

FAITH TAKES ACTION.

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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ROOTED IN CHRIST: A YEAR OF FAITH IN ACTION

As we reflect on another year of ministry at the 25 Project, our hearts are overwhelmed with gratitude for how God has used this ministry to serve vulnerable children around the world. We have so clearly seen His hand at work in the lives of girls and boys. Many have come to faith in Christ for the first time, and for others, we continually see the roots of their faith growing deeper into Christ. The children we serve, together with you, are reminded that eternal hope, strength, and purpose come from being rooted in Him.

James 2:14-17 challenges us to consider the tangible expressions of our faith. “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Our hope is that these powerful words from God’s Word accurately describe our motivations and intentions as we attempt not just to speak of God’s love, but to demonstrate it to children and communities in practical, life-changing ways.

This ministry is a testimony to this active faith. Among children in Sierra Leone, South Asia, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, and our newest ministry location in Ethiopia, we have seen firsthand the impact of being rooted in Christ. Through this deep connection with Him, each of us has been able to bring hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, and love to those who have felt abandoned.

This annual report reflects just a glimpse of what God has done this past year. It is a celebration of the lives touched and a call to continue being the hands and feet of Jesus in a world that desperately needs His love.

Kent Jones Davis
Executive Director

SPONSORSHIP CHANGES LIVES

Every sponsorship is a powerful reminder that God can use our lives, resources, relationships, and sacrifices to transform the lives of others, all while bringing us closer to Him.

We celebrate these 1,000 sponsorships and look to the future as we strive to reach more. Our work is far from finished! We press on, asking for God's favor and blessing as we seek to reach even more children and families with the message of the Gospel.

This year, the 25 Project celebrates reaching over 1,000 sponsorships, which collectively provide care for 500 vulnerable children around the world!

Each of these sponsorships represent a commitment from advocates like you to bring a loving community, the hope of the Gospel, and vital resources to vulnerable children and families in five different areas of the world. We are filled with gratitude for our growing community of supporters and advocates who are helping to carry the mission of the 25 Project forward!

When the ministry was founded in 2011, we began with just a small number of children in Sierra Leone. One by one, those children were sponsored, and we began to see the life-changing effects sponsorship has on both the child and the sponsor. Sponsorship not only improves the lives of vulnerable children, but it also creates meaningful connections between sponsor and child, enriching the lives of both in the process.

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THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

GETAENDALE’S STORY

Getaendale Wale, known as “Get” for short, was born and raised in the impoverished community of Korah, Ethiopia. His parents, both lepers who could not read or write, migrated to Korah before Get was born in search of treatment for the disease. When he was young, Get’s mother stayed home and cared for Get and his four siblings while his father begged on the streets, hoping to make enough to provide one meal a day for his family. Food scarcity was their everyday reality.

When Get was ten years old, a humanitarian organization came to Addis Ababa and gave 65 children from the community the opportunity to enroll in the organization’s boarding school, supported by individual sponsors. By God’s sovereign plan, Get was one of those selected.

Through this sponsorship, Get began to build a relationship with his sponsor, who was a pastor in Oregon. His sponsor began to share the Gospel with

Get through letters and often sent him theological books and resources when mission teams traveled to the area.

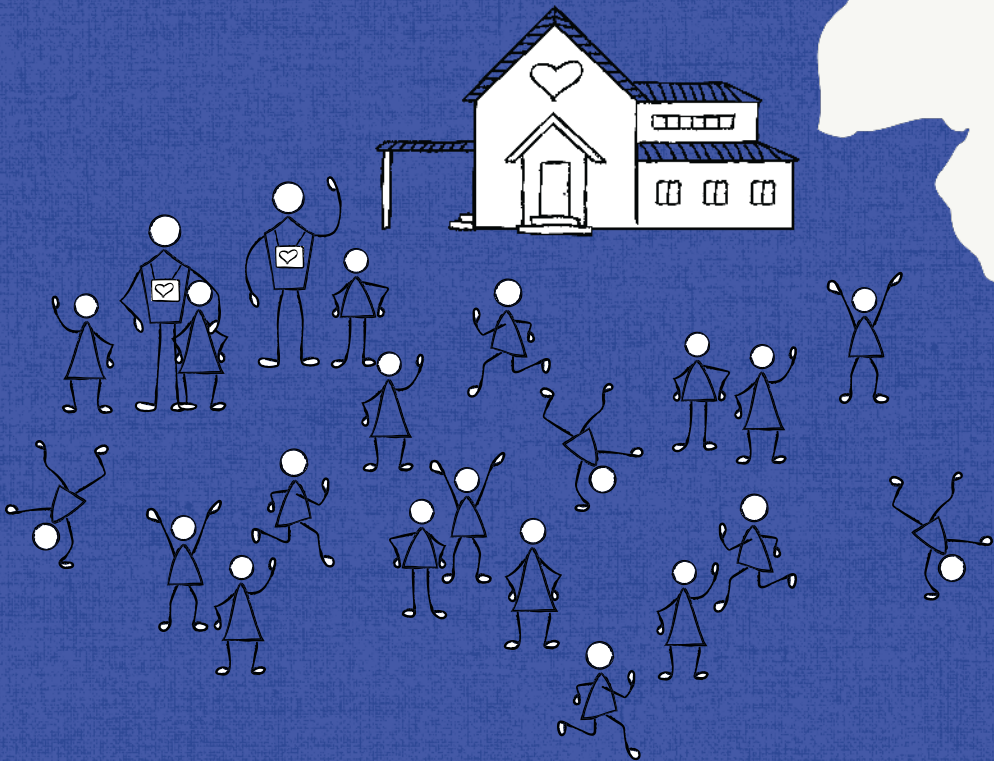
Over time, Get began to understand the Gospel, as it was presented to him tangibly every day through the provision of sponsorship. During his five years at the boarding school, Get learned to study scripture and devoted himself to studying the Bible. When he graduated at age 18, Get made the decision to surrender his life to Jesus and was baptized shortly after. Thanks to his sponsorship and the education it provided him, Get went on to college, where he obtained his degree in management and studied law for five years.

As he reflected on God’s work in his life, Get began to feel called to comfort others in the same way he was comforted by God (2 Cor. 1:4). In 2022, he gathered ten children in his small, one-room apartment and began discipling them, feeding them, and tutoring them. His prayer was for them to experience the same hope and joy that he found in Jesus.

God made a way to connect the 25 Project to Get, and we are excited to come alongside him in ministry. Get is a phenomenal young man, disciple, and minister of the Gospel. We look forward to all God will do in Korah through him and his partnership with the 25 Project!



Young Getaendale (left) as a sponsored child with a mission team member.



QUICK FACTS

Ministry Established in 2024



2 Leaders in Country



20 Children in Ministry



1 Ministry Center

INSIDE KORAH

The 25 Project is excited to announce a new ministry partnership serving children and families in Korah, Ethiopia.

Korah is a small village in the southwestern part of the capital city, Addis Ababa. Originally a dump near a leper colony, it has developed into a 55 year-old waste site covering over 36 acres.

Korah and its residents face significant challenges. Ostracized from society and neglected by the local government, the over 130,000 residents of Korah struggle to survive and are denied basic human needs and dignity. Hundreds of men, women, and children survive by scavenging through the dump for scraps of metal, plastic, and food.

The picture of daily life for the families of Korah is bleak. The skies are full of vultures that dive into piles of trash between wild dogs that roam across the ground below. Piles of burning trash produce smoke that creates a persistent haze, obscuring visibility. Bulldozers push and level the mounds of trash, dumping their loads and plowing over anything – and anyone – in their way.

Amidst the dogs, birds, and sound of machines, a jarring scene appears through the smog as hundreds of people come into view. They are dressed in the same discolored tones



The 25 Project's in-country leader, Getaendale, climbs a hill of trash next to makeshift housing in Korah, Ethiopia.

“He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.”

ISAIAH 61: 1-4

as the trash they dig through, blending into the hill. Men glare at each other as they race to the newest trucks that are dumping their loads. Women carry infants on their backs as they dig, seeking anything of value. Children hastily shove half-eaten food into their mouths.

This heartbreaking scene is one reason the people of Korah are known by the surrounding communities as “the least of these.” But we serve a God who knows them each by name. He declares a different message over them – one we are reminded of in Isaiah 61, to bring them freedom, beauty, and rejoicing instead of despair.



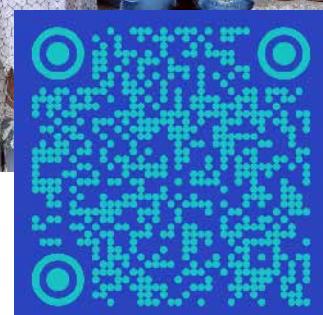
We are humbled and grateful that God has provided this opportunity to join Him in His work in Ethiopia. Please join us in praying for the vulnerable children and families of this community. Our hope is that God would use the 25 Project to be a tangible demonstration of His love for His people in Korah and draw many to Himself.

We invite you to join us in advocating for this community by praying, giving, sponsoring a child, or joining a trip to serve the people of Korah in person.

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OUT OF THE SHADOWS

ADAMA’S STORY

Though Adama Kamara officially joined the 25 Project in 2022, she has been known by our staff since she was very young. She would often tag along to ministry gatherings with her older brother, who was sponsored through the 25 Project’s boys’ ministry in Tombo.

Adama was born with a disability. It became clear in her early childhood that her motor skills and speech were severely inhibited. Some Muslim cultures view disabled children as a curse upon the family. These children are often ignored and neglected. This was the unfortunate case for Adama.

When Adama was four years old, her mother died, and her father moved away, leaving Adama and her brother to live with an aging grandmother who could not adequately provide for them. As Adama followed her brother to the ministry center every week for meals and discipleship, our in-country staff allowed her to join in. It became increasingly evident she was not being taken care of at home.

Adama quickly became the most

faithful attendant at Bible studies every week. She showed up eager to learn and participate. She was so engaged in the ministry that when the boys received care packages, Adama wondered where her own package was. When the boys wrote letters to their sponsors, she brought a sheet of paper to show she was ready to write too.

year, her teacher told them, “Adama understands and comprehends everything. She takes the best notes in the class and gets all the answers correct. She just can’t verbally share them.”

When our boys’ ministry in Tombo began in 2018, it was decided that Adama would be the first to join the girls program once there were enough resources to start it. In 2022, Adama’s hope became a reality, and she was the first of ten girls added to the ministry. When we shared this news with her, Adama’s eyes welled up with tears. It was finally her turn!

Adama’s enthusiasm for life and contagious smile are never diminished by her disability. Though she lives in a culture that looks down on her as “cursed” and “outcast,” Adama is defying those labels as she continues to thrive physically, academically, and spiritually.

Because of gracious sponsors like you, Adama has not only been given a chance to thrive, but also be known and embraced by a community that loves her. We are grateful witnesses of Christ’s love on display in Adama’s life. He is calling her “out of darkness and into His marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9).



Adama (on left) works on a writing assignment at school.

As time went on, it became clear that Adama was very bright and comprehended the Bible lessons she heard. The 25 Project’s in-country leaders decided she was ready to be challenged in school. After her first

QUICK FACTS

Ministry established in 2012



12 Leaders in Country



275 Children in Ministry



2 Ministry Centers

UNITING BUSINESS WITH MINISTRY

At the 25 Project, we frequently get to witness God’s amazing provision for our ministry through unexpected gifts and the development of new partnerships. One such unexpected blessing has come through a partnership with Curtis Rippee, an operational coach and consultant with “Entrepreneurial Operating Systems” (EOS), and his business, “The Table McKinney.” Curtis also gives generously of his time to serve on the board of directors for the 25 Project.

Curtis recently joined the 25 Project on a trip to Sierra

Leone. Moved by his experience, Curtis and his team began seeking out ways to not only personally support the 25 Project, but also be a catalyst to engage others in the 25 Project’s mission to reach vulnerable children around the world with the Gospel.

Curtis decided to leverage his business as a platform for making others aware of the spiritual and physical needs of vulnerable children and communities around the world. In an effort to involve every client in the mission of the 25 Project, the leadership team at EOS decided



An office wall at EOS displays pictures of the children who have been sponsored by their clientele.



“We wanted our EOS clients to experience the same joy we have with being involved with the 25 Project,” Curtis explains. “We thought sponsoring a child on their behalf would be a great way to do that. It’s our hope that they will continue their involvement with the child and the 25 Project long after our client relationship has ended.”

to sponsor a child for each of their clients! “We wanted our EOS clients to experience the same joy we have with being involved with the 25 Project,” Curtis explains. “We thought sponsoring a child on their behalf would be a great way to do that.”

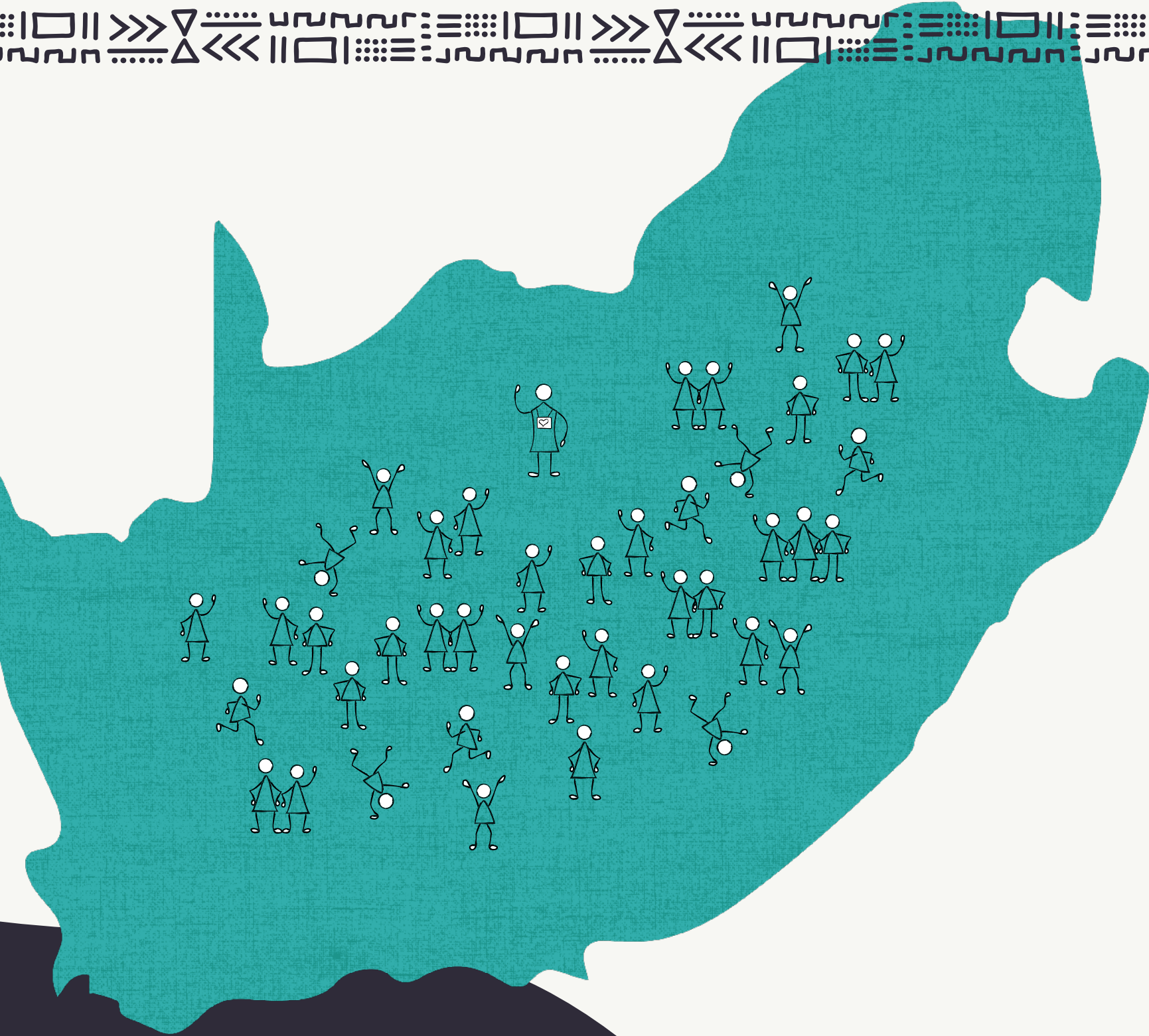
Each new client is notified that a child has been sponsored on their behalf. They then receive information about the ministry of the 25 Project and the story of the child that has been sponsored on their behalf. Letters from the children are shared, and every client is invited to participate in sending letters and care packages if they so choose. “It’s our hope that they will continue their involvement with the child and the 25 Project long after our client relationship has ended,” Curtis adds. So far, EOS clients have taken over the sponsorships of 11 children thanks to EOS’s efforts!

Through their generosity and commitment to bringing others into the mission of sharing the Gospel with vulnerable children and communities, Curtis and his team are successfully uniting business with ministry. EOS is not only supporting the efforts of the 25 Project,

but they are also providing their clients with a unique opportunity to form a meaningful connection with a child from a vulnerable community in a way they may not have considered before.

The 25 Project is incredibly thankful to the EOS team for their visionary, “out of the box” approach to advocacy, and their commitment to making an eternal impact on vulnerable children’s lives.

SOUTH AFRICA



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



YET I WILL PRAISE HIM

UNATHI'S STORY

Unathi grew up with a couple she affectionately regards as her grandparents, though they are not directly related. When Unathi's mother passed away, no one within her immediate family could care for Unathi and her three siblings. This elderly couple never had children of their own and welcomed Unathi into their home.

When Unathi was in eighth grade, she came to Intlantsi Christian School in South Africa. The school has been a tremendous blessing to her and has given her a higher quality education than the South African public school

system could. It has also opened opportunities for Unathi, where she has discovered many God-given gifts and abilities and has been provided formal training to grow in them.

Unathi loves to sing! During school chapel, Unathi's voice carries throughout the room and stands out among the rest. Over the summer, Unathi had the opportunity to travel to Johannesburg with the school choir, where they won second place in the national choir competition. Unathi recognizes the beautiful gift God has given her, and she loves to share it

with anyone who will listen, whether at national competitions or small chapel worship services.

Unathi's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." As she continues her studies, she remains faithful to where God has placed her and trusts that He will continue to light her path as she trusts in Him. Despite the many challenges she has faced, Unathi remains hopeful that God will use her to spread His light in dark places as she continues to praise Him with her life and her voice.

QUICK FACTS

Ministry established in 2020



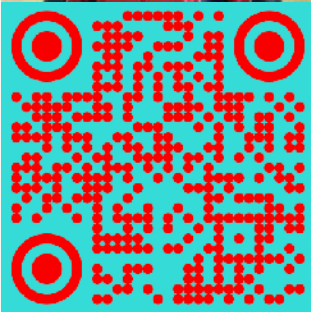
1 Leader in Country



42 Children in Ministry



Unathi (far right) sings during a choir competition in Johannesburg, South Africa.



Scan to watch Unathi sing one of her favorite songs, "Jehovah is Your Name"

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT



RAINY DAYS & RENEWED PURPOSE

ELIZABETH'S STORY

"This summer, I had an unforgettable experience of how God speaks to us through His creation to help us understand the true purpose of our existence on Earth.

As a Dominican, I've never been particularly fond of rain. When one of the 25 Project teams was visiting this past summer, the amount of rain we received was constant and overwhelming. The rain made me feel uncomfortable and even a little annoyed.

One morning when I woke up and looked out my window, instead of thanking God for a new day, I complained about the rain that would not stop. After a few moments of silence, I heard the birds singing and flying about, carrying on with their day despite the rain. Immediately, God spoke to my spirit, saying, "Listen to how the birds work regardless of the rain that falls. You are more than them, so cheer up and do what you are called to do."

In that instant, I realized just how selfish my attitude had been. I was so focused on my own discomfort that I completely forgot the purpose of why we were even there— to serve and give of ourselves. I felt convicted and immediately asked God for forgiveness.

Later that evening, I was able to share with the team my experience of how God allowed them to be here in the Dominican Republic during that specific rainy week. Many children who would have been stuck in their flooded homes without food were instead safe and cared for at the camp the team was hosting.

God reminded me that He will always take care of His children, and He will use even things like the rain, the birds, and nature to speak to us and remind us of His purposes for our lives.



Children play in the rain outside the 25 Project ministry center in the Dominican Republic.

QUICK FACTS

Ministry established in 2012

6 Leaders in Country

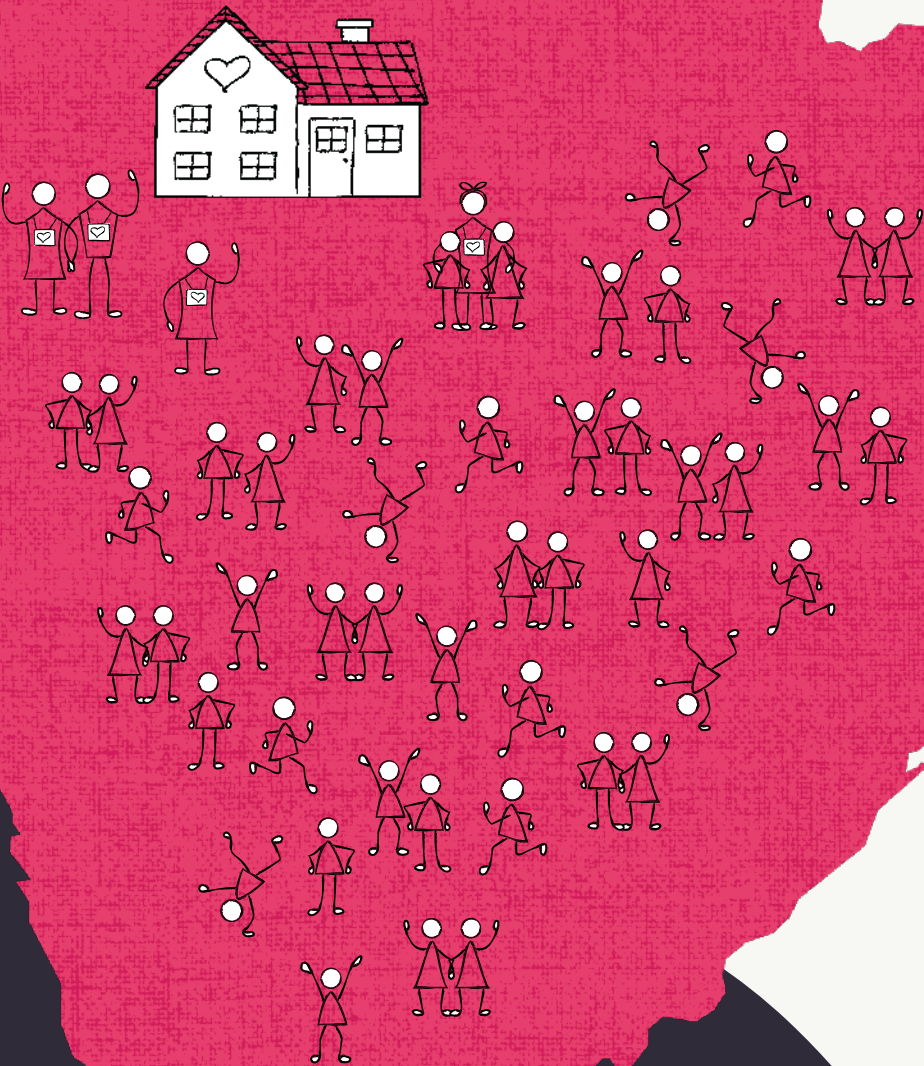
215 Children in Ministry

1 Ministry Center

1 Team Housing



FROM ABANDONMENT
TO ABUNDANCE
SHRADDHA'S STORY



QUICK FACTS

Ministry established in 2015

4 Leaders in Country

51 Children in Ministry

1 Mercy Home

When Shraddha first came to the Mercy Homes at six years old, she was heartbroken and searching for love and acceptance. Her father had recently abandoned their family. Now the subject of her community's gossip, Shraddha felt the sting of judgment from people she once considered friends, deepening the wound of rejection left by her father.

After her father left, Shraddha's mother struggled to provide for their basic needs. The sudden transition to single parenting had a detrimental impact on her mother's mental health, and Shraddha began to pick up many burdens and carry them on her own small shoulders.

In the midst of their hardship, a local pastor reached out to Shraddha's family and connected them to the 25 Project's Mercy Home ministry. It was here that Shraddha encountered a community that embraced her and her mother with open arms and provided a haven for her broken heart. Within these unfamiliar walls of safety, security, and love, God began the subtle work of drawing her to Himself and mending the wounds life had inflicted upon her.

Shraddha began to thrive in the Mercy Homes as the message of the Gospel became clear. She understood that God's love was all-encompassing, and she was never truly abandoned. Initially consumed by others' opinions, Shraddha realized her worth was found in God's unconditional love for her. No longer did she believe she was abandoned, rejected, and hopeless. Through the encouragement and guidance of the local church and the 25 Project staff, both Shraddha and her mother decided to follow Christ.

With her new-found hope, Shraddha worked diligently through her studies and completed her bachelor's degree—a dream that once felt unattainable. She has worked

tirelessly to prepare for the National Administrative exam, trusting God to use her and lead her to places where she can make a difference within her predominately Hindu community.

When we asked Shraddha to reflect on her spiritual journey up to this point, she told us, "The hope of the Gospel has changed my life. I used to care so much what people thought of me, but God has freed me from that. Now, I know that I am strong and resilient through Christ, and my attention is on my family and the future God has for me. I know the Gospel is true because of how God has shown His love for us through Christ. He did not abandon us when He could have, but instead, gave His life so that we may know His love and that He is always with us."



Shraddha (second from left) poses for a picture with other children from the Mercy Home ministry.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial accountability is at the heart of the 25 Project's mission, demonstrated by our ECFA accreditation and Guidestar Platinum rating. These distinctions reflect a commitment to managing every dollar with care, ensuring resources are directed toward the highest impact. Through transparent reporting, donors and partners can see the difference their support is making where it's needed most.



TOTAL GIVING IN FY2024
\$1,565,628.18

MATCH GIVING TOTAL
\$68,093.76

MINISTRY PROGRAMS

75.1%

EVENTS & FUNDRAISING
9.9%

GENERAL MINISTRY
15%

SPONSORSHIP

46.2%

TRIPS

28.3%

MELISSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

0.7%

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE
PART ABOUT GETTING
A LETTER FROM YOUR
SPONSOR?**

"My favorite part about getting letters from my sponsor is knowing they care for me by asking about my health, my family, and my studies."

Wilmer, 14

"My favorite part is I get to know their favorite Bible verse."

Angel, 12

"My favorite part is seeing their family pictures and getting to know them personally through letters."

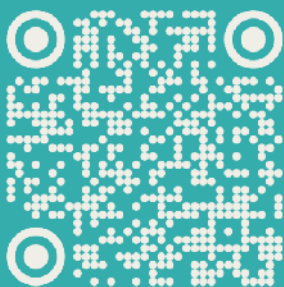
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"The advice I get and when my sponsors offer prayers."

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