

A young boy with a warm smile, wearing a blue V-neck sweater over a white collared shirt, stands with his arms crossed. He is in a classroom setting with other students blurred in the background.

Leaders of Peace


EXILE INTERNATIONAL
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



12 YEARS OF HEALING & HOPE

 **5,100+**
children served

 **12 OF 22**
care programs led by EI graduates

 **78%**
decrease in PTSD

This means better lives and increased potential to thrive

 **95%**
completing their education

That's 4 times the national averages!

THANK YOU

You are restoring lives & communities.

Your support has placed Exile International on the front-lines for nearly 12 years — providing life-changing, Christ-centered care to 5,100 children and their communities. Thank you for partnering with us. Thank you for making each child's healing and hope possible.



Matthew & Bethany Williams
Exile International Co-Founders

OUR MISSION

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



WHY WE SERVE

RESCUED CHILD SOLDIERS & CHILDREN ORPHANED BY WAR

100,000+ children abducted & 4-5 million orphaned
by war in DR Congo & Uganda

12

YEARS
OLD

Avg age at abduction.
Avg age of a 6th grader.

3

YEARS
IN CAPTIVITY

Avg time captive – exposed to
violence, trauma, & loss

Children as young as 7 are kidnapped and forced to fight in rebel armies. Psychologically tortured and brainwashed — children are enslaved, forced to fight, and to kill.

Many are forced to participate in violence against their own families and communities. Still more are abducted and abused, becoming victims of rape and sexual violence.

Those fortunate enough to escape or be released are left with deep and enduring emotional scars from what they've seen and been forced to do. Many are unable to return home because they have either lost or been rejected by their families.





Ally's Story

The most scary day was the day rebels came to our village. The sound of their guns terrified us. Everyone we knew was running in all directions. We did not know these men but we had heard of them. Our parents had called them "the rebel army," and we knew they would hurt us or even take us. My brothers, sisters, and I were able to stay together, and we ran into the forest. We waited there for our mom and dad, but they never came. Days later we returned to our home, but it was almost gone. We never saw our mom and dad again.

Rebecca, my oldest sister, became like our momma. Rebecca kept us safe and did what she could. But finding food was difficult. Sometimes we had no food for days. Rebecca told me this is why I became so sick and weak that I could not walk.

But God heard our prayers. People from a church came to us and helped to bring us to our new home with Exile International. The people here are now my friends. And we always have food. So much food! Miss Aimé, a nurse, helped me, and I am strong again. We still miss our mom and dad but we know that they would like it here. We have friends, and we go to school. We play and we always sing and dance at the church. My favorite thing to do is to draw and color with Mrs. Z, a counselor. She always tells me she believes in me and is really nice.

My sisters and brother know they love us, and we love them! Thank you for my new home.

ROAD MAP TO HEALING

“The power seen in these children's ability to forgive & dream is stronger than the forces of evil that stole their innocence.”

BETHANY WILLIAMS, PHD, LCSW
CO-FOUNDER / CEO OF EXILE INTERNATIONAL



1 ABDUCTION
& CAPTIVITY



3 TRAUMA
HEALING



2 ESCAPE OR
RESCUE BY UN



4 EDUCATION
& DISCIPLING



5 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
& PEACEBUILDING



6 RESTORATION
& NEW LIFE



ART-FOCUSED TRAUMA CARE

Art provides a medium for children to process emotions & 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.

Processing their stories with caregivers and peers, children are able to rebuild a sense of connection and normalcy. This is a key step in recovering what their traumas have stolen.

OUR APPROACH

Christ-Centered & Holistic

Fostering healing and hope through rehabilitative care programs addressing the needs of the spirit, mind, and body – child survivors of war are finding new life in Christ!

Art-Focused Trauma Care

Using music, dance, drama, and art in trauma care provides a safe avenue for children to express and process their emotional wounds.

Education

Education enables children to move from surviving to thriving! It empowers young men and women to escape poverty, to support families, and to develop their own communities.

Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution & Leadership Development

Conflict impacts all our lives. And in a region known for conflict — we're empowering the next generation of influencers with the tools needed to overcome conflict and lead communities towards peace.

Graduate Led-Replication

Every year, EI is training and empowering more program graduates to launch care programs in their communities. These graduates and their influence are vital to ending cycles of violence and poverty throughout the region.



GRADUATE-LED REPLICATION

12 of 22 Care Programs Led by Program Graduates

Focusing efforts on replication driven through graduate-led programs — healing and hope are spreading at exponential rates in previously unreachable communities!

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES

Lives are being transformed & these young leaders are bringing healing to their own communities.

Not only are they passionate, they are successfully replicating the care programs that restored their lives.

With God's help and through these empowered young men and women — good news is spreading and communities are being transformed!



Joshua's Story

I was 14 when rebels abducted me from my village. They kept me as a slave and forced me to be a soldier. There were many battles and attacks on villages like my own. I was forced to do things I choose not to write here. They were brutal things and my mind was lost to the trauma.

By God's grace, He made a way for me to escape, and I soon became part of Exile's rehabilitation programs. After much time, I found healing there through counselors and mentors, trauma healing sessions, and understanding I could be forgiven. Christ gave me a new life!

When I graduated from Exile's care — I was reunited with my community. After returning, I wanted to help others who were like me. I went back to Exile to learn how and we have replicated the care programs in my village! Sixty-two rescued child soldiers are here now and 12 have graduated. We are helping them heal using Exile's model. Because I was like them, they see what is possible. We are showing them that they can be new creations in Christ! Many are now followers of Jesus and have been baptized.

These programs are changing our community. Before, many youths would rejoin the rebels because of shame and no one to help them. But now our young peacemakers (what we call ourselves) and I are an example of the healing God can do. Youth now join us and they have hope!

We are blessed even to help children go to school and learn vocations so they have jobs and take care of their families.

God used Exile to turn my life around and give me hope. Now, by the grace of God, we are changing our community!



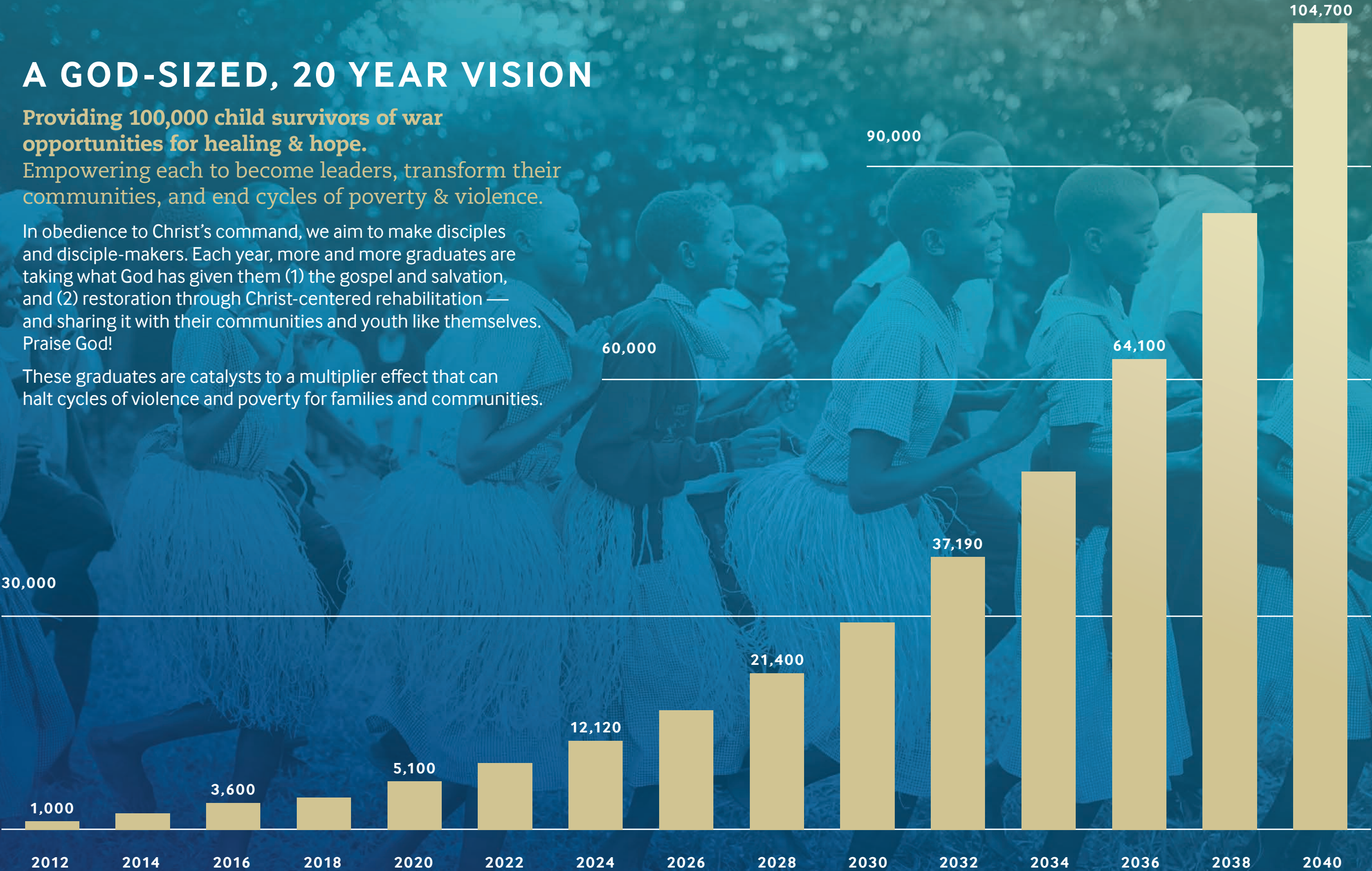
A GOD-SIZED, 20 YEAR VISION

Providing 100,000 child survivors of war opportunities for healing & hope.

Empowering each to become leaders, transform their communities, and end cycles of poverty & violence.

In obedience to Christ’s command, we aim to make disciples and disciple-makers. Each year, more and more graduates are taking what God has given them (1) the gospel and salvation, and (2) restoration through Christ-centered rehabilitation — and sharing it with their communities and youth like themselves. Praise God!

These graduates are catalysts to a multiplier effect that can halt cycles of violence and poverty for families and communities.





LOCAL EXPERTISE

Relevant, Transformative & Sustainable

Coming alongside the local church and local expertise, Exile is able to implement culturally appropriate care that is both transformational and sustainable!

Local professionals, churches, and program graduates are leading the charge – transforming communities for Christ.

135 local staff & volunteers

These men and women are our heroes and mentors.

Daily we learn from their faith, hope, and commitment to serving Christ and serving His children.

2019 IMPACT

1200+

CHILDREN HEALING THEIR WOUNDS

Through Exile's care programs.

78%

DECREASE IN PTSD SYMPTOMS

On average, youth experience a 78% decrease in PTSD symptoms within 24 months of entering Exile's programs.*

95%

COMPLETING THEIR EDUCATION

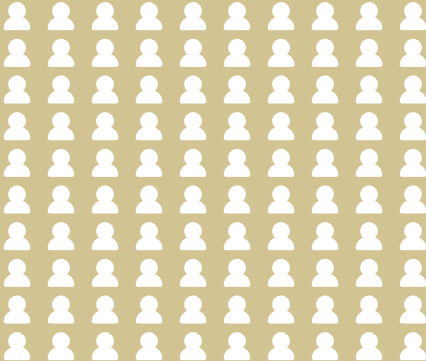
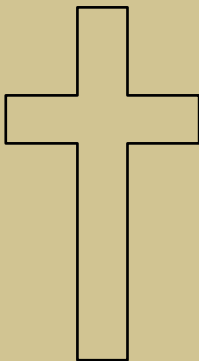
95% of sponsorship program beneficiaries complete their educational journey. That's 3-4 times higher than averages in Uganda (17.5%) and DR Congo (31.7%).

12 OF 22

GRAD-LED REPLICATION

12 of 22 care programs are led by program graduates. Including 4 new locations launched by graduates in 2019!

*Trauma recovery & progress is tracked on an on-going basis using the CRIES Test (a trauma severity test).



102 BAPTISMS

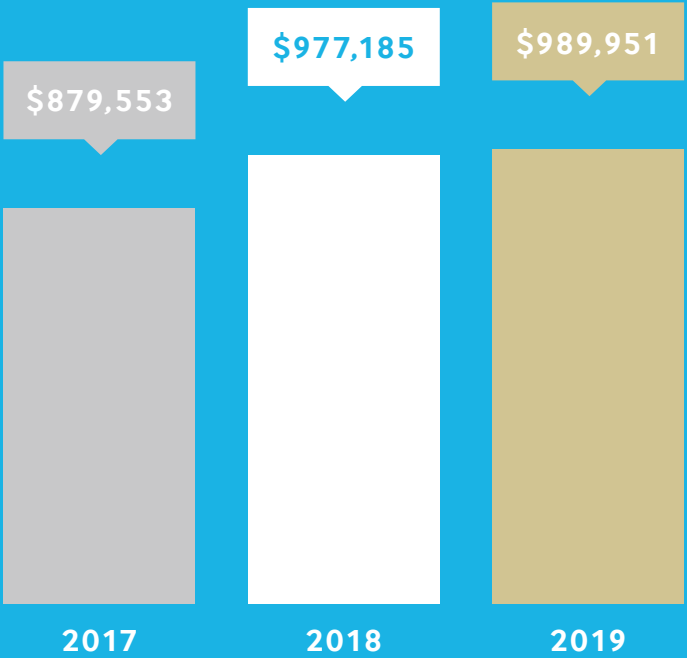
Boys & girls finding hope in Christ! More than half of those baptized in 2019 first heard the gospel from Exile graduates, now leaders, who are sharing the good news that changed their lives.

BUDGET

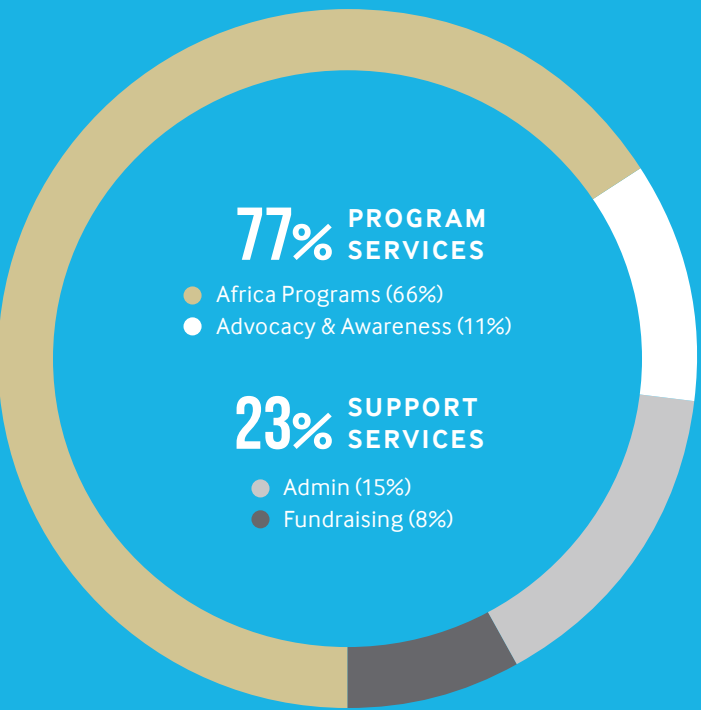
Year over year — more children are healing from the wounds of trauma & more child survivors of war are empowered to thrive!

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EXILE INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL REVENUE



BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES





HEALING SPIRITS

Art-Focused Trauma
Care, Discipleship &
Peacebuilding



HEALING MINDS

Education, Professional
Skills & Leadership
Development



HEALING BODIES

Safety, Food,
Medical & Other
Basic Needs

Accredited Commitment to Stewardship & Mission Success



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