



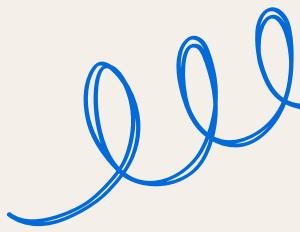
# 2022 Impact Report



Cherish Uganda

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# The year in review



**What a year! God continues to strengthen the foundation he started almost 16 years ago, as well as show us deeper ways to impact those we serve, and widen the net for others to be impacted!**

Our focus continues to be spiritual growth. We are not a ministry that does just medical, education and social work. We are a spiritual transformation ministry that uses the tools of a hospital, skills development center and social work team. Meeting the felt needs of the poor and oppressed are at the core of what we do, but connecting people to God at a deep level is who we are.

This transformation happens in the lives of people because of YOU. Each of the numbers in the report represent lives that have changed and continue to change because of the transformational power of the gospel and prayer. If you pray, give, encourage and connect with this ministry, you are a part of the changed lives represented here. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for sacrificially and generously giving of your resources, your time and of yourself.

We love you!

*Brent and Leah Phillips,  
Cherish Uganda CEO*



## Education Highlight

After two long years of a nation-wide school shutdown, we were able to welcome students back into a classroom environment in 2022! We are calling our new learning program. Cherish Life Skills.

## Cherish Health Center

We spent 2022 carefully caring for patients and preparing to offer labor and delivery services in 2023. We acquired equipment and even dug our placenta pit (it is exactly what it sounds like) which is customary in Uganda.

## Discipleship Highlight

This year, staff started each workday with 1 hour in new discipleship groups, where they spend alone time in the Word, discuss as a group, and end with prayer. Their time is structured, prayed through, and guided by Leah and Brent Phillips and Cherish's US volunteer, Jeannine Spivak.

## Family Highlight

Cherish's social work team worked with the University of Maine to write trauma based parenting curriculum. All parents of the 57 children in the foundations program are going through this pilot program. The program will expand at Cherish and throughout Uganda thanks to the University of Maine.



"I want people to imagine what it would be like to live on a couple of dollars a day. That's the reality facing thousands of people in our community."

- Foundation Founder

5,433

Patients were seen in 2022  
at Cherish Health Center

314

Individuals received their HIV treatment through CHC in 2022

634

Malaria tests were performed for patients over the year. More than 75 patients tested positive and were treated for malaria.

## Projects

## Details

## Outcome

### HIV Testing

1672 Individuals were tested for HIV at Cherish Health Center and at CHC medical outreaches

- 60 Individuals tested positive for HIV, received counseling, and got started on life-saving HIV treatment

### Dental Care

Most of those we serve have never received dental care, & many suffer from tooth aches.

- A volunteer dentist offered services at 1 of the 5 medical outreaches we threw in 2022.
- 131 dental patients were seen

### Maternity Care

On average, 22 infants and young children were immunized every month.

- 146 Individuals sought family planning services
- 108+ women received prenatal/postnatal care

# Everyone deserves a place to feel safe

In 2022, we ran a pilot program for foundational educational courses for children. Instead of following the Ugandan mandated curriculum, we worked with education professionals to put together a more interactive learning calendar and environment. It was a success!



# A new way of teaching

Cherish serves people through 3 programs: Cherish Health Center, Cherish Life Skills, and Family Strengthening.

**16**

## Projects

Cherish Life Skills:  
Computer &  
Entrepreneurship  
Training

## Details

Thanks to our partners like Dell, we outfitted a classroom and were able to train 16 young adults in computer skills.

## Outcome

16 young adults graduated from Cherish's pilot computer program. The young adults in the vocational program learned many skills beyond computer training, such as hairdressing, Ugandan craft-making and cooking.

**four**

## Employment

4 young adults graduated from Cherish Life Skills & interviewed for jobs at Cherish Uganda - they were hired!

These 4 young adults are now living on-site in Cherish's staff housing and have their first source of stable income.

**16**

Cherish Life Skills:  
Foundations  
Program

After the pandemic, we decided to rethink education and build a new learning program for children.

The pilot program was a success! We are growing from 16 children to 57 students in 2023. Currently, the foundation courses offered are at the levels comparable to Kindergarten to second grade (P2).

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# Serving the community

Cherish Uganda has deep roots in the community, Bulega Village.

**482**

## Projects

## Details

## Outcome

Cherish's social work team visited the homes of the 16 children enrolled in 2022, 2023 foundations applicants, and many CHC patients to connect with and resource each family.

Cherish staff connects with the families relationally to monitor the wellbeing of the child in the home, and resource, encourage, pray with and offer trainings to each family according to their individual needs.

**futbol  
pitch**

## Community engagement

The futbol pitch (also known as a soccer field) was finally open for community use in 2022. Every month, hundreds of individuals from the community come to play futbol or watch tournaments at Cherish.

The community members have told us that the Cherish soccer field is their favorite to play on because of the great quality of the field and how they always feel safe and respected when they are on Cherish grounds. Fights and unsafe playing environments often are found when the kids and adults play at other futbol pitches on the peninsula (also, there are only a few to choose from).

**100+**

## Attended Cherish's Pastoral Trainings

Instead of having a church, we provide training, IT, sound equipment, resources and trainings to equip and encourage local leadership.

In 2022, we led over 100 local pastors in just 2 sessions. In 2023, trainings will be monthly! 29 Bibles were handed out, ~10 computers and 5 printers to local churches in need

# Finances

In 2022, your gifts to Cherish's US chapter amounted to an incredible

**\$729,332.**

The average donation size was **\$537.**

Over **1,250** financial gifts were generously made by a mighty **184** donors. **Thank you to everyone who contributed!** Every gift of every size contributed to the flourishing of children and families in 2022.



## 2022 US Donation Breakdown

**\$476,342**

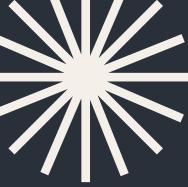
Individual Donations  
& Family Foundations

**\$40,750**

Church Funding

**\$212,240**

Business Partnerships



We'd like to thank all  
our donors for their  
*generous support*



Thank you  
to our Cherish family.

2022 was a year for change, learning, and growth! We look forward to continuing to expand programs in 2023. With widening our reach, we're able to extend our arms to love on people the way Jesus would.

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