

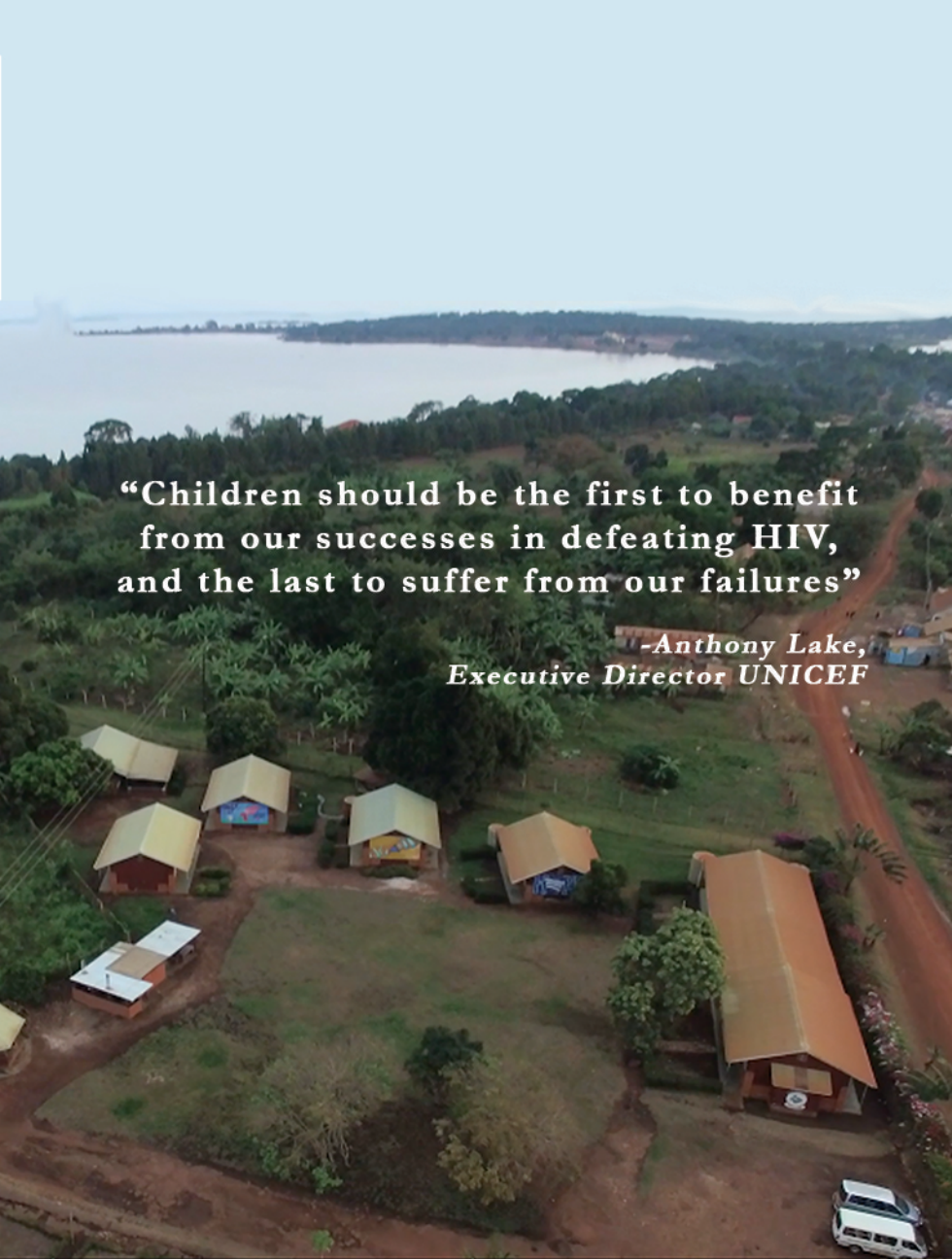
CHERISH UGANDA

SOCIAL IMPACT REPORT

2016

Lives are *changing*,
made possible by you



An aerial photograph of a village with several small houses and a large body of water in the background. The houses have colorful roofs and are surrounded by lush greenery. A dirt road runs through the village, and a white van is visible in the bottom right corner. The lake is calm and reflects the sky, with distant hills visible on the horizon.

**“Children should be the first to benefit
from our successes in defeating HIV,
and the last to suffer from our failures”**

***-Anthony Lake,
Executive Director UNICEF***

THANK YOU!

A year of lives changing, made possible by you...

And all of this is happening because you said, *"I want to be a part of what God is doing at Cherish."* Lives are changing and we are more grateful than you can imagine.

Because of your support in 2016, we have found extended family members, and resettled children back to the families that God gave them.

Four children who had no extended family, were adopted into new homes.

More children have arrived, new staff have been hired, the hospital is open, land is purchased for a high school, and staff and kids are being disciplined like never before.

All of this, and more, because you said "Yes" to partnering with Cherish. The words *"Thank you"* just don't seem to convey our gratitude for joining us as we provide a hope and a future for orphans living with HIV in Uganda.

We feel like God has done so much this past year, and we believe 2017 will bring challenges, yet more stories of restoration and inspiration. Please join us, or continue your support again this coming year!

Thank you for being on the team. Thanks for believing in this God given vision, and thank you for desiring to genuinely save the lives of some of the most marginalized on the planet.

This year was made possible by you!

Sincerely,

Brent Phillips

Chief Executive Officer

Cherish Life - Cherish Hope

NEW IN 2016

01. Ugandan Executive Team Members

Moving to an all Ugandan executive team working on the grounds at Cherish has always been part of the vision for Cherish. Today we are here! From the US, Brent leads the team of 5, which includes Leah Phillips, Larissa Rwakasiisi, Sam Dratema, and Celia Tumwine. Larissa is the Director of Education, Sam is Operations Manager and Celia is Administrator. With deep roots in Uganda themselves, together they serve and lead the children, staff and local community in health, education, and medical program services.



Larissa Rwakasiisi



Sam Dratema



Celia Tumwine

Brent, Leah and their family returned to Austin this fall. Brent remains CEO and leads the vision and operations with Larissa, Celia, and Sam via Skype, phone calls, and quarterly visits to Uganda. Brent and Leah will also focus on stateside fundraising, and the Awaken the Legacy campaign for Cherish High School.

02. Phillip's Update



03. Rhapsody in Red



This November 5th, Cherish was the beneficiary of the Rhapsody in Red Charity Ball MC'd by the former ABC's the Bachelor, Sean Lowe.

www.rhapsodyinred.org

04. Partnerships



Expanding Partnerships! Purpose Coffee Co. and GoRings committed a percentage of their profits to Cherish kids in 2016.

To make a difference through your business, contact Kasey kasey@cherishuganda.org

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Teri Road Baptist Church
Timberline Church

Chad Werner
Jeff McQuitty

The Chiropractic Centre: Bristol
CGI Churches

The Porters Trust
Capstone International

Dulwich Church of
England Infant School

Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce
Standard Chartered Bank, Uganda

Cherish HOMES

As a core ministry, our 7 homes serve HIV-positive children, today ages 2-18.

New this year, house dads (staff members) are engaging with the children in the home environment. These father figures join in the evening routines, devotional time, upbringing, mentoring, and even planning birthday parties.



Creating a stable and structured family environment is one more reason lives change, made possible by you.



Each home has 2 loving Moms, an Auntie, and a Father



In 2016, fifty-two kids lived on site in our Cherish Homes




Six of these children were new to Cherish Homes in 2016



Change The Story

This spring, we asked supporters to pray for a Cherish girl who progressed to third line HIV treatment, and who doctors had little hope for. A few months later, the same doctors said, "She does not need to be on this treatment anymore. Scientifically this is impossible...we have no explanation for her improvement." Thankfully, we do.

A man in blue scrubs is sitting at a pink plastic table, interacting with a baby. The baby is sitting in a blue plastic chair, holding a green toy car. There are several other colorful toy cars on the table. The background shows a wooden bench and a stone wall.

**"It's our job to *treat*,
but it's God's work
to *heal*."**

*-Eddie, Cherish
Hospital Staff*

Cherish HOSPITAL

This fall, the PEPFAR Fund approved Cherish Hospital to be a distributor of HIV medication known as ARVs (*antiretrovirals*). Now those living with HIV in the surrounding communities will have access to HIV treatment and education.

one

Celebrating one year anniversary on December 1st, World AIDS Day



851 people tested for malaria, 222 confirmed positive and received treatment



1,514 patients from the local community served



PEPFAR approved to administer HIV medication

#Change The Story

Of the 580 patients tested for HIV in 2016, positive results were confirmed for 33 individuals.

These 33 individuals can now:

- Begin HIV Treatment
- Receive Counseling
- Be educated on how to prevent the spread of the virus

#Change The Story

- Located on-site at Cherish Uganda
- Enrolls all Cherish Children and 230 students from the local community
- Teaches a sound, Christian curriculum
- Employs 26 local Ugandan teachers

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."
— Proverbs 22:6

Cherish Primary School

The teachers unlock the imagination of every child that comes through its doors. It is a school that opens up the windows of opportunity, and creates a thirst for learning. We continue our commitment to educate the most vulnerable children in the local community. Unique to other local schools, exposure to art, music, and wood shop enrich the children's academics. We believe that children who attend this school are Uganda's future leaders, innovators and world-changers.

286

Students enrolled
in 2016



Over 57,200
meals provided

Pre-K
to P7

Serving grades
Pre-K to Primary 7



Cherish HIGH SCHOOL

In 2016, we announced the *Awaken The Legacy* campaign, Cherish High School. CHS will be the first school in the world that focuses on empowering, enrolling, and caring for teens with HIV.

THE VISION

HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death for teens in Africa. As we witness and experience this growing issue, we feel God leaning in to pursue a big vision of a new high school. To #ChangeTheStory of HIV, Cherish High School will reach,

educate, and lives will change for over 500 adolescents annually, living with or affected by HIV today. 40 acres of land in the Rakai district, just 3 hours south of Cherish's current location in Entebbe is acquired and ready for development.

THE PLAN

- Build in 4 phases with partner eMI, *engineering ministries international*
- Break ground in 2017
- Christian, classical-style curriculum

Awaken The Legacy

With students, staff, and volunteers coming from all over the world, Cherish High will be a hub for the redemption story of HIV/AIDS, made possible by you.



507

At completion, CHS
will enroll 507 stu-
dents annually

"With HIV/AIDS being the leading cause of death among adolescents in sub-saharan Africa, how can we not provide a safe place to support treatment, with quality education, and through the love of Jesus address this issue? There is not a school like this anywhere and we cannot miss this opportunity to literally save the lives of thousands."

Brent Phillips, CEO

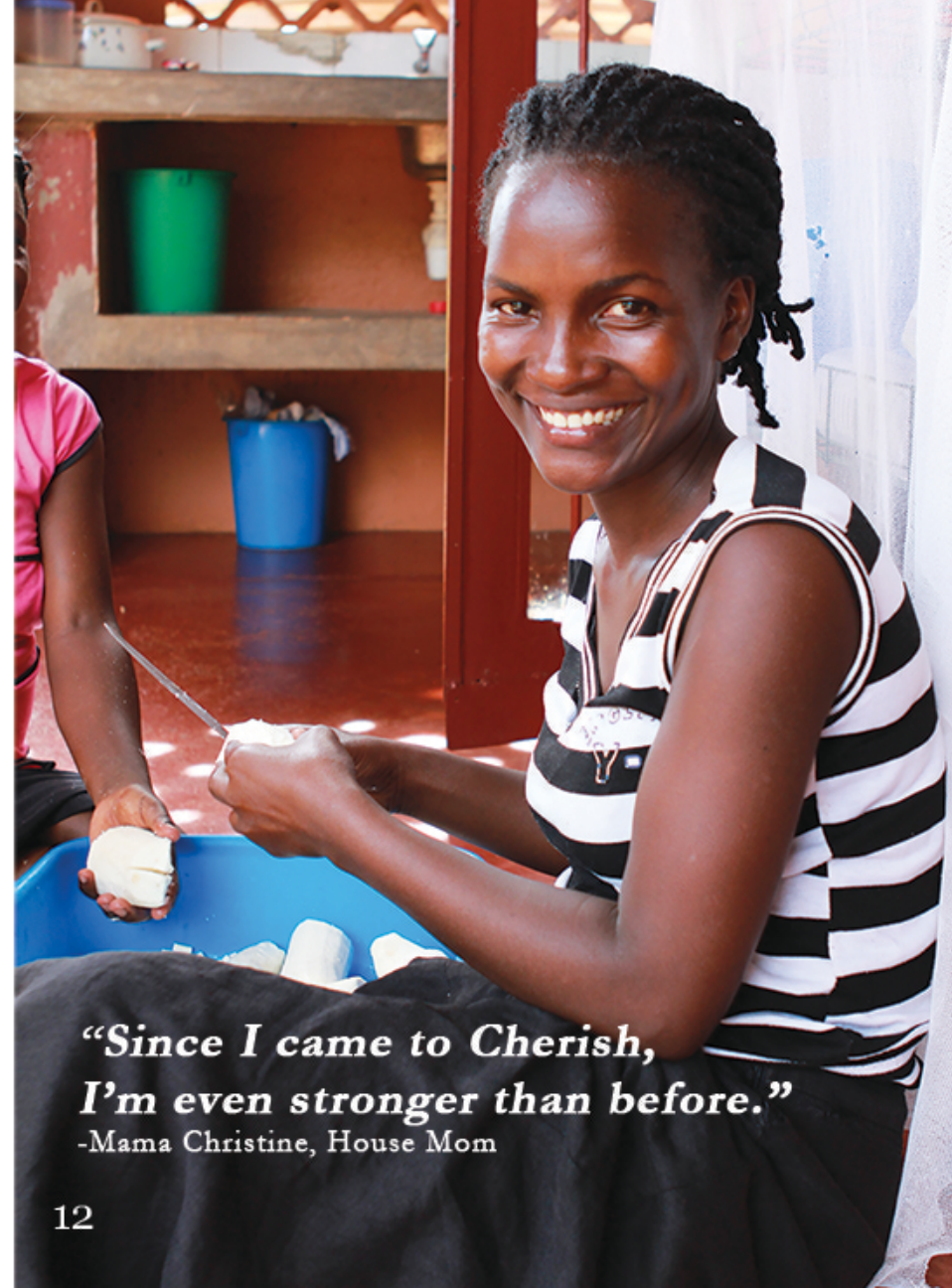


83% of all of
adolescents living
with HIV reside in
sub-saharan Africa

15.5
years

The average age in
Uganda is 15.5 years.





***“Since I came to Cherish,
I’m even stronger than before.”***

-Mama Christine, House Mom

Cherish

STAFF UPDATE

New this year, the staff focused “Cherish Connect” team was organized to equip and care for staff members.

Birthdays are celebrated at monthly lunches, and for many, their first time! Staff members can plant a tree in memory of a lost loved one, and two staff retreats encouraged and strengthened teams, while building leadership skills.

The new onsite preschool cares for children at Cherish between 3 and 5 years old. Staff now have an option for quality care and pre-kindergarten instruction onsite for their little ones.

106

Cherish employs 106, most staff members are from the local village

%

100% of on-site staff are Ugandan

2X

Investing in Cherish staff, the lowest pay is 2X the national average

#Change The Story

The Phillips led a Relationship Series to #changethestory of how staff view relationships versus God's view of marriage. By the end of the series, men returned to their wives, and some in cohabitation relationships were married. Many who were not involved with someone made a commitment to purity.



Cherish In the Community

Charles, Cherish's community social worker, works with those in need in the community to expand our impact beyond Cherish's gates. Thanks to Timberline Church for raising funds for a motorcycle, Charles no longer travels by foot and can now visit up to 10 families a day.

Volunteers

Making a Difference

75

People traveled to
serve on-site



3,040 hours donated by
local and international
supporters



*"It is a miracle what God
is doing here! I encourage
anybody who wants to
put an effort into the
kingdom of God, to put
an effort into Cherish."*

-Rob P.



THANK YOU

This 2017 we are celebrating 10 years at Cherish Uganda!

More than 170,000 innocent children are living with HIV in Uganda.

We have raised 79 HIV+ children, 25 of which have moved on to secondary school, have been reunited with extended families, or adopted.

The Health Center opened in late 2015 and this year as seen over 1500 patients from the surrounding community.

Our farming and sustainability projects are growing!

We employ 106 staff members who are all Ugandan and our U.S. office is now a small, happy group of 3!

And in 2017, we begin the Awaken the Legacy campaign for CHS, located on 40 acres of land purchased this year.

Because of YOUR gifts, your volunteer hours, and prayers, we are building a Kingdom Culture focused on restoring, discipling and empowering children living with HIV.

With a big journey ahead, we pray you can join the adventure to see what God can do in these next 10 years at Cherish Uganda!

*With great thanks,
Cherish Uganda*



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