

*"Let the little children come to me, and
do not hinder them, for the kingdom of
heaven belongs to such as these."*

- MATTHEW 19:14



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

When his disciples rebuked parents for wanting to bring their children to Jesus, he responded, “Let the little children come to me...” (Matthew 19:14). And so they came, and he prayed for them.

Since 2001 BethanyKids has been saying, “Let them come...”! Let the little children come for the surgery that will transform their lives. We have surgeons ready to operate. Let them come for the rehabilitation they need. We have therapists. Let them come for someone to point them and their parents to Jesus. Our staff look for that opportunity.

Dr. Erik Hansen, BethanyKids Clinical Director in Kijabe and pediatric surgeon, said one time, “We get to say ‘Yes’” when parents think there’s no hope of getting care for their child. It’s only through your prayers and your donations that we can keep on saying “Yes” and welcome children into our midst as did Jesus. Thank you!

Malcolm D. Robinson

Executive Director

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

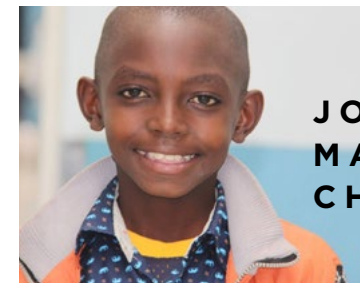


**MWANGANGI
MWAU**

I came to your facility with an issue with my urinary system, and this called for surgery. The surgery was a cost my parents could not bear, but God stood by me, and through your help, I was able to undergo surgery.

I'm in standard five. I'm most grateful for the treatment I received at BethanyKids. God has done me well and may He help you to assist many more in need. I will keep you in my prayers as you transform many more lives.

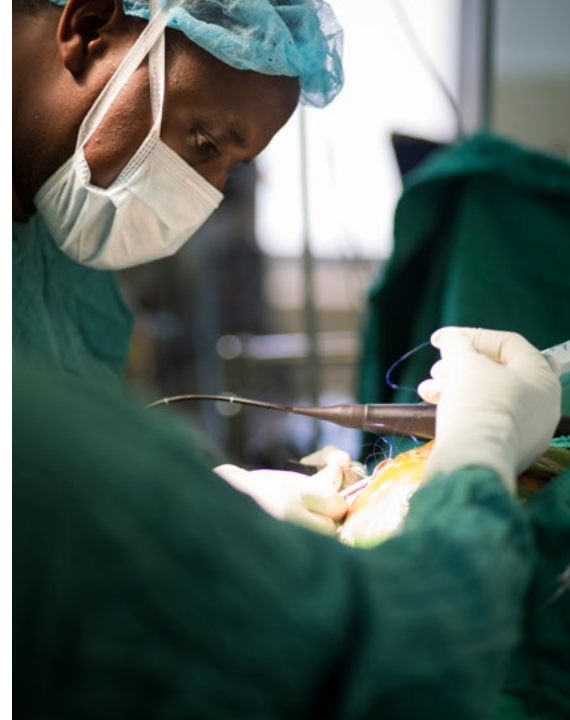
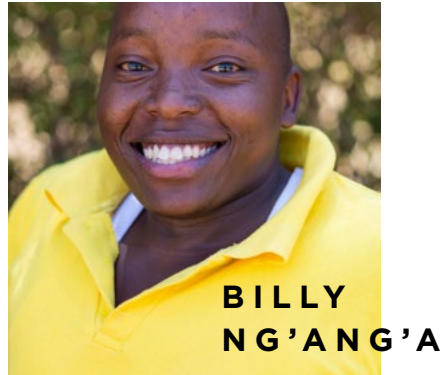
I will ask my friends that we pray for BethanyKids for the great work you are doing. Thank you so much.



**JOEL
MAINA
CHEGE**

I am experiencing God’s blessings each day, and it is my heartfelt prayer that our Lord has been good to you too.

I want to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for the amazing gift you gave me, it’s one of the blessings I keep enjoying. Indeed you have given me hope and encouragement. This is evidence that you believe in my abilities and that you are ready to help me soar high. I will do my part in living up to that trust that you have bestowed upon me. I pray to God to continue providing me with the strength to show you how much I appreciate this kind gesture.



AND DO NOT HINDER THEM



SURGERY

MOBILE CLINICS

REHABILITATION

MEDICAL TRAINING

SPIRITUAL MINISTRY



I have worked for BethanyKids since 2013.

When I got a chance to work for BethanyKids I seized it as a way of giving back, since I myself was a beneficiary of the program.

My inspiration is drawn from the hopeful smiles I get from parents when I share with them about my journey to give them hope. It becomes a relief for them and a proof that someday their children can also become independent. This makes me look forward to the next day; I get to inspire more and more people.

I am proud to be part of the amazing BethanyKids team, taking part in the development of a database that can collect and house more patient information for better patient follow-up.

SERVICES

2,979

SURGICAL PROCEDURES

in 5 countries (Kenya, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Uganda and Sierra Leone)

5,799

THERAPY SESSIONS

provided at Joytown School

10,221

OUTPATIENT VISITS

across 5 countries

2,298

CHAPLAIN CONTACTS

3,603

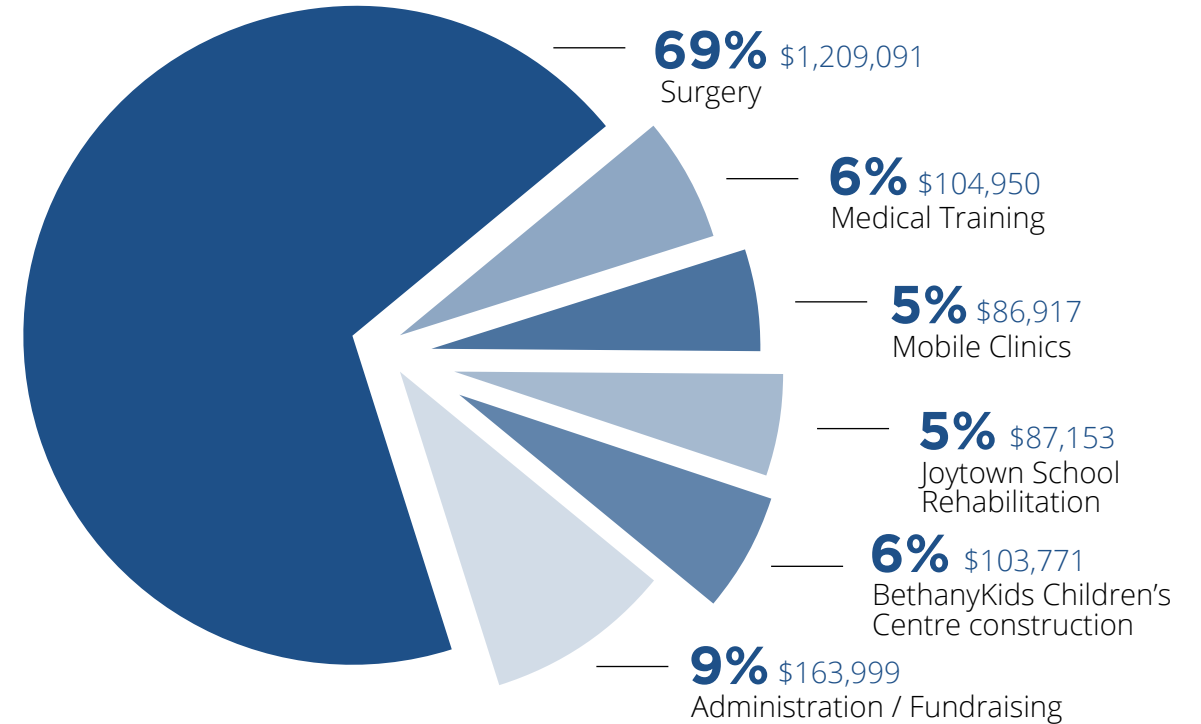
MOBILE CLINIC PATIENTS

879

WHEELCHAIRS SERVICED

EXPENDITURES

\$1,755,881



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE



CHAPLAINCY JOYTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL (KENYA)

Isabella Mwihaki, 14, came to Joytown with her mother and her 3-year-old brother. Her brother was scheduled to see a therapist for delayed milestones and during her brother's assessment Francesca, Student Mentor, spent some time with Isabella. Discussing what life was like through her perspective Francesca was able to gain her trust and confidence which eventually gave her an opportunity to tell Isabella about God's love and sacrifice for us all. Though Isabella confessed she regularly attended church she didn't know what it meant to become a 'born again Christian'. Francesca was able to share with her God's love and final sacrifice and that if she accepted Jesus into her life she would have eternal life. Before they parted ways Francesca told her to come and see her if she ever had any questions, at any time.

That afternoon she sought Francesca out and told her she wanted to be saved! What an honour it was for Francesca to lead her to Christ. Several months later Isabella returned to Joytown with her brother and found Francesca once again. Francesca learned that Isabella was a joyful and zealous girl who was eager to learn about the Lord. While her brother continued his therapy Isabella spent time with Francesca and they would share in fellowship and worship while going over scriptures to quench Isabella's thirst for knowledge.

Not only has Isabella's brother improved greatly through his therapy at Joytown, Isabella has started an evening prayer group in her hometown and plans to attend the Christian Union fellowship at her high school this year.

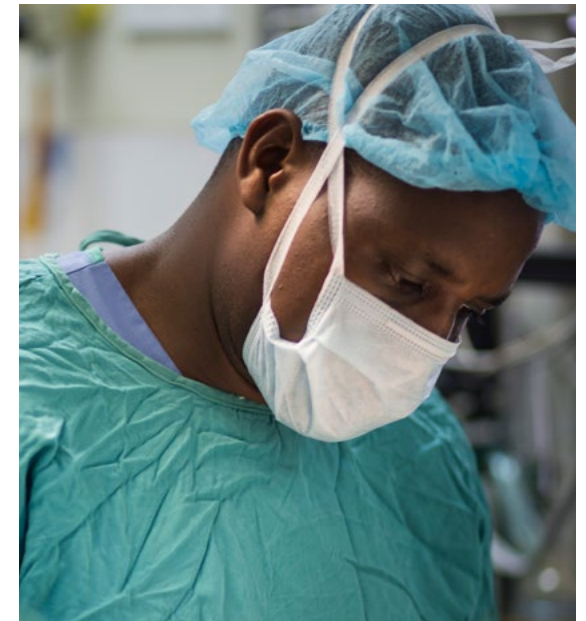
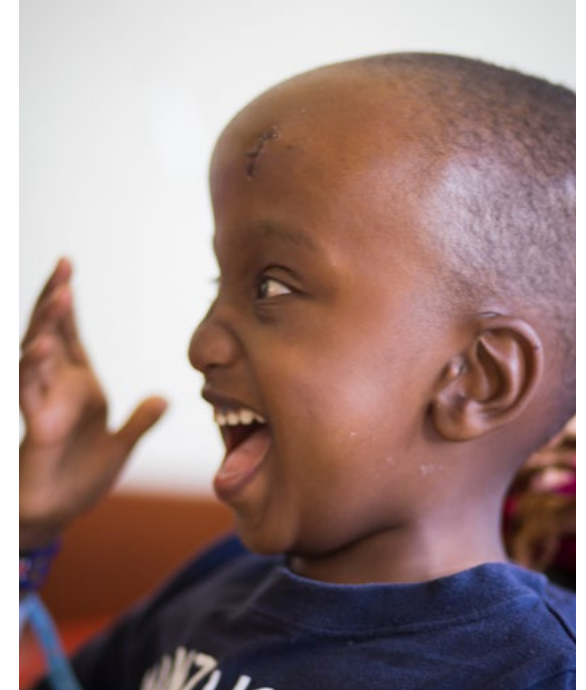
our COMMITMENT

Children who might be thought of as worthless can, through surgery, gain independence and a chance to succeed in life. BethanyKids has provided operations for thousands of children since we began work at AIC-Kijabe Hospital in 2004. But medical care, especially surgery, is expensive. One of BethanyKids' key values is that no child should be denied surgery because of lack of funds.

Supporting the Surgery program is a Mobile Clinic team which visits 16 sites across Kenya several times a year. These Clinics allow families to bring their children for follow-up care after surgery. It means they can do this closer to home and without the cost of travelling once again to Kijabe. The Clinics also provide a means of identifying children who can benefit from surgery.

In 2007 BethanyKids became the first site in East Africa for training pediatric surgeons accredited by the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA). The physicians who train at BethanyKids come from as far away as Madagascar and Sierra Leone, and some of them are returning to their home as the first pediatric surgeons in their country. BethanyKids' commitment to training African pediatric surgeons will impact tens of thousands of people that currently do not have access to this kind of care.

In everything we do, we strive to minister to the spiritual needs of the children and families who come to us for medical care.





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.

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