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#### LYDIA'S STORY

At three-years-old, Lydia and her sisters were orphaned when the LRA rebel army killed their family outside their village in northern Uganda. Lydia and her sisters were left alone to care for themselves.

The girls lived together in a small hut — their eldest sister, Judith (a fourteen-year-old), did her best to be a mother, protector, and caregiver to her younger sisters. Being unable to find food or adequately care for themselves, the girls left their home desperately searching for a place of refuge and healing. It was then that the sisters found their way to Exile International's program which provided exactly what they needed!

Since then, Lydia and her three sisters have been a part of our programs where they are cared for and loved by local caregivers and where they have developed a new family among their peers. No longer will they have fear for safety. These brave survivors are receiving healing for the wounds of war, being loved and disciplined while receiving their education.

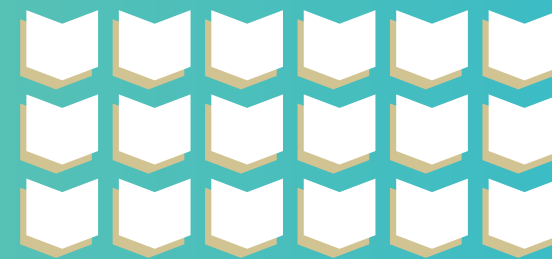
# TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN IN REVIEW



**1600+**  
**CHILDREN**  
*healing their wounds*

**678**

*youth being educated*



**36**

**PROGRAM  
GRADUATES**  
*attending university*



**COMPLETE  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



**COMPLETE THEIR  
EDUCATION  
JOURNEY**





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## CONNECT WITH US

See and hear the stories of what God is doing across the globe through your generosity at [Exile International](#).



## DEAR FRIENDS

2017 was a year worth celebrating! As a direct result of your support, 1,600 child survivors of war received the care they desperately needed — healing their wounds of trauma AND empowering them to hope again!

Together, we're seeing lives transformed — from child survivors of war to leaders for peace.

On behalf of our team and the wonderful children we get to serve, thank you for your partnership. Your prayers and financial gifts are critical to this ministry's successes and make each child's restoration and empowerment possible!

Enjoy a look into the healing, hope and redemption you are a part of!



**Matthew & Bethany Williams**

Exile International Leadership Team



### HEALING SPIRITS

Art-Focused Trauma Care, Discipleship & Peace Building



### HEALING MINDS

Education, Professional Skills & Leadership Development



### HEALING BODIES

Food, Medical & Other Basic Needs

## MISSION

Restoring rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war to become leaders for peace through holistic rehabilitation and art-focused trauma care.

Exile also provides education, housing, food, and medical care. Utilizing a three-tier, curriculum-based model of (1) art-focused trauma care, (2) peace-building and conflict resolution, and (3) leadership development, EI empowers child survivors of war to become leaders who will transform communities for Christ.

# IMPACT

We saw God bring healing to over 1,600 children in 2017. Because of your support, lives are being transformed!

## OUR APPROACH

### Rehabilitative Care

Fostering health and empowerment through holistic programs — healing spirits, minds and bodies.

### Art-Focused Trauma Care

A safe avenue for children to express and process what they have gone through.

### Education

Empowering children to escape poverty, to support families and develop their communities. Education empowers children to move from surviving to thriving!

### Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution

Equipping future leaders with skills to understand, respond to, and overcome conflict.

### Local Leadership

Partnering with local counselors and leaders to effect long-term success and empower the next generation of influencers.



**18**

Care Programs in Uganda and DR Congo

**1,600+**

children being restored and empowered

Your contribution matters to the lives of thousands of rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war.

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### MEET ISAAC

I lost both my mother and my father to the warring in my country. It was a very sad and difficult situation, but my grandmother did her very best to raise me through it. However, as much as she tried, she lacked the money to be able to do so. I was so hopeless during this time — so much so that I did not even play or talk to anyone.

When I was six years old, the Exile International program welcomed me in. I received counseling and mentorship, and they even sent me to school! Now I am in 5th grade, and I have overcome so much of the hurts I went through. I am succeeding in my classes, and I believe in my future because I have learned how to express my feelings wherever I go. I now enjoy to playing with friends and talk to anyone. I am a child of hope.

# HOLISTIC REHABILITATIVE CARE

From the basic needs of any child — food, water, and shelter — to meeting the emotional and psychological needs of children recovering from the deep scars of war, trauma and loss.

EI strives to see each child succeed and excel, not only during their time with EI, but also as they launch into successful lives! This requires long-term investments from caretakers who understand each child’s cultural and social dynamics — providing each child with the very best in psychological care, mentoring and discipleship.



**1,600**

served in 2017 alone — receiving holistic care, healing their wounds and finding hope again

**4,300**

children have received life-changing care since EI launched in 2008

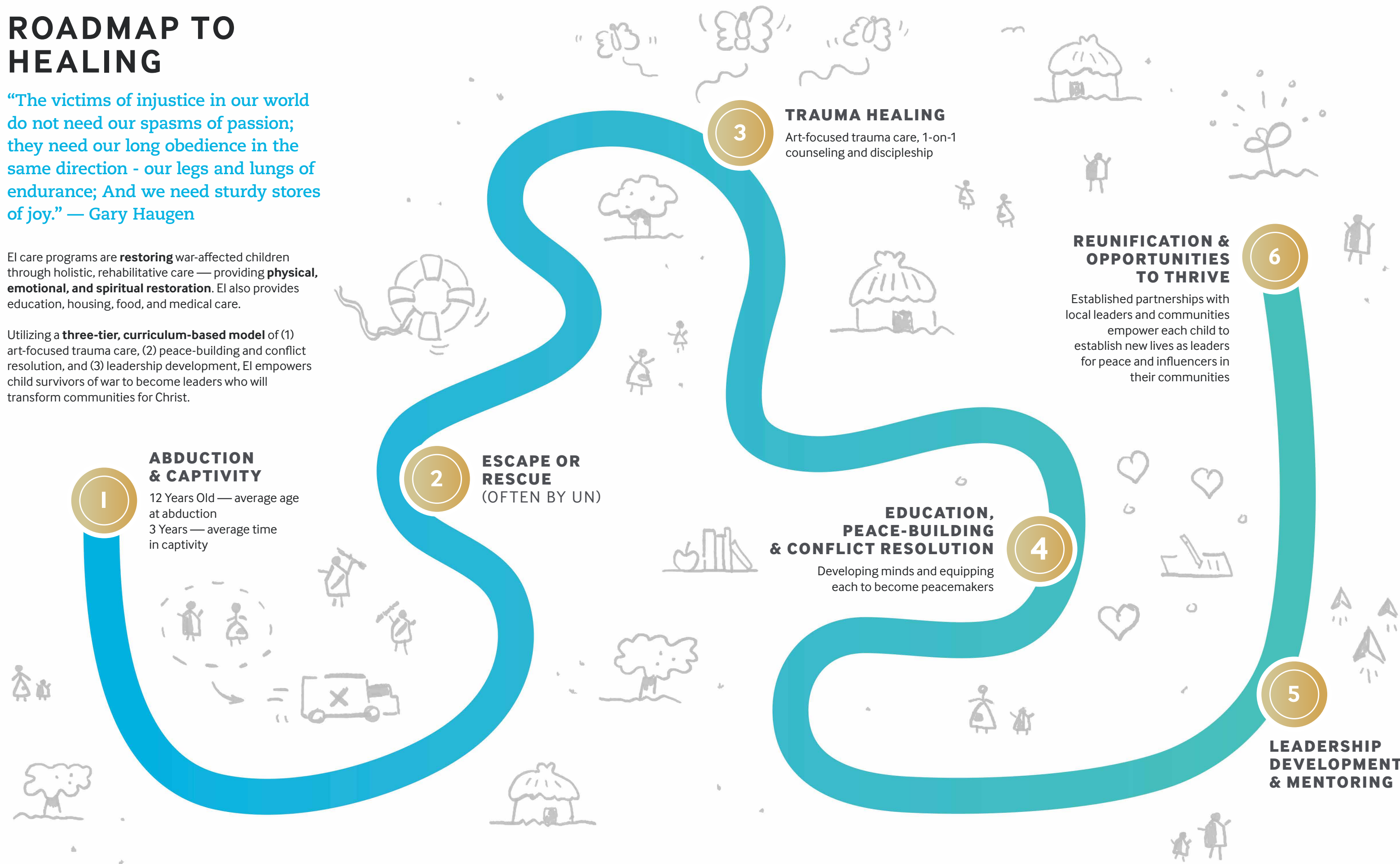


# ROADMAP TO HEALING

“The victims of injustice in our world do not need our spasms of passion; they need our long obedience in the same direction - our legs and lungs of endurance; And we need sturdy stores of joy.” — Gary Haugen

El care programs are **restoring** war-affected children through holistic, rehabilitative care — providing **physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration**. El also provides education, housing, food, and medical care.

Utilizing a **three-tier, curriculum-based model** of (1) art-focused trauma care, (2) peace-building and conflict resolution, and (3) leadership development, El empowers child survivors of war to become leaders who will transform communities for Christ.



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## ABDUCTION & CAPTIVITY

12 Years Old — average age at abduction  
3 Years — average time in captivity

2

## ESCAPE OR RESCUE (OFTEN BY UN)

3

## TRAUMA HEALING

Art-focused trauma care, 1-on-1 counseling and discipleship

4

## EDUCATION, PEACE-BUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Developing minds and equipping each to become peacemakers

5

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MENTORING

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## REUNIFICATION & OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE

Established partnerships with local leaders and communities empower each child to establish new lives as leaders for peace and influencers in their communities

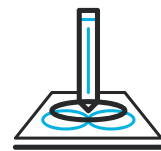


# ART-FOCUSED TRAUMA CARE

Art is an empowering medium for children to express and process emotions and experiences they do not yet have the words to share.

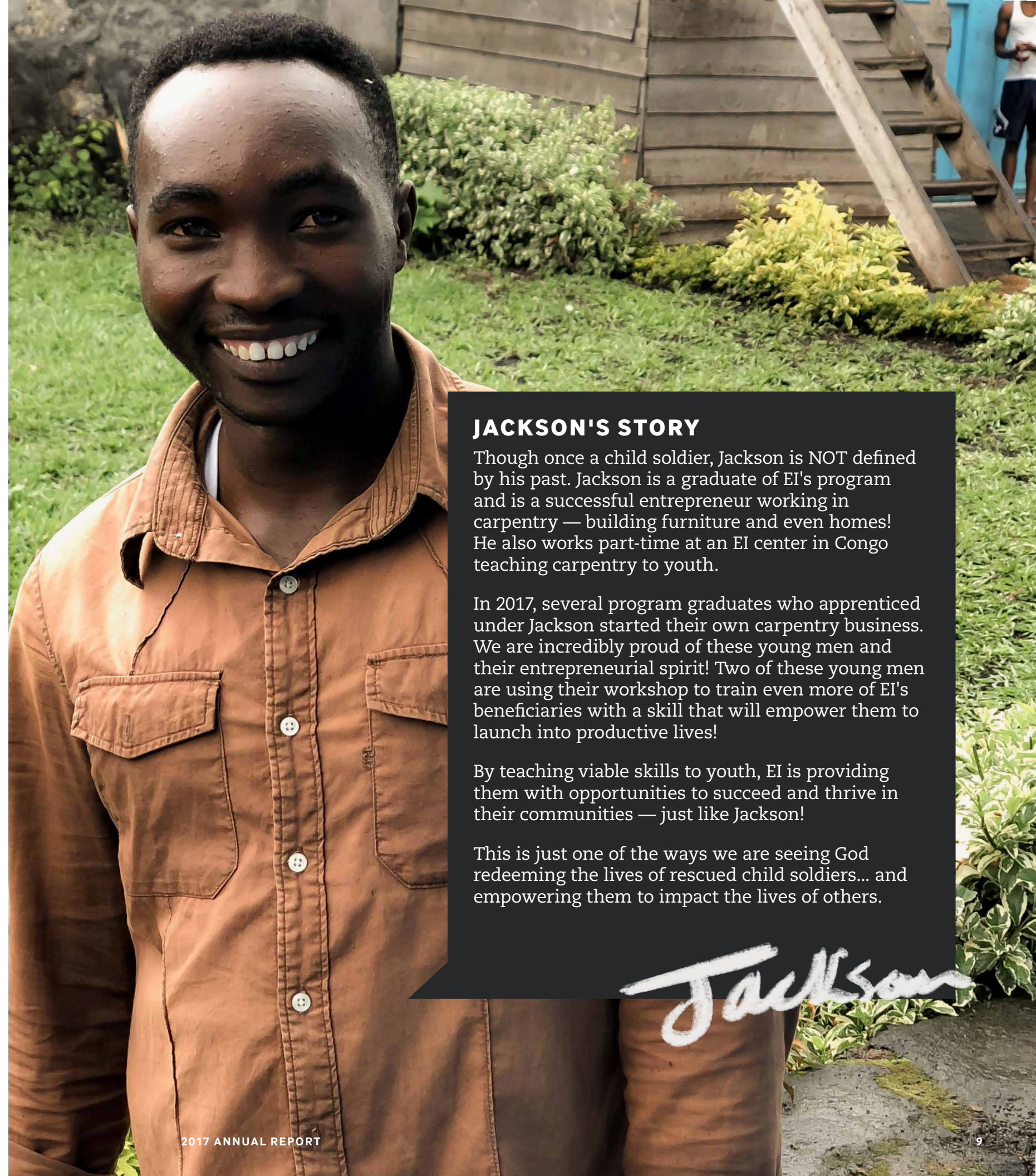
Therapeutic programs incorporating art, music, dance and drama provide children with avenues to share their stories. For many, this expression becomes the first step on a **path of healing and discovering hope.**

By communicating their stories with caregivers, mentors and peers, children are able to **rebuild a sense of normalcy** – the knowledge that “I can be understood” – once lost to extreme physical and emotional traumas.



**78%**

decrease in post-traumatic  
stress reactions and symptoms



## JACKSON'S STORY

Though once a child soldier, Jackson is NOT defined by his past. Jackson is a graduate of EI's program and is a successful entrepreneur working in carpentry — building furniture and even homes! He also works part-time at an EI center in Congo teaching carpentry to youth.

In 2017, several program graduates who apprenticed under Jackson started their own carpentry business. We are incredibly proud of these young men and their entrepreneurial spirit! Two of these young men are using their workshop to train even more of EI's beneficiaries with a skill that will empower them to launch into productive lives!

By teaching viable skills to youth, EI is providing them with opportunities to succeed and thrive in their communities — just like Jackson!

This is just one of the ways we are seeing God redeeming the lives of rescued child soldiers... and empowering them to impact the lives of others.

*Jackson*





### JANET'S STORY OF PEACE

When Janet was just 15-years-old, she was abducted and forced to be a sex-slave and “wife” to Joseph Kony, the leader of the LRA rebel army. Enslaved for eight years, she bore two children to Kony before escaping in 2005.

After breaking free, Janet transitioned from captivity through a care program where she began working through her years of enslavement. She was given the means to express what she was forced to do and provided a safe space to dream for her future.

Despite the injustices and the terrible pain she survived, through God’s grace, Janet’s unceasing, infectious smile speaks to her redemption and hope. The pains of her past formed a new journey toward a bright and hopeful future. She was able to return to high school and even went on to earn a university education with a degree in Community Development.

Five years after escaping her enslavement, Janet became a leader in EI programs, helping other women become leaders of hope in their communities.

She has successfully led EI economic empowerment programs and counseling groups for child-mothers (a term which is used locally for abducted girls who return from bush captivity with children).

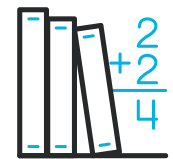
Janet is now happily married with three beautiful, healthy children and continues to volunteer her time assisting other child-mothers.

*Janet*

## EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Educating the next generation of leaders in Uganda and DR Congo – education and leadership development programs empower youth to reach for their dreams!

Quality primary, secondary and university education programs empower each child to become informed, influential leaders — contributing to the strength and development of communities in Uganda and DR Congo.



**678**

youth in school (217 more than last year)

**36**

program graduates attending university and volunteering at EI care programs — mentoring the next generation



# RESTORE PARTNERS

By giving monthly, Restory Partners make it possible for war-affected children to have the long-term, comprehensive care they need.

Restore Partners are EI's key partners in ensuring the long-term success of each child from victim to survivor to leaders for peace! The monthly, support of Restore Partners is critical to ensuring the stable and consistent care needed for each child to find healing and hope.



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child survivors being restored and empowered

# CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

Providing education, food, healthcare, trauma counseling, peace building/leadership development, and discipleship.

100% of child sponsor donations go directly toward transforming the life of a child. And... sponsorships empower! EI's sponsorship program tracks each child until they are self-sustaining — meaning each child will be empowered to for care themselves physically, emotionally and economically!



**678**

youth in school (217 more than last year)

**95%**

of beneficiaries completing their education

\*that's 4 times the averages in Uganda & DRC



## HEALING SPIRITS

Trauma Healing, Discipleship & Peace Building.



## HEALING MINDS

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## HEALING BODIES

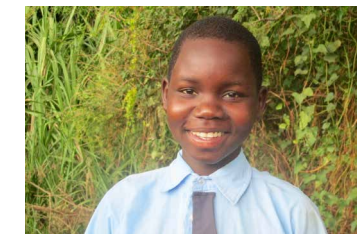
Food, Medical & Other Basic Needs



## BLESSING

DR Congo

*After much time in the care and rehabilitation programs of Exile, peace came back to my mind. I found faith in Christ. I also regained opportunity for education — and have now graduated from university completing my degree in Management and Development Enterprise.*



## CAROL

Uganda

I lost my parents to the Ugandan civil war when I was very young, and I was taken in by my grandmother. My grandmother, however, died and I was left alone at 12 years old. Thanks to Exile's presence in the community, I was welcomed into compassionate arms. I have a place to belong.



## MOISE

DR Congo

My family could not care for my siblings or me. We were left on the streets and I was taken in by rebels. When I was ten, I escaped the rebel group and found my way to the care center. Because of this place, I have friends and I have a future. Soon I will even finish secondary school!



# BUDGET

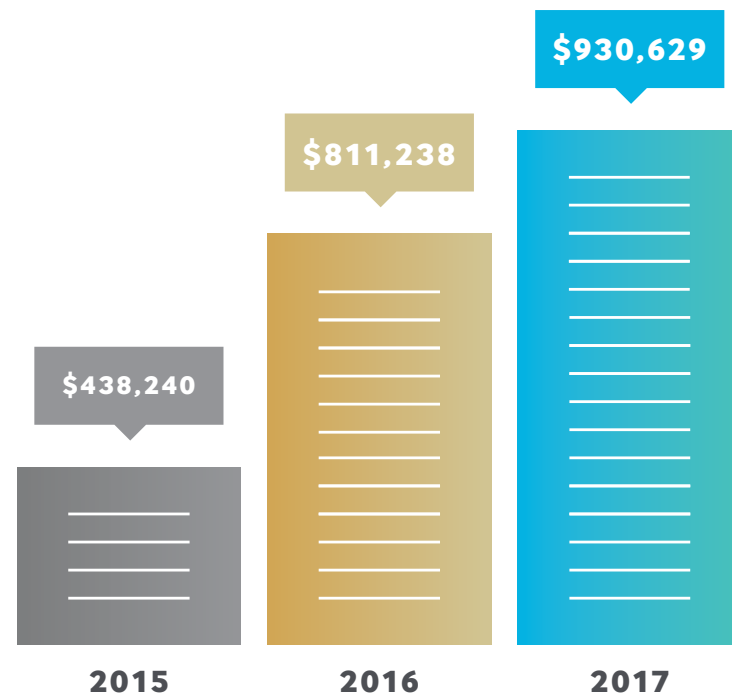
Thanks to you, programs are expanding and meeting more children's needs every year! In other words — more children are healing from the wounds of trauma and more child survivors are being empowered to thrive!

Let's continue restoring lives together! Your gifts are providing child survivors of war with the healing and hope they desperately need. You are restoring lives!

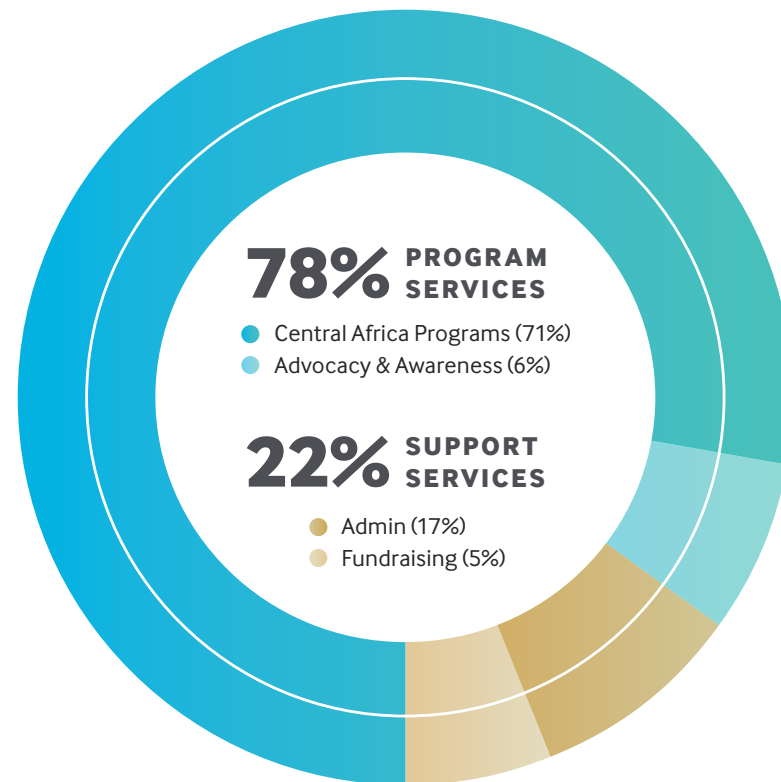
Your donations transform lives!

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## EXILE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE



## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



# IMPACT

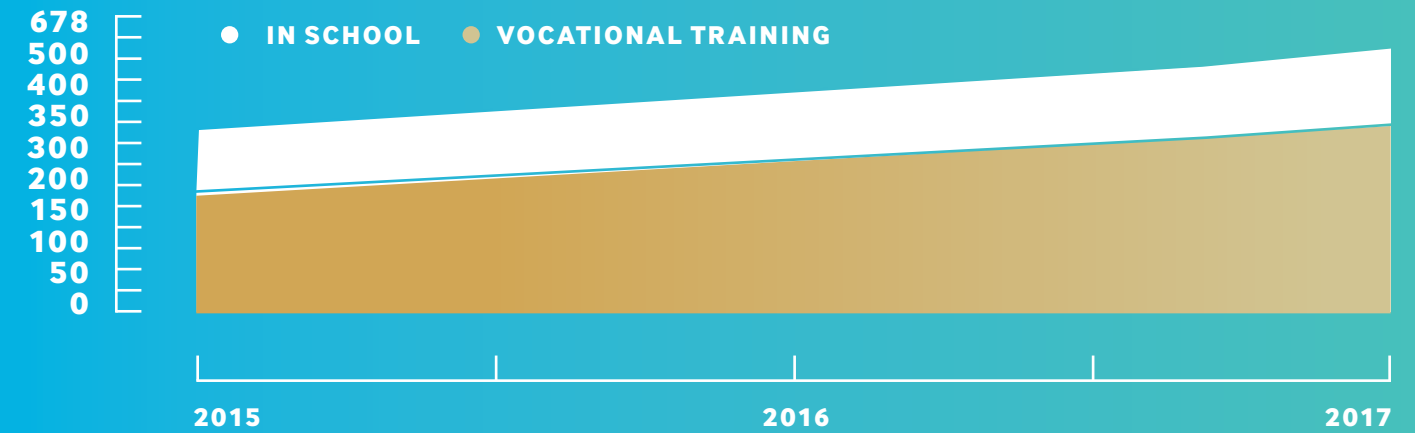
# 98%

of sponsorship program beneficiaries complete primary school. This exponentially exceeds averages in Uganda (24.8%) and DR Congo (54.5%)

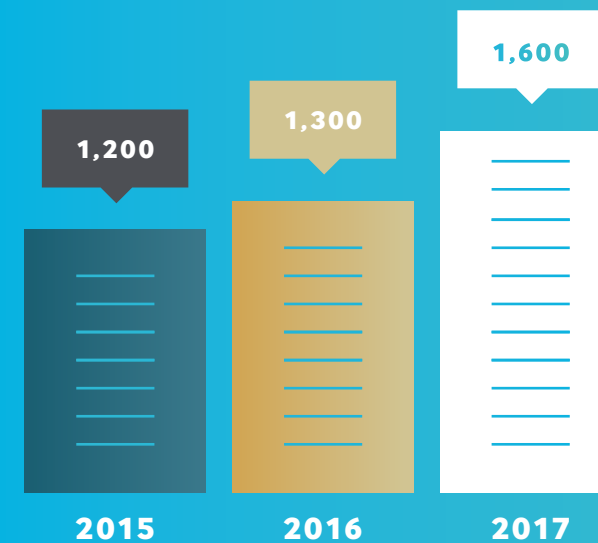
# 95%

of sponsorship program beneficiaries complete their educational journey. This is 3-4 times higher than averages in Uganda (17.5%) and DR Congo (31.7%)

## PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING AN EDUCATION



## RESTORING MORE LIVES EACH YEAR



# 78%

decrease in post-traumatic stress and emotional wounded-ness of child survivors of war

Trauma recovery and progress for youth is measured using the CRIES Test — a trauma severity test designed for use with children. Post-tests show a 78% decrease in post-traumatic stress reactions and symptoms. And that's just Phase 1 of El's care program!



# LOOKING FORWARD

With your partnership, here are things we plan to accomplish in 2018.

## 150 MORE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Providing each child with an education and a hopeful future

## EVEN BETTER CARE

Hiring and training more counselors, social workers and caregivers so that more child survivors will have access to the care they need

## CARE FACILITIES

Facilities and capital needs, including a multipurpose building, girls dorm, clean water systems and other essential facilities

While 2017 was a remarkable year, many children still remain unserved. Your support can and will bring transformation to child survivors —providing healing, restoration and hope for a better future.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

#### DONATE

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#### BECOME A RESTORE PARTNER

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#### SPONSOR A CHILD

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*Thank You*

Your support is restoring the lives of war-affected children and offering them a new start!





**4300**  
**CHILDREN**  
*healing their wounds*

**800 CHILDREN**  
**and their futures**  
*empowered through*  
**EDUCATION**

**EIGHTEEN**  
**CARE PROGRAMS**  
*restoring children of war to become*  
**LEADERS FOR PEACE**



*"The power seen in the children's ability to forgive and to dream is stronger than the force of evil that stole their innocence."*

Bethany Williams, PhD, LCSW  
Founder / CEO of Exile International





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