GROWING WITH OUR CHILDREN

Dear COTN family,

Our 20th year brought more blessings than we can count ... and they all happened because of you. When we set out to answer a child’s prayer in 1995 with $300 in our pockets, we knew God had a plan, but we never dreamed how much it would grow.

Moved by the work our team was doing in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Malawi, Sierra Leone, and Uganda, generous partners said they wanted to make our 20th anniversary the most impacting yet. So began the $400K Challenge. And your response brings tears to my eyes. Because of your generosity, $410,000 was raised (and then matched!) to provide basic care for our children, especially those who do not yet have sponsors.

Last year, you also committed to care for orphans who lost their families during the Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone. Since we opened our Orphan Care Center in 2015, we have welcomed 14 children and anticipate more in the coming year. If we cannot find their families, they will join our Children’s Homes, surrounded by COTN brothers and sisters.

With your continued support and prayers, you are giving our children opportunities they never dreamed were possible. You have become a story changer. As you read through this report, please celebrate with us on a blessed 20th year!

For the Children,

Chris Clark
Founder and CEO
MORE THAN A MISSION TRIP

The annual report just wouldn’t be complete if we didn’t tell you about all the amazing things our Venture teams accomplished this year! These teams are an important part of the ministry. When people like you travel into the countries we serve, you have a big impact on the children and their families.

This year, Venture teams worked on all kinds of projects ranging from health, to construction, to vacation Bible school, and everything in between. Here’s a snapshot of some of the wonderful ways these teams served the children this year!

- **346** medical procedures performed
- **24** latrines built
- **130** children who got to meet their sponsors
- **28** home repairs (from roof replacement to cement floors)
- **600** library books donated
- **17** Biblical teaching and training conferences
DARING TO DREAM BIG

COTN students find opportunity to transform their nation through higher education

As Children of the Nations grows older, much like the children we serve, we are finding opportunities for excellence we didn’t know were possible.

Through your support, you’ve given many of our children the encouragement and tools they need to dream big. Children who once dreamed of eating just one meal a day are now dreaming of graduating high school. Some students have dared to dream even further than that. They want to become college graduates.

Here are three students who are daring to dream big.

Edinson Medina, Dominican Republic

Growing up, Edinson remembers his village as a “scary place to live.” It didn’t have a school, clean water, or safe places to play. He found himself on the streets doing “bad things” because of his family’s financial struggles.

After joining the COTN family, Edinson was able to attend a school where he had teachers and mentors to not only give him an education but to teach him about Jesus.

Today, Edinson is studying history at the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo in Barahona. He plans to become a social studies teacher because there aren’t many in the area. He feels it’s important for kids to have that foundation in their studies.

“I want to see the community united and helping each other,” Edinson says. “With education and inward transformation, a nation changes.”
Susan Ibrahim, Sierra Leone

As a child, Susan, her sister, and her mother were kicked out of their home because of religious differences with her father. They lived on the streets with no food, no shelter, and no security. As she remembers, “Above all, [we had] no hope for education.”

When Susan was 9, she and her sister, Precious (a graduate of the COTN University/Vocational Program), came to live in COTN’s Children’s Home. There, she found brothers, sisters, and mentors who helped her realize that with God, there is always hope.

Today, she is studying business administration at Livingstone International University in Uganda. She plans to become an accountant after she graduates in 2017.

Benard Malunga, Malawi

Being raised by an auntie who couldn’t care for them, Benard and his twin brother Benson (who just started the COTN University/Vocational Program) didn’t have a strong start to life. But when they were five and COTN took them in, their opportunities became endless.

This spring, Benard traveled to Japan where he’s attending Kwansei Gakuin University (with a scholarship!). He will study international studies in a four-year program. He wants to work with international organizations that specialize in improving human rights for children.

Fun fact: While his classes will be in English, Benard has been learning Japanese to make living in Japan more comfortable. In his college prep classes, one of his teachers said he was in the top of his class for learning Japanese!

Edinson of the Dominican Republic in 2002 (right), and today.

Benard of Malawi in 2003 (right), and today.

Degrees COTN students have earned:
BS in social science/sociology;
Teaching Certificate;
Community Development degree;
BA in environmental management;
education degree; and
BA in political science

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Number of students in their gap year (the first year of our University/Vocational Program. It provides students with practical, productive job experience in preparation for the next phase of their education).
Last summer, you did the impossible: Through the $400K Challenge, you raised $410,000 which was matched for a total of $820,000 to support basic care for our children in Africa and the Caribbean.

This summer, we’re taking it up a notch to provide more complete care for the thousands of children COTN serves. Stay tuned for the Million Dollar Challenge, starting in June!

What You Accomplished in 2015

You Raised $820,000 in the $400K Challenge!

2015 MINISTRY TOTALS

- 3,993 children fed daily
- 8,973 individuals medically assisted
- 4,269 children attending COTN schools
- 12,053 children, youth, and adults who heard the gospel
- 2,700,000 meals shipped
- 534,148 pounds of resources shipped
- 108 students in university/vocational program
- 7,844 number of Smile Packs® our partners assembled
Financial Results

2015 INCOME

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2015 TOTAL GIVING | $9,320,750

2014 Funds Designated for 2015 | $1,939,375

GRAND TOTAL AVAILABLE | $11,260,125

*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.

2015 EXPENSES

84.5%  
Children’s Programs, Projects, and Development

8.6%  
Fundraising

6.9%  
Administration

“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

Children’s Programs, Projects, and Development

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$7,412,776

Fundraising  
$753,765

Administration  
$605,429

2015 TOTAL EXPENSES  
$8,771,970

Designated for 2016  
$2,488,155

Grand Total  
$11,260,125

2015 Ending Net Assets  
$3,851,610

Note: Figures contained in this 2015 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.

Note: The chart at the left is an abbreviated breakdown of 2015 expenses. For a more detailed breakdown and for additional financial charts, please visit cotni.org/2015-financials.

*International Support includes funds designated for missionaries, Venture participants, meal packaging, shipping, and gifts in-kind.
We believe stories can change. We believe that a child trapped in relentless poverty, scarred by war, orphaned, or abandoned can be saved and write a new ending to their story.

All it takes is one person who believes this too.

Becoming a sponsor means changing a child’s story. Once a month, for the price of eating out at a restaurant, you can help give a child food, clothing, shelter, education, medical care, and more. This year, join us and help change the story for 2,000 more children.

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