the previous night's catch.

Twenty years ago, the city of Cyangugu looked drastically different than it does today. Plagued with war and ethnic divisions, Cyangugu was an area that festered with hate. Everest knew this narrative all too well, having been there himself. During the time of the genocide, Everest was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison. At the time of his imprisonment, his wife Stefanie was left with only a high school education to support their daughter. She was in an extremely vulnerable position as their home was not fit for anyone to live in.

She did the best she could to make a living by working on other people's farms and saving what little she had to put their daughter through school. Though Everest's sentence was burdensome, his wife saw hope for him. "I made a decision that I would wait for him. No matter how long it took, I was going to wait to see him again."

Everest was counting down the days until he'd be reunited with his family. While serving his sentence, Everest met Pastor Deo. Deo's church had started a prison outreach ministry and he began to build a relationship with Everest. As Deo met with Everest, he shared about the grace and forgiveness found in the Lord. Everest was grieved by his sin and led to repentance as he gave his life to Christ. As time went on Everest shared about his wife, encouraged that she chose to wait for him, but worried that she was struggling to support their daughter. A large earthquake had recently shaken the entire city of Cyangugu. Everest had called home and was told that the house didn't collapse, but the mangled structure was unlikely to stay standing for much longer.



Upon hearing about Everest's family, Deo's heart was heavy. He talked with his church and, together, they decided to take on the responsibility of loving Everest's family. During this time the church participated in our Training of Trainers empowerment program. "We were deeply challenged by the training and our eyes were opened," Pastor Deo explained. "We realized that we needed to be the church. We needed to love and serve those in our community with the resources we already have."

Empowered through our model, the church got together and decided to build the family a home, giving what little they had to buy building materials and furniture. Everest was deeply moved by the church's love for him and his family. "When I came home I was so touched, so touched..." Everest paused, "I just don't have the words...but let me say that Pastor Deo is the most wonderful and loving person I know. What he has done for me and my family, I just can't express. I have truly seen the love of God through this man."

Deo's church was also able to involve Everest in a micro-loan program which allowed him to invest into different breeding and agriculture initiatives around their home. The economic empowerment provided by the church gave Everest the chance to provide for his family and reintegrate into the community.

Through the empowerment of our model, Pastor Deo was equipped to mobilize his church community to not only love and support Everest's family, but also build them a home. Everest has not missed a single loan payment and plans to build savings to provide for his daughter's university education. Pastor Deo is amazed by how drastically this family has been transformed in such a short amount of time. The most impactful change, he says, "is that there is so much joy in this home. Overwhelming, life-giving joy! To think that our church did this is humbling. It is a gift that the Lord saw fit to invite us into this."

HOW NEEDS WERE MET

Community Health

The church cared for the physical health of Everest's family and took steps to provide them better living conditions.

Economic Empowerment

Everest joined the micro-loan program and invested in local initiatives as a source of income.

Social Engagement

The church assisted Everest in reintegrating back into his community and connecting with other members.

Education

Everest learned helpful financial tips and guidance through the micro-loan program provided by the church.

ACTIVE TERRITORY - EGYPT



To preserve the anonymity of those involved, names of individuals and places in the following story have been changed or omitted.

In a large Egyptian city in the northern region of the country, the oppressed evangelical community cried out in desperation. They wanted better education for their children and longed to engage the community at large with the gospel. Most evangelical churches over the years had been closed due to opposition in the city, and the local church had been left without a pastor for four years. Inadequate preparatory education for their children seemed unfair, and yet they didn't know how to change it. The community was left feeling hopeless and isolated. Thankfully, where man saw desolation, God saw opportunity.

In May of 2016, Pastor Aly, one of the few Christian evangelical pastors in the northern region, felt the weight of the physical and spiritual poverty present in his town and resolved that something must be done. Pastor Aly responded to this call by attending a medical training for church leaders hosted by LIA. Encouraged by how he'd been equipped, he set out to lead Community Health Education (CHE) lessons for local leaders in this northern city. By September of 2016, Pastor Aly had become the ordained pastor of the local church.

After training other local leaders through our model, Pastor Aly gathered members of the church for a vision seminar. By December of that year, Pastor Aly and the local leaders signed the LIA partnership agreement and we began our collaboration with the church by equipping the leadership to properly approach their community using our model through our Training of Trainers (TOT) program. Members of the church communicated the need for an Early Childhood Development (ECD) program in order to provide better preparatory education for the children in the area. They also saw an opportunity to better engage the local community with the gospel through this program.

The local church leaders submitted a concept proposal for an ECD program in the church with hope of increasing the quality of education and evangelical presence in the community.

The team of leaders developed a budget for the ECD initiative and provided the church building to house the school. Through the assistance of the LIA financial fund and further contributions from the local church, the nursery and classrooms were fully funded. The Lord continually blessed the progression of this project and, by April 1, 2017, the ECD program was officially launched! The children's class schedules include everything from prayer and worship to alphabet and number lessons. All of the activities and interactions with the other children encourage development.

The ECD initiative was specifically geared to reach the 500 displaced families in the area. Up and running, the church-based program consistently served 12 students in the month of May. Growth continued and by July, 30 regular students were attending the program and several students graduated in August. Parents of the students that participated in the ECD program were encouraged by the dramatic growth and transformation they saw take place in their children's lives.

We have seen an abundance of transformative results come out of this single ECD initiative. It is only by the Lord's mighty hand that we are able to participate in incredible transformations such as this in Egypt. God is breaking the bondage of religious persecution and poverty for the glory of His name! Join us in praying that the growth of this church community will continue and for the protection of the children they serve.

HOW NEEDS WERE MET

Community Health

The church taught children and families sanitary practices and healthy food options through the ECD initiative.

Economic Empowerment

The church was empowered to create a budget for the needs of the ECD and faithfully steward the profit of the program.

Social Engagement

The church engages directly with the community through ECD programs and showcases for the children to present what they've learned.

Education

Students involved in the ECD program receive a comprehensive curriculum, learning a variety of subjects, Scripture, and practical skills.





ONGOING IMPACT - KIBERA, KENYA

A TRANSFORMED LIFE AND FAMILY RECONCILIATION

Evening had already set over the slums of Kibera, Kenya when the sound of broken glass interrupted the still night. A brawl had broken out in a bar and authorities were called to intervene. The subjects of the altercation were brought out and young Lorian was arrested for his involvement. Lorian had a history of being caught up with the wrong crowd, showing how the struggles of life in the slums take a unique toll on every resident. Lorian's poor upbringing and impoverished life caused him to seek security and control under the protection of a local gang in his early teens.

The night of the bar fight, Lorian's life took a turn for the worse. As he sat in the prison cell, his mother entered the prison. She pleaded desperately for the warden to release her son, but didn't have enough money for his bail. The police commander felt no remorse for the begging woman but, rather, saw an opportunity to satisfy his desires. The commander requested sexual favors from Lorian's mother in exchange for his release. With no other means of payment, desperate for her son's freedom, his mother agreed. Lorian was released. Upon his discharge, Lorian discovered the truth behind how he'd gained freedom. He was disgusted by his mother's actions and hated her for what she'd done. Lorian harbored increasing bitterness against the police and denied all authority as a means of rebellion. His involvement with gang violence continued as he began to justify all of his rebellious acts with this incident.

Lorian was lost in his rebellious state and yet, the more he sought security and power, the less control he felt he had over his life. Lorian was purposeless and wandered through life hopeless that anything could change. It was then that Lorian was approached by a local pastor during a youth camp meeting. This pastor led a congregation in a local church that we partner with in Kibera. This Kiberian church partner had been equipped and empowered by our Transformational Development training and sought to transform members of the community through a wholistic

approach. The pastor recognized Lorian's need for gospel transformation and shared the hope that Christ gives through his grace and mercy upon accepting Him as your Savior. Lorian was deeply impacted by the message of forgiveness, and he reflected on his own life of rebellion. The pastor and community of believers within the church loved and cared for Lorian and called him into the glorious embrace of Christ.

Over time, Lorian forgave his mother for her immoral deeds and professed Jesus as the Lord of his life. In church, Lorian had the opportunity to connect with people his age in fellowship. Lorian became heavily involved with the local youth ministry and gradually changed his ways. Lorian loved working with the youth in his community and longed to save others from the fate his life would have come to had God not intervened. Lorian attended our Training of Trainers (TOT) in which locals are equipped to best serve their community in a sustainable way. The training inspired him to use his story and Scripture to reach his peers in Kibera. Lorian's radical transformation impacted his mother and she began to explore the source of change herself. Encouraged by her son, Lorian's mother gave her life to Christ.

The county government of Nairobi, Kenya realized Lorian's potential for leadership and offered him a position as the head of the Scouts Club in Kibera. Lorian now uses this club as a platform to reach out and transform young lives for Christ. Lorian has made it possible for our partner churches to reach out to students in schools, children's homes, and charity organizations through which many have come to know Christ. Now, at age 25, Lorian earns his living by making shoes and necklaces and uses his skills to train children to be Scouts in school. He consistently organizes youth camps where young people can join together in joyful fellowship. When asked about his life, Lorian confidently responded, "I am living my life's purpose."



HOW NEEDS WERE MET

Community Health

Lorian has been empowered through micro-finance and now has the ability to afford healthcare costs.

Economic Empowerment

Lorian was empowered by a micro-loan program and makes his living now making shoes and necklaces.

Social Engagement

The church empowered Lorian to engage with his fellow age group through the local youth ministry and Scouts Club.

Education

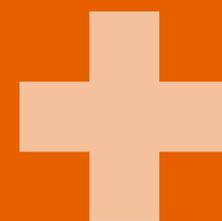
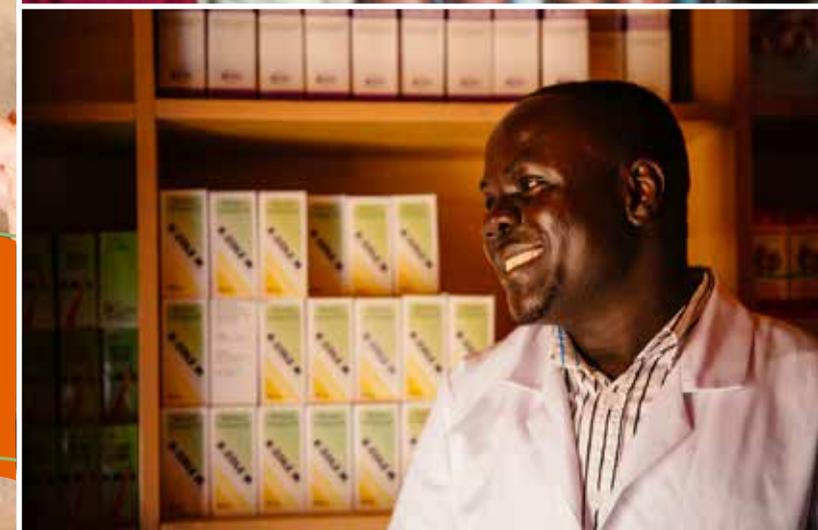
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SUMMARY & UPDATE OF 5-YEAR STRATEGY & 10-YEAR VISION

The Lord has graciously provided our leadership team a unified vision for the progress and advancement of LIA as a whole. Our 5-Year Strategy and 10-Year Vision work together to reflect our Transformational Development Model, the countries we serve, and multiple sustainable capital development initiatives. All country offices utilize this plan to guide decisions regarding resources, programs, fundraising, and how we operate as an organization. Through prayer and partnership with the Lord, we have seen the following impacts over the last year in accordance with our strategy and vision:

- We are advancing our operational capacity worldwide as we establish LIA-UK and continue to build partnerships in Switzerland.
- We've had the opportunity to partner with like-minded organizations and ministries who've benefited from our training to build the capacity for healthy, sustainable missions by leveraging one another's strengths to have a greater overall impact.
- We have continued to equip and advance our Training Centers and now offer accredited diplomas in Wholistic Ministry and Wholistic Community Development for leaders and pastors to be empowered by our model.
- We've completed the Accommodation Block of the Training Center, which has provided us space to host teams and leaders who come for training and ministry trips.
- We've established infrastructure and developed the capacity for LIA Blue Wings Aviation Company to be launched May 2018.

Health clinic | Rumbek, South Sudan



COMMUNITY HEALTH



Rev Rubadiri with Mr. Allan, Architect of Phase 3 | LIA Headquarters in Nairobi

CELEBRATING A PLACE TO CALL HOME

LIA TRAINING CENTER | LIFE IN ABUNDANCE INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

In September of 2017, a group of faithful partners, staff, and family members stood with us and worshiped the Lord as we dedicated the third and final building for our Training Center located in Nairobi, Kenya. The Accommodation Block, also known as Phase 3, was the final piece to further fulfill a word given to Dr. Florence Muindi years ago on the banks of Lake Langano in Ethiopia.

“As many as are the grains of sand in your hands, so will be the leaders who will be empowered through the work of Life in Abundance.”

Though it was clear that the Lord would use the work of LIA to further His purpose, we never could have imagined the way the He would provide us the capacity to train and equip leaders worldwide for global impact.

The LIA Training Center is the headquarters for Life in Abundance International. The Training Center consists of three buildings: the Office building that provides space for the Kenya team, International team, and LIA Blue Wings headquarters; the Training building made up of 14 training rooms, a resource center, and cafeteria; and finally, the Accommodation Block with 21 guest rooms, 1 apartment, a gym, a TV room, and a lobby.

Our ability to host, train and equip and minister to and care for teams, leaders, and pastors from around the world has been centralized to one location. Leaders and pastors from countries in which we are not established will be able to visit our LIA Training Center and be empowered in “Wholistic” Ministry.

A variety of programs are available through the Training Center as well as two accredited diplomas in partnership with the Africa International University: Diploma in Wholistic Ministry and Diploma in Community Development. We are excited to see the Lord’s vision come to fulfillment as we continue to train and equip leaders and pastors around the world.

Over the years, our model has been implemented, refined, monitored, evaluated, and replicated with more than 150 local churches serving Africa’s most vulnerable individuals and families. We know first-hand that training has the greatest impact when it comes to empowering leaders to pursue transformation of their own communities.



SICILIAN PASTORS’ TESTIMONY

In late 2016, a group of Italian pastors traveled all the way from Sicily in order to be trained on our model. These seven men connected with us after a felt need was expressed from one of our U.S. church partners. Thousands of African refugees had been arriving on the shores of Sicily seeking asylum and this was the first time these pastors had encountered the multitude of cultures that were settling within their communities. Overwhelmed and ill-equipped, the men longed to understand how to incorporate transformational development in their churches to better serve the local community.

Their intention behind the trip to our Kenya Training Center was to, firstly, be exposed to our transformational development model and see how the local church truly has the capacity to transform a community. Lastly, the pastors wanted to familiarize themselves with the environment and context that so many of the refugees in Sicily were fleeing.

The Lord greatly impacted the Italian pastors through the training they received. One pastor in particular had previously served with the Sicilian army in Somalia. After his time serving with the military, he walked away with many negative experiences in Somalia that continued to affect his approach to Somali refugees. After meeting several Somali believers and better understanding their context, the pastor was broken. He pleaded for forgiveness and recommitted himself to serving the Lord impartially.



Office Building



Training Center



Accommodation Block



Jonathan Lamb | Serving in Rwanda

LIA | UNITED KINGDOM

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

God has been so faithful to us as an organization to guide our path and bring his promises to fruition. From the beginning of Life in Abundance, the Lord laid the United States, United Kingdom, and Switzerland on our hearts as countries for partnership. In casting vision within our Strategic 7-Year Plan, we determined that an established LIA will be one that has completed our “1704” plan.

What this means is that we would seek to serve 12 countries in Africa and 2 countries in the Caribbean, then also partner with 3 nations—USA, UK, and Switzerland. Altogether this gives us 17 functioning countries. Our vision also incorporated the 4 entities that encompass Life in Abundance including our 2 training centers, our Nairobi Headquarters, and Blue Wings Aviation. It is through this vision that the Lord opened the door for us to work on becoming established in the UK.

Nearly eight years ago, Dr. Florence attended an international medical conference in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Keeping the desire for a UK partnership in prayers and planning, the Lord presented an open door for Dr. Florence during the medical conference. She met Jonathan Fischer, a UK-based doctor, and he agreed to join our LIA International Board in order to help cast vision for establishing LIA-UK. Over the last few years, the Lord has brought us connections with families willing to host and assist Dr. Florence in her search for a UK Director.

God introduced us to the perfect man for the job in an unexpected way. About three years ago, Dr. Florence and her son Jay traveled to Rwanda to begin an LIA partnership in the Lakes Region. While there, the Muindis stayed in an Anglican Guesthouse managed by Jonathan Lamb. Jonathan was living and working in Rwanda as a volunteer mission worker, but is originally from England. Attracted to LIA’s Transformational Development Model, Jonathan had some initial dialogue with Dr. Florence about the possibility of working for Life in Abundance. At the time, he was not ready to return to the UK and LIA determined we weren’t quite ready to establish ourselves in the UK. Not long after Jonathan returned to England in March 2017, Florence emailed him to ask where he was located. They met

in London shortly afterwards and Jonathan was officially appointed as the LIA-UK Director.

The Lord’s timing has proven His faithfulness and affirmation of LIA’s vision for global, “wholistic” transformation. He has provided the appropriate connections for us to begin to form partnerships in the UK, provided funding through a gracious donation from one of our partner foundations to begin the initial stages of establishing ourselves in the UK, and has given us a lawyer who has offered to register Life in Abundance as a non-profit organization in the UK free of charge. We have found enormous favor on this journey of expanding our International partnerships.

LIA-UK will exist to connect with churches, foundations, and individuals in the United Kingdom and invite them into partnership with the mission and model of Life in Abundance. With Jonathan as our director, we have been able to take a tour of the UK and meet face-to-face with potential partners across the nation. Our registration application for legal non-profit approval is currently being processed and should be affirmed in the near future. The Lord has established our path and prepared the works He has for us as we go forth in eager expectation of His faithfulness in this venture!



MAF Hanger | Nairobi, Kenya

LIA | BLUE WINGS LIMITED

SOARING TO GREAT HEIGHTS

The Lord has been so faithful to provide vision for the pursuits and growth of LIA as a whole, even to the point of revealing the end of our fruit before the conception of Life in Abundance. While studying at her desk in her third year of medical school, Florence Muindi was suddenly distracted by a small plane flying outside her window.

Although Florence had never flown before, the Lord clearly communicated to her that she would soon take flight to head northward. That next year, Florence set off to serve a term in a remote area to work with the Turkana tribe. This tribe is marginalized because their community is not easily accessible by road. Florence realized that so many unreached people groups are unreached because they aren't easily accessible to those outside the community.

Nearly seven years later while serving with an international health organization as a health and development consultant, Florence received a clear vision from the Lord. She saw a small white airplane flying with a blue bird logo. Initially, the vision didn't make much sense to Florence, but she trusted that God would reveal its significance. Upon drafting LIA's logo in 2000, the blue bird that Florence had seen was developed as the LIA logo. "For several years," she claims, "I believed the reason for the vision was fulfilled." But Dr. Florence continued to wrestle with the mystery of the airplane in her vision.

Although the logo was clear, the connection to the plane did not come to light until 2007. At that time, we were in the process of developing a seven-year strategic plan and, through collective discernment, the Blue Wings Aviation project was marked as one of our long-term capital projects. It was decided then that LIA would host an aviation segment to serve vulnerable and remote communities while providing air services to humanitarian aid and relief agencies seeking to reach marginalized areas. We began to undertake research and investigation of businesses and organizations that pursued similar ventures to explore the possibilities for LIA Blue Wings.

Blue Wings Aviation continued to grow in form, clarity, and structure until, in 2011, we registered the business as an official aviation company in Nairobi. We further developed a business plan and formally shared the proposal with our international board. Two years later, Blue Wings received a unanimous blessing from the board to move forward and become an official entity of LIA.

Blue Wings is a treasured vision of LIA and we praise God for His kindness and faithfulness to reveal an end promise before the beginning of our work. Just like LIA, Blue Wings Aviation exists to declare God's glory and marvelous deeds to the nations. The mission of Blue Wings is to reach and serve remote, marginalized communities by providing affordable and efficient air services for humanitarian aid and relief agencies in Kenya and the East Africa region. Operating as a for-profit business within this mission, the company will be used to generate income to sustain ministry activities while effectively serving ministry needs on an ongoing basis.

In many ways, Blue Wings Aviation will differ greatly from other companies that pursue similar ventures. We are uniquely invested in local humanitarian and relief aviation needs. While some competitors have larger planes that cannot land and take off from remote airstrips, the aircraft that Blue Wings will purchase (Cessna Grand Caravan Aircraft) is ideal for short takeoff and landing operations from remote airfields. The aircraft also has long-range fuel tanks that make it easier to do a flight rotation without refueling and allows us to provide affordable flight services. Blue Wings will also reduce in-country travel costs for LIA ministry as we utilize the aircraft when it's not reserved commercially.

In His faithfulness, which is His practice, God will bring forth Blue Wings with grace and a firm blessing. Our vision for Blue Wings, goes great lengths to provide pathways for growth and expansion. We long for the business to be wholly owned by LIA and managed by trusted individuals with substantial experience in the local and regional aviation industry. As we go forth, we're asking for the Lord's favor for Blue Wings that we may have excellent relations with the humanitarian relief and aid agencies, Medivac, and other NGOs.

We are stepping out in faith and obedience to the One who calls us to Himself. As of now, Blue Wings Aviation systems are in place and we have officially launched. A board is in place and a highly experienced Blue Wings Executive Manager has been appointed to prepare for the start of operations. An aircraft search has commenced and we are inviting partnerships to join in this venture. We have reserved office space for Blue Wings in the Nairobi headquarters and have begun the process of brand development, refining our logo, and constructing a website. We are eager to see all that the Lord has planned for Blue Wings as we go forth in faith and prayer.

FINANCIAL

We believe the Lord has invited LIA to work with the most poor and vulnerable in the communities we serve. We walk in the authority of Isaiah 61 to bind the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to declare the year of the Lord's favor.

In 2017, we partnered with 180 local churches within the 14 countries we serve in Africa and the Caribbean. A total of 92,500 individuals were served by mobilizing the local church and equipping them to address the needs of their communities.

Each of these numbers represents a person who received the hope of the gospel through a transformed life; a gaze lifted, hope restored. Because of the generosity of our partners, we are overjoyed to bring a good report of being positioned to serve the poor and vulnerable through our strong financial standing.

Annually, our organization undertakes a comprehensive audit by an independent accounting firm. Further, LIA has reached the highest obtainable rating by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). Both of these achievements require stringent discipline to accomplish and are executed with a spirit of accountability and openness that our partners deserve. The following financial information is the practical outcome of LIA's dedication to financial transparency.

We are honored to walk with you, to go together. May we continually steward well what the Father has entrusted to us, all for His glory.



Carley Buckingham
Executive Director

"For a social sector organization...Performance must be assessed relative to mission, not financial returns. In the social sectors, the critical question is not 'How much money do we make per dollar of invested capital?' But 'How effectively do we deliver on our mission and make a distinctive impact, relative to our resources?'"

JIM COLLINS
Good to Great and the Social Sectors

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Contributions	1,409,595	1,887,126	-	3,296,721
Contributions - gifts-in-kind	166,415	-	-	166,415
Special Events Support	-	-	-	-
Special Events	-	-	-	-
Direct Benefit Costs	-	-	-	-
Book and Craft Sales	-	-	-	-
GMHC Ticket Sales	-	-	-	-
Foreign Exchange Loss	(8,807)	-	-	(8,807)
Interest Income	11,369	-	-	11,369
	1,578,572	1,887,126	-	3,465,698
NET ASSETS RELEASED DUE TO				
Satisfaction of Restrictions	2,102,144	(2,102,144)	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	3,680,716	(215,018)	-	3,465,698
EXPENSES:				
Program Services	2,352,226	-	-	2,352,226
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES:				
Management & General	267,239	-	-	267,239
Fundraising	131,891	-	-	131,891
Total Expenses	2,751,356	-	-	2,751,356
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				
Net assets at beginning of year	3,646,770	1,940,405	250,000	5,837,175
Net assets at end of year	\$4,576,130	\$1,725,387	\$250,000	\$6,551,517

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Contributions	533,882	1,978,673	-	2,512,255
Contributions - gifts-in-kind	43,960	-	-	43,960
Special Events Support	-	-	-	-
Special Events	-	-	-	-
Direct Benefit Costs	-	-	-	-
Book and Craft Sales	125	-	-	125
GMHC Ticket Sales	1,773	-	-	1,773
Foreign Exchange Loss	(14,230)	-	-	(14,230)
Interest Income	16,800	-	-	16,800
	582,310	1,978,673	-	2,560,983
NET ASSETS RELEASED DUE TO				
Satisfaction of Restrictions	2,082,388	(2,082,388)	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	2,664,698	(103,715)	-	2,560,983
EXPENSES:				
Program Services	1,951,014	-	-	1,951,014
SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES:				
Management & General	284,499	-	-	284,499
Fundraising	145,157	-	-	145,157
Total Expenses	2,380,670	-	-	2,380,670
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS				
Net assets at beginning of year	3,362,742	2,044,120	250,000	5,656,862
Net assets at end of year	\$3,646,770	\$1,940,405	\$250,000	\$5,837,175

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	2017	2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents	417,716	507,392
Pledges Receivable	1,426,105	842,028
Inventory	7,375	1,070
Prepaid Expenses	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,851,196	1,350,490
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:		
Computers and Office Equipment	59,757	59,757
Website Development	15,143	14,910
Construction in Progress - Kenya Training Center	-	299,458
Buildings in Kenya and Jamaica	3,138,508	2,246,077
Land in Kenya and Jamaica	656,872	656,872
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(228,629)	(166,780)
NET PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	3,641,651	3,110,294
OTHER ASSETS:		
Pledges Receivable - Non-current Portion	807,095	797,716
Cash & Cash Equivalents for Long-Term Purposes	-	338,295
Investments-endowment	260,897	262,350
Deposits	900	900
Total Other Assets	1,068,892	1,399,261
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,561,739	\$5,860,045

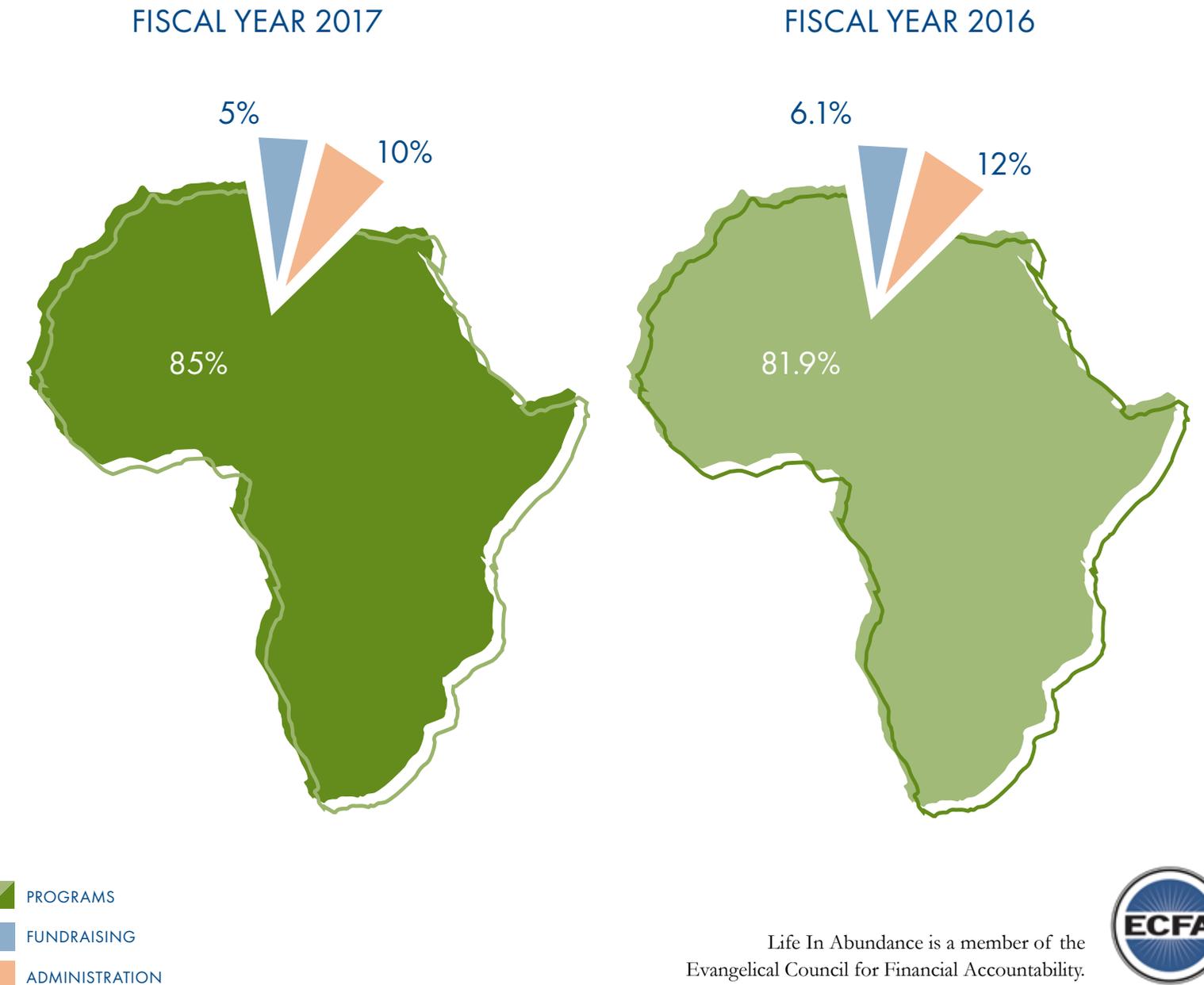
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	10,222	22,870
Accounts Payable - Affiliated Organizations	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES / TOTAL LIABILITIES	10,222	22,870

NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted Net Assets	4,576,130	3,646,770
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,725,387	1,940,405
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	250,00	250,00
TOTAL NET ASSETS	6,551,517	5,837,175
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$6,561,739	\$5,860,045

PROGRAM VS. NON-PROGRAM



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