



# TRANSFORMING LIVES

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Message from the Director

“Healing African Children. Transforming Lives.”

I’m pleased to present the 2015 Annual Report focusing on the second half of our motto – Transforming Lives.

By God’s grace BethanyKids did this in multiple ways over the past year. Children’s lives being transformed through surgery. The mobility and self-esteem of students with disabilities being transformed through therapy. Doctors’ skills being transformed through training as pediatric surgeons. Families’ understanding of their child’s disability transformed through education.

But of course the greatest transformation of all happens only through acceptance of the gospel of Jesus Christ and his redeeming love. BethanyKids plays a part in that through the work of our Chaplains, but only God can bring about such an eternal transformation.

I hope you find this report both informative and inspiring. There is much more to be done in helping children in Africa to live fulfilling and productive lives as they grow up. We value and count on your continuing partnership with us in making it happen.

Blessings,



Malcolm D. Robinson  
Executive Director



# one patient at a time

**7218**  
outpatient visits

**2675**  
surgical procedures

**3094**  
children seen at  
mobile clinics

**5**  
countries

- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Sierra Leone
- Uganda



**Felistas** came to BethanyKids in 2006 as a tiny infant with Spina Bifida. She was only 4 days old when Dr. Bransford and his team performed her life-changing surgery. Over the years Felistas has grown into an energetic and tenacious girl. Although she cannot walk and uses a wheelchair, she and her mother have persisted through many challenges so that she can pursue her education. Her mother shares proudly that she is always among the top four in her class, and her dream is to someday become a doctor so that she can help other children with similar conditions.



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## one student at a time



# 300

children receiving therapy at Joytown

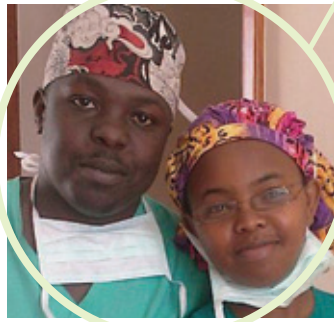
Before coming to Joytown, 8-year-old **Elias** tried attending a regular school near his home, but because of his Athetoid Cerebral Palsy, it was extremely difficult for him to even make it to school every day. Once he got there, he often sat alone and left out. This has been Elias' first year at Joytown, and with therapy he is already walking with more ease and confidence. He has gained a greater independence and is able to fully participate in class. What is more, for the first time in his life, Elias is surrounded by friends who accept him for who he is.





**Dr. Edmond Ntaganda**

graduates from his pediatric surgery training this year. He plans to return to his home country of Rwanda to establish a new BethanyKids site there.



**Drs. Dan & Naomi Ochieng**

are a husband and wife team from Kenya and are currently training to be neurosurgeons in South Africa. They graduate in 2018, and plan to return to Kenya to support the BethanyKids neurosurgery program.



**Dr. George Ngock**

is from the English-speaking region of Cameroon. He graduates from his pediatric surgery training in 2017 and plans to return to his home country to practice there.

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Current surgery trainees

6

Graduates

8

Countries

- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Tanzania
- Uganda

one surgeon at a time

# one partner at a time



### Njaal & Aase Lovik

have a daughter who was born with Spina Bifida. They partner with BethanyKids

financially because of their desire to help as many kids with this condition as possible.

576 donors in 2015

18 board members



### Gary Oliver

was introduced to BethanyKids after his grandson was born with a genetic disability. As a board

member he freely gives of his time to help BethanyKids envision and acheive its mission.

8 surgeons

\$319 average donation



### Dr. Dan Poenaru

partners with BethanyKids as a pediatric surgeon. He generates his own financial

support base through friends, family, churches and other individuals, allowing more of BethanyKids donations to help those who need it the most!

### Terri Davis

partners with BethanyKids through prayer. As the Executive Assistant she has long



recognized that the mission and ministry of BethanyKids is sustained by prayer, and lives that conviction out in her regular prayer for the staff, the patients, and their families.



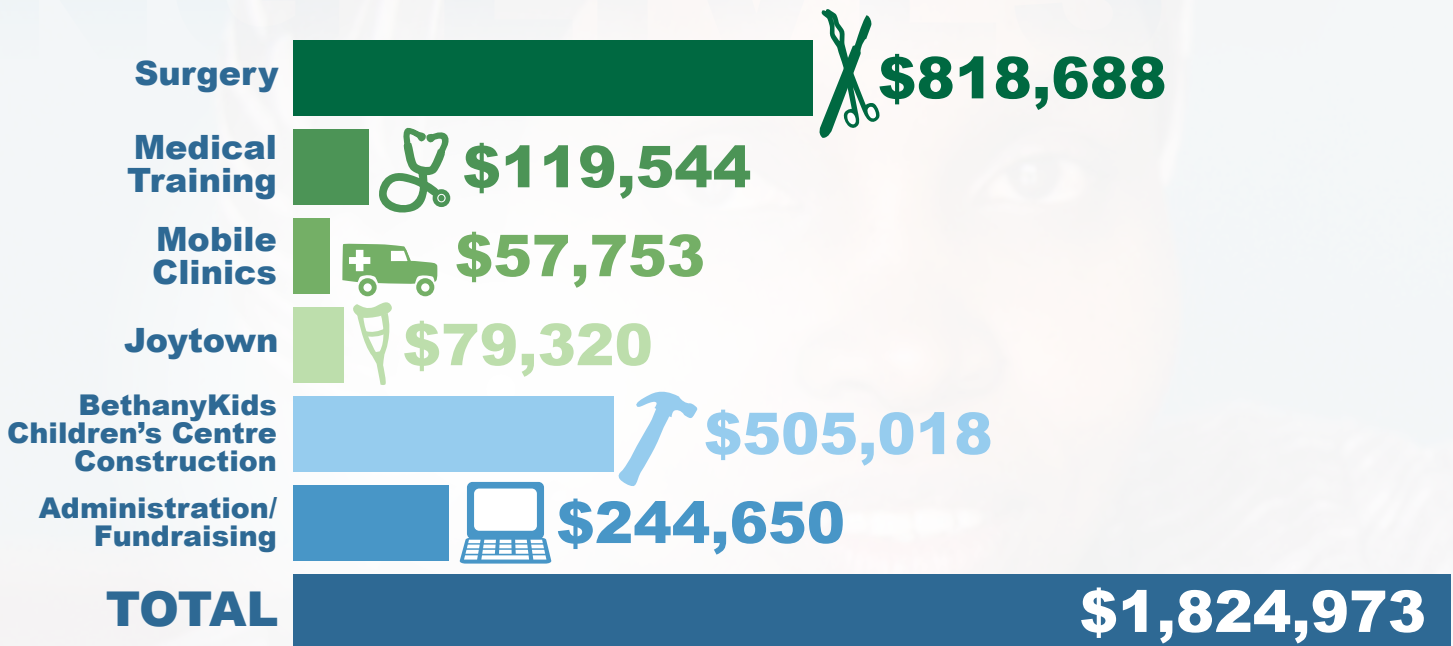
“ My daughter’s illness  
took its toll on my faith! ”

Her daughter’s mysterious illness nearly brought **Evelyn** to a crisis of faith. Already struggling to make ends meet, she had to quit her job to care for Purity, which meant that she and her husband had even fewer resources to seek medical help for their quickly deteriorating daughter. Evelyn began to doubt her faith in God and drifted from her local church.

Being able to bring Purity to BethanyKids, where she could receive the help she needed without having to worry about the financial burden, has begun to breathe new life into Evelyn’s faith. Not only that, but she has been greatly encouraged by the visits and prayers of Mercy, the hospital chaplain. Rejoice with us that she recently rededicated her life to Christ! Her prayer is that she will be filled with courage and hope even as she waits upon the Lord.

one heart at a time

# resources and results



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## BethanyKids is

a compassionate Christian mission transforming the lives of African children with surgical conditions and disabilities through pediatric surgery, rehabilitation, public education, spiritual ministry, and training health professionals.