

MADE IN THE STREETS

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT







Dear friends:

Made In The Streets had a record year for donations in 2014. Through the generosity of our countless donors, we received over \$675,000 to care for former street children from the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. We are humbled by and grateful to our donors and supporters for their generosity and compassion for the “least of these.”

In 2014, thanks to those who invested along with us, we served over 100 former street children as full-time students in our program. We also launched our Hope School of Leadership, an online Christian university for Kenyans, and commenced the “Into the World” project, which provides spiritual support for our graduates and others in their communities. MITS continued to grow its staff to better serve our students, and added more facilities to accommodate growth.

As we look toward 2015, when MITS will be celebrating its 20th anniversary, we first express thanks for the rich blessings that we have received. Countless individuals have provided encouragement, love and support—whether expressed through prayers, visits, correspondence or donations. Without your involvement, the children at MITS would have almost no hope. We thank you for your compassion, and may God return upon you a portion of the blessing that you have given to MITS.

Gratefully yours,

David Wilson

President, MITS Board of Directors

**The mission of Made in the Streets is
rescuing children from the streets of
Nairobi, Kenya,
meeting their physical, emotional &
spiritual needs,
loving them fully,
equipping them to earn a living &
sending them out to a new life.**



Charles Coulston with street kids in 1995.

It was 20 years ago

that the Coulstons first came to Kenya

and fell in love with street kids.



It was 20 years ago that a ministry to street kids was launched, which would impact thousands of lives through a day program in Eastleigh that morphed into a boarding program in Kamulu.

It was 20 years ago that hope was brought to the slums by a team that has grown to include over 35 Kenyans and a small group of stateside employees.

Our 20th year, 2015, will be a year of new direction.

But before we get there, let's take a moment to recap 2014 together.



LAUNCH OF REMADE

MITIS continues to try our best to communicate to donors the good things happening in Kenya through the hard work of our Eastleigh and Kamulu teams. Lives are being transformed, both physically and spiritually, and you are a part of that! Thus, we launched a new program to update our communication with those who sponsor students, calling it REMADE. We wanted to give the brand new sponsorship program a name that fits its mission. Through Christ, we are remade. Through MITIS, street children are remade into leaders. This is possible because of the sponsorship program. We also want to stress that although the financial aspect is necessary, the sponsor-student relationship is what is most important. When these students know they have someone from the United States that loves, supports and believes in them, it's powerful and inspiring.

Thanks to the REMADE program and your support, 100% of students at MITIS are sponsored!



NEW BUILDING

In 2014, MITS and the Kamulu Church of Christ both expanded. Behind our current chapel, John Wambu (our head of construction) broke new ground on a building with three new Sunday School classrooms: one of which will be equipped to serve as a "media" room.



Special thanks to the construction team (which is comprised of some MITS graduates) for making this possible!



A BANQUET FIT FOR A KING

As told by Larry Conway, Eastleigh Centre Director

A couple years ago, God put an idea on my heart. Months passed and the timing never seemed right, but last summer in June, it felt like God finally said, "This is the time. Go for it!"

A Bible class in America had been saving up change and finally had enough money so that MITS' Eastleigh street ministry could throw an elegant banquet for street people! Like the banquet from Jesus' parable in Luke, 120 street people piled into buses on a Sunday after church and were escorted to an event center where they shuffled in with largest smiles you have ever seen! They were served delicious meals by a visiting church from Knoxville, Tennessee. The main idea we wanted them to take away was that though this is an amazing banquet, a more amazing banquet awaits us. Let us live towards that banquet.

The deep joy and honor that each guest felt that day was priceless. They could not help but express their enjoyment through dance. Watching them nap in peace on green grass in contrast to the disturbing streets warmed my heart. We pray every guest will one day be at THE banquet!





A SUMMER FILLED WITH LOVE

Each summer, MITS is flooded with love in the form of visitors from around the United States. All are equally special and important to us and there are too many to list in a report. Here are some photos highlighting some of the experiences they had.

MITS is so thankful for all the groups, churches, and individuals who visited us in 2014. To those who were unable to visit this past year, please know you are welcome at anytime in the future! We look forward to having you.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM FRANCIS

“For a long time we had thought and talked of getting our student population to 100. There were many limitations, which included housing, food, and supervision among others. So when the year started, we brought in the biggest number at one time of 20 students. Among those, two ran away within the first three months. We later brought in 8 more in June and in November, 10 more making the total of intake that year 38 with 5 runaways. The total number of students at MITS ended up being 104!!!! We praise God for the opportunity to serve so many.”

Francis also writes that the visitors made a big impact this year. “...Lipscomb, Otter Creek and Pepperdine groups among other individuals were another great highlight. This is because there had been a lot of travel advisories to Kenya which had led to some groups opting out of coming here. Not only did these groups come, but they had a big impact on our education both to students and team. This gave us motivation and encouragement to keep going. The scare of diseases like Ebola did not stop them from serving with us and that is something we were grateful for.”

Francis Mbuvi is the head administrator of Made in the Streets. In addition to the fatherly guidance he offers the students and excellent leadership he provides the staff, Francis is the preacher at the Kamulu Church of Christ, which meets on Sundays in the MITS assembly building. Francis has a unique ability to connect with our students because he was also a street kid who experienced the love and transformation of Christ through the ministry of MITS.

Our 20th year, 2015 will be a landmark year for MITS. It was twenty years ago that Charles and Darlene Coulston first began their ministry serving children in the slums of Nairobi, living and working out of Eastleigh. But our 20th year is not just for looking back. To celebrate 20 years of street ministry, we now look to the future.

Much has been learned over the years about how to serve street kids well. New ideas were created, projects were implemented, challenges were faced, and many students came to know Christ through the efforts of our amazing team. Yet we feel there is still work to be done. 2015 will be a new beginning.



As of 2015, the Coulstons, MITS board of directors, and the MITS team in Kenya have announced plans to launch a second MITS site in a new country. We've come to learn that street kids exist around the world. Not only do we feel as though we have something to offer due to our experience, but we feel a continued call to seek and serve street kids wherever they may be.

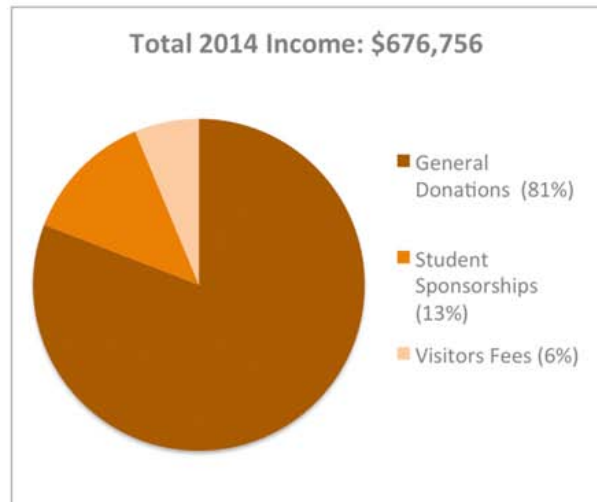
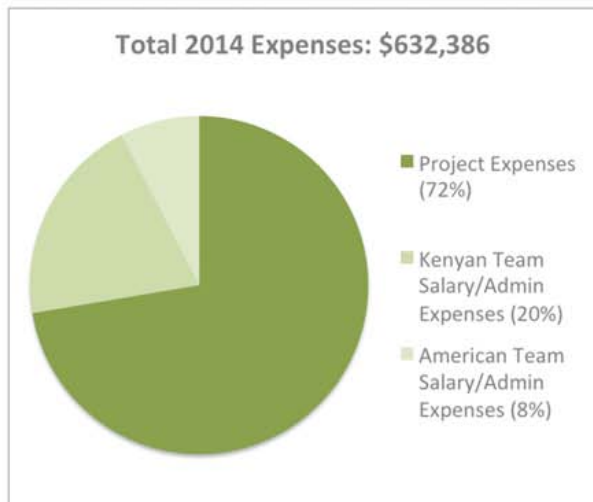
Utilizing our Kenyan team, MITS is in the process of selecting and planning for a second ministry site. Many countries are being examined, prayed over, and considered. The plan is in its developmental stages and requires much prayer over the coming years, but one thing we know for sure is that our amazing team of Kenyans will play an intimate role in the teaching, training, and launch of a second site in a new country. For the Coulstons, this is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Some of our former students who are now working for the ministry will now be training others to serve street kids.

We invite you to be a part of our new ministry site through prayer and financial support. Please pray first for God's wisdom in selecting a location and that the hearts of street kids would be open to the message of Christ. Also, please consider giving a financial gift to support this new vision. The Coulston's have given back \$10k of their salary for the 2015 year to launch this program, challenging others to match their donation with a goal of raising \$1 million dollars in 2015. Please know that any donation amount is accepted and greatly appreciated, as that is what has brought us to this place of 20 years in service to street kids.

Thank you for your support over the years. You are truly serving street kids by your love, prayers, and support.



FINANCIALS





Our skills students and instructors are constantly making new and beautiful pieces for sale on the online store and our Handmade Tour. You can support MITS and shop for t-shirts, jewelry, wooden items and more at www.madeinthestreets.org/store



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