Raising Children Who Transform Nations®
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 and Debbie Clark
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.”

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 is making strides thanks to God’s grace and your generosity.
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
- 3,660 children fed daily
- 5,203 sponsors caring for COTN’s children
- 260,000+ pounds of food produced in-country
- 1,408,104 meals shipped in-country
- 407 Venture participants
- 16,544 people who heard the gospel
- 13,708 volunteer hours worldwide
- 260,000+ pounds of food produced in-country
Financial Results

2016 INCOME

- Gifts In-Kind* $1,350,948
- Undesignated Giving $2,653,981
- Designated Giving $4,409,194

**2016 TOTAL GIVING** $8,414,123

- 2015 Funds Designated for 2016 $2,508,660
- GRAND TOTAL AVAILABLE $10,922,783

“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

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.

2016 EXPENSES

- Children’s Programs, Projects, and Development $7,597,918
- Fundraising $729,732
- Administration $551,577

**2016 TOTAL EXPENSES** $8,879,227

- Designated for 2017 $2,043,556
- Grand Total $10,922,783
- 2016 Ending Net Assets $3,210,230

*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.
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!
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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Chris and Debbie Clark

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

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