

2025 IMPACT REPORT

See Your Impact | See Their Hope





OUR MISSION

EMPOWERING RESCUED CHILD SOLDIERS AND CHILDREN ORPHANED BY WAR

to become leaders for peace through art-focused trauma care and holistic rehabilitation.

In a year marked by rebel insurgency and remarkable courage, you helped write survival stories for children affected by war. Since 2008, your partnership has enabled more than 9,000 children and youth to experience Christ-centered healing, belonging, and hope.

In 2025, more than 5,000 child survivors received art-focused trauma care, alongside discipleship, educational support, and leadership skills training through 47 locally led programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo & Uganda.

As the conflict in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo worsened, reaching its worst levels in a decade, schools and banks were forced to close, and many children sought refuge in churches and makeshift camps. Yet through the perseverance of Exile’s local leaders — and your faithful support — no child in Exile’s programs was left behind. Counselors carried care closer to displacement sites so children could continue to heal in the midst of danger.

“Healed survivors are becoming leaders for peace.”

Today, 42 of our 47 programs are led by Exile graduates — young women

and men who once arrived as war-traumatized children who now bring healing to their own communities. Healed survivors are becoming leaders for peace. Thank you for standing with these young peacemakers and with us in this calling as we look forward with hope to all that God will accomplish in the coming year.



BETHANY & MATTHEW WILLIAMS
Exile International
Co-Founders

COUNTLESS REASONS TO PRAISE GOD

 **5,009** SERVED IN 2025

Healing from trauma and empowered to change their nations

 **614** YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN BAPTIZED

Proclaiming their faith in Christ, committing to make disciples

 **42/47** PROGRAMS LED BY GRADUATES

Spreading the hope of Christ and replicating holistic rehabilitation that transforms lives

 **87%** COMPLETING THEIR EDUCATION

Equipped with knowledge and skills to support families and impact communities

 **78%** DECREASE IN PTSD SYMPTOMS

Healing spirits, minds and bodies – overcoming nightmares and shame

WHY WE SERVE CHILD SURVIVORS OF WAR

Exile International began in 2008 in response to the wars in DR Congo and Uganda — where more than 100,000 boys and girls as young as 7 are kidnapped and forced to fight in armed conflict.

Children are psychologically tortured, beaten, and brainwashed — forced to commit deadly acts of violence against their families and communities. Many become victims of rape, sexual violence, and physical abuse. Those fortunate enough to escape bear deep, enduring emotional scars from the horrors they witnessed and experienced.

For the 6+ million orphaned by war, violence steals their childhood all the same — interrupting their education and freedom with overwhelming grief and responsibility. Cast to the streets, children orphaned by war risk abduction and captivity each day.

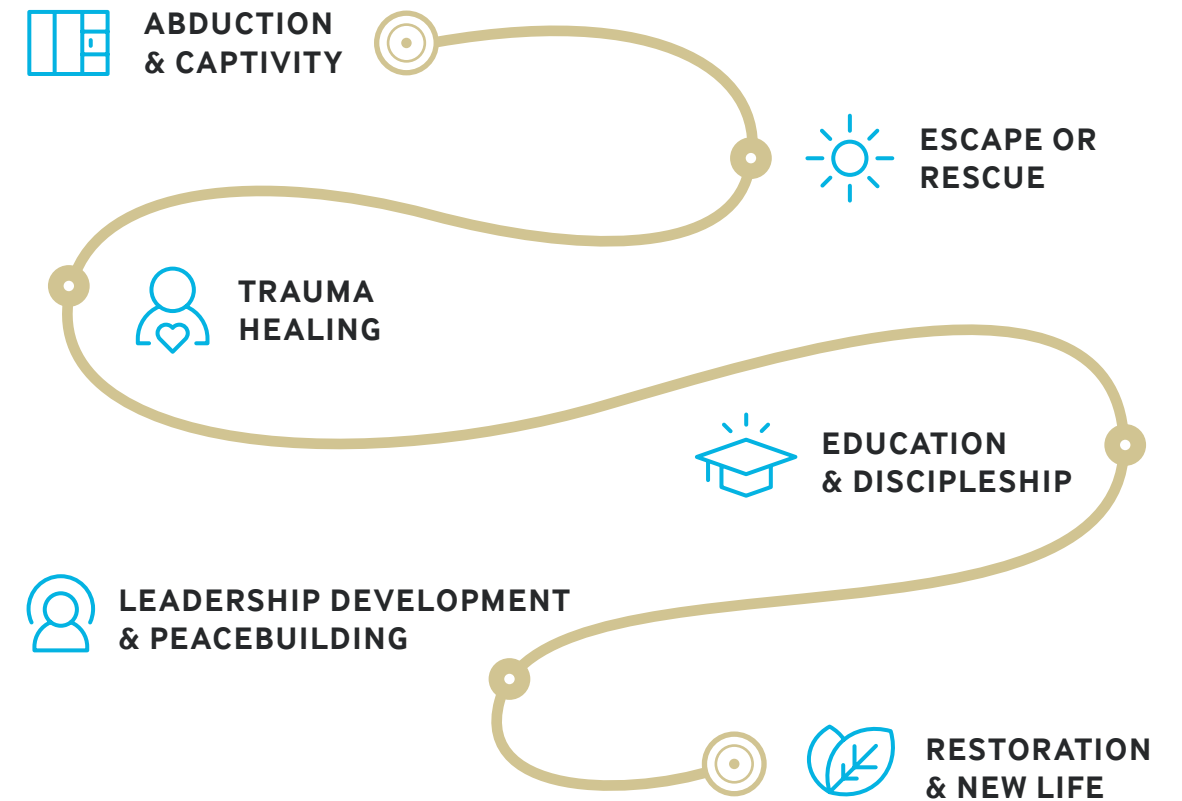
12 YEARS OLD

Average age at abduction — the age of a sixth-grader

3 YEARS CAPTIVE

Average time captive to violence and grief

THE ROADMAP TO HEALING



Art-Focused Trauma Care

When trauma disrupts the brain's language center, the arts provide safe avenues for children to process and share their stories.

Education

Equipping children with the knowledge and vocational skills to escape poverty, support families, and develop communities.

Discipleship

Coming alongside the local church to foster healing and hope — young men and women are discovering new life in Christ!

Leadership & Peacebuilding

Preparing the next generation of community leaders with conflict resolution skills to cultivate peace in regions known for war.



A FUTURE REBUILT

Esdras was just a young boy when his childhood was interrupted by violence that left deep wounds. He lived without safety or stability, carrying more than any child was meant to carry. Eventually, Esdras found the courage to return to his community. There, he soon discovered Exile International's Peace Center — a place where his life began to change.

"Exile helped me believe my life could have purpose again."

Through Exile's programs, Esdras began to rebuild his life through art-focused trauma care, worship, and vocational training. He returned to school, earned his diploma in Technical Building, and even secured a contract helping construct a local youth center. Today, Esdras is an engineer, a husband, and a father. He now encourages others in his community who are struggling, sharing hope and helping them see a future beyond their pain.

A PLACE TO BELONG

After being separated from her family during the war, Esther returned home to devastating loss — her parents killed, her home destroyed, and only her elderly grandmother remaining. Rejected by her community and left without basic needs, she carried both grief and isolation with nowhere to belong. Everything began to change when she was invited to join Exile International's Peace Club, where she was welcomed just as she was and began to feel safe again.

"For the first time in a long while, I felt like I belonged again."

Through Exile, Esther began participating in art-focused trauma care, leadership development, and education programs. She found healing, support, and the opportunity to learn tailoring — a skill she now uses to help provide for herself and her grandmother. She continues to grow in confidence and purpose, showing kindness and steady faith even in the face of rejection. Today, Esther is building a more stable future and growing into the woman God is calling her to be.



YOUR GENEROSITY TRANSFORMS LIVES

Every dollar you give is invaluable to a **child's redemption story**. We're committed to honoring your generosity by upholding the highest standards of responsible stewardship.

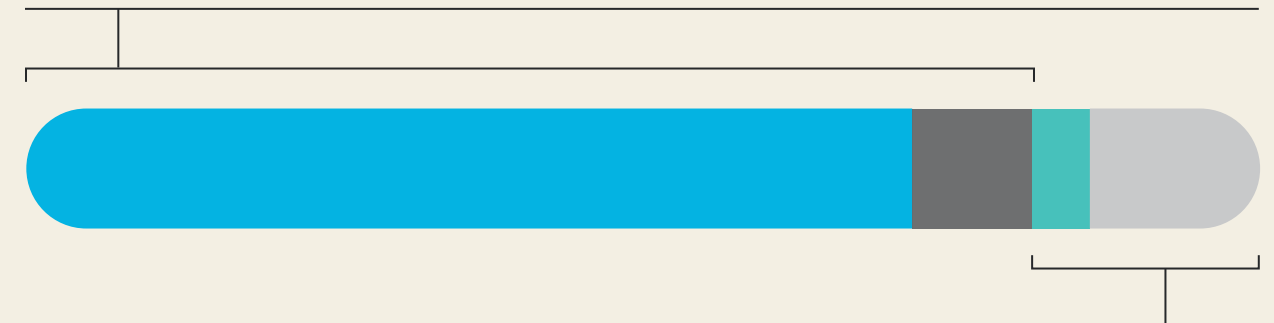
WE'RE DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN REVENUE AND EXPENSES.

- Annual Third-Party Audit
- All 990s and financials posted online
- Recognized by ECFA, Excellence in Giving, Candid, and CAFO for exceptional commitment to financial responsibility

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

80.4% PROGRAM SERVICES

● Programs (71%) ● Advocacy & Awareness (9.4%)



● Fundraising (7.3%) ● Admin (12.3%)

19.6% SUPPORT SERVICES

2025 GENEROSITY AT A GLANCE

TOTAL REVENUE IN 2025: \$1,820,557

Funding from generous individuals, churches, foundations, and partners committed to healing children of war.

TRUSTED, ACCOUNTABLE STEWARDSHIP

Accredited for excellence in financial stewardship and transparency. Annual third-party audit; 990s and financials posted online.





HEALING SPIRITS

Art-Focused Trauma Care,
Counseling, Discipleship &
Peacebuilding



HEALING BODIES

Safety, Food, Medical Care
& Other Basic Needs



HEALING MINDS

Education, Professional
Skills & Leadership
Development

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