



# LOVE IN ACTION

*ANNUAL REVIEW 2019*

# Truly in awe

*It is hard to express just how amazed I am with the work of BethanyKids. From the countless surgeries to the hours of time invested in follow-up care; the organization is clearly structured to put the healing of children at the center of it all.*

*In 2019 alone, BethanyKids performed 3,065 surgeries and saw over 15,000 patients at our various clinics. That's no small feat given that our work is spread across 5 countries. We truly owe a great debt of gratitude to those who continue to serve humbly and faithfully.*

*We are also deeply appreciative of the supporters, people like you, who have chosen to continue to give to a charity that cares for children halfway around the world. What BethanyKids does is only possible because of our committed supporters,*

*I hope this review of our work in 2019 helps shed light on how we have stewarded the resources you have entrusted to us.*



*Yours,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lublink'.

**Peter Lublink**, BA (Hons), PGCE, MTS, MA,  
Executive Director, BethanyKids

# A Year of Transition

*I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks for your prayers and provisions throughout 2019. That support has enabled us to continue to serve children across 5 different African countries.*

*In mid 2019, Malcolm Robinson, our Executive Director since 2016, announced that he would be retiring within the next year. Malcolm's quiet strength and calm has helped to guide us over the past few years.*

*Malcolm has been a blessing and a source of wisdom for us all.*

*Following an extensive search committee process, the Board offered the role of our new Executive Director to Peter Lublink. We look forward to the new ideas and opportunities he will bring to BethanyKids.*

*On behalf of the International Board, I would like to encourage you to continue to pray and support the work that has begun in Christ Jesus.*

Yours,



*Kurt A Priddy*

*International Board Chair, BethanyKids*

# VISION

*Children in Africa with disabling impairments due to medical conditions achieve optimal physical, social and spiritual quality of life through action guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

# MISSION

*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.*

# COMMUNITY

*We are a community of surgeons, nurses, rehab professionals, business leaders, social workers and teachers who believe that children matter and deserve the best care possible. Dr. Dick Bransford began performing surgeries in Kenya in the early '80s for those on the margins of society, eventually leading him to start BethanyKids as a source of hope and transformation for those he served.*





## ***A Year in Review***

*2019 was a significant year for BethanyKids in many ways.*

*The year began with David Ng'ang'a being appointed as our newest Director of Kenya. David has worked with BethanyKids for many years having been involved in the work at Kijabe Hospital and also our expansion into Joytown School. He's a very capable and humble administrator with a heart to see children healed. We are all so very excited to see how his leadership continues to guide the BethanyKids team in Kenya.*

*The top floor of our pediatric wing at the Kijabe Hospital was also completed, giving space for administration as well as ample place for our surgical trainees to study, collaborate and take classes.*

*As part of this year of growth in Kenya we expanded our work at Joytown Primary School to include a more comprehensive assistive technology program which, among other things, is helping to custom fit and 3D print wheelchair components for the students. We also set in motion plans to eventually begin working with the secondary school students in addition to those primary school students we were already serving.*



# *A Truly International Organization*

*Due to the success of our surgical trainee program, over the years we have continued to grow in our impact, and as of 2019 we're operating in 5 countries. The work in each of these countries is currently led by a former student of our program who has chosen to continue to partner with BethanyKids to bring about the transformation of lives in children, and as a result, whole families.*

*Outside of Kenya the work has continued to grow and develop despite facing significant challenges. In Madagascar, for example, despite the tragedy of a measles outbreak, which took the lives of many children, our surgeon Dr. Heuric pressed on amidst adversity and danger and continued treating as many patients as he could.*

*In Uganda we are so pleased to have Laura Ajidiru join our team as a chaplain and to see the development of a five year development plan for the work in Uganda with Dr. Situma. The Ugandan team is working hard to bring about healing and wholeness to children in Uganda and we are so excited to see how it grows.*

*On the international front it was announced midway through 2019 that Malcolm Robinson, who has faithfully and humbly led BethanyKids, would be entering partial retirement in 2020, and thus a search committee was launched to identify a new leader who could carry on the work of BethanyKids in 2020 and beyond.*

# STATISTICS

A photograph of a hospital ward, likely in a developing country, showing rows of metal beds with patients. The ward is dimly lit, with light coming from a doorway at the end of the hallway. The word "STATISTICS" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. The ward has light green walls, blue curtains, and various medical equipment like IV stands and trash bins. A few people are visible, including a person sitting on a bed and others near the doorway.

A child is running in a hallway with large windows. The child is in silhouette, running towards the left. The hallway has a polished floor that reflects the light from the windows. The ceiling has recessed lighting. The walls are light-colored. The overall atmosphere is bright and clean.

## **3,065** *Surgical Procedures*

*In 2019 we performed 3,065 pediatric surgical procedures across 5 different African countries.*

## **8,261** *Rehab Sessions*

*In 2019 we performed 8,261 rehab sessions for children who need them at our mobile clinics, hospitals and at the Joytown Primary School.*

## **15,240** *Outpatients*

*Throughout 2019 we provided outpatient clinics as well as mobile clinics to ensure quality follow-up care is provided.*



# FINANCES

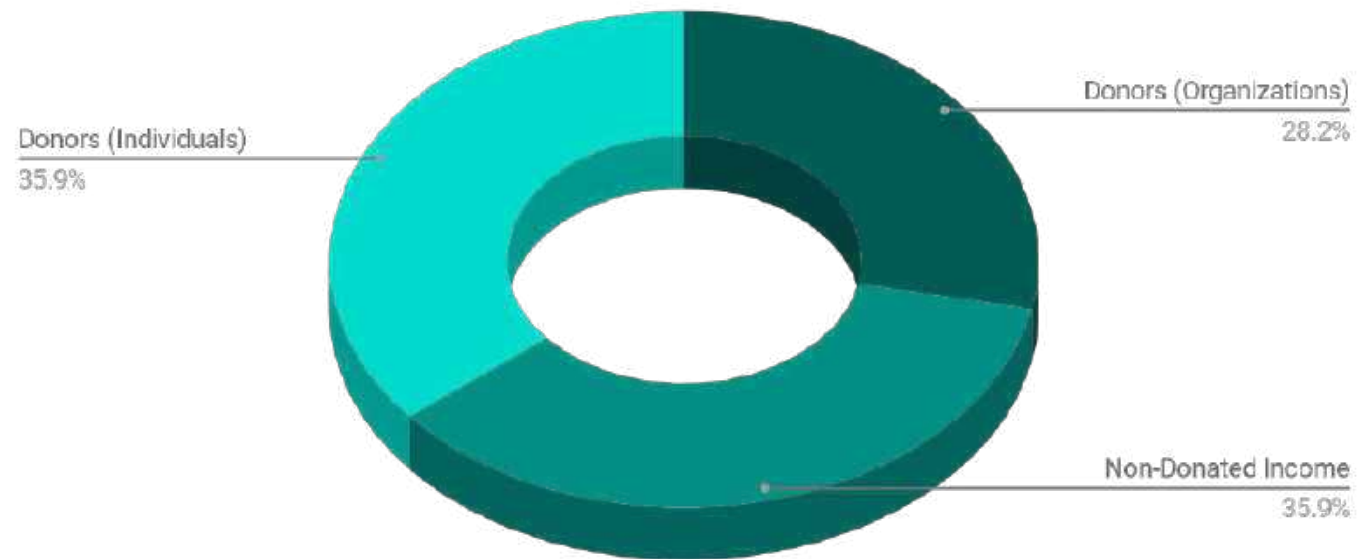
BethanyKids takes seriously the need to carefully steward the resources we have been given.

Our model puts people first instead of program or infrastructure - the result is a resilient and sustainable model of human development.

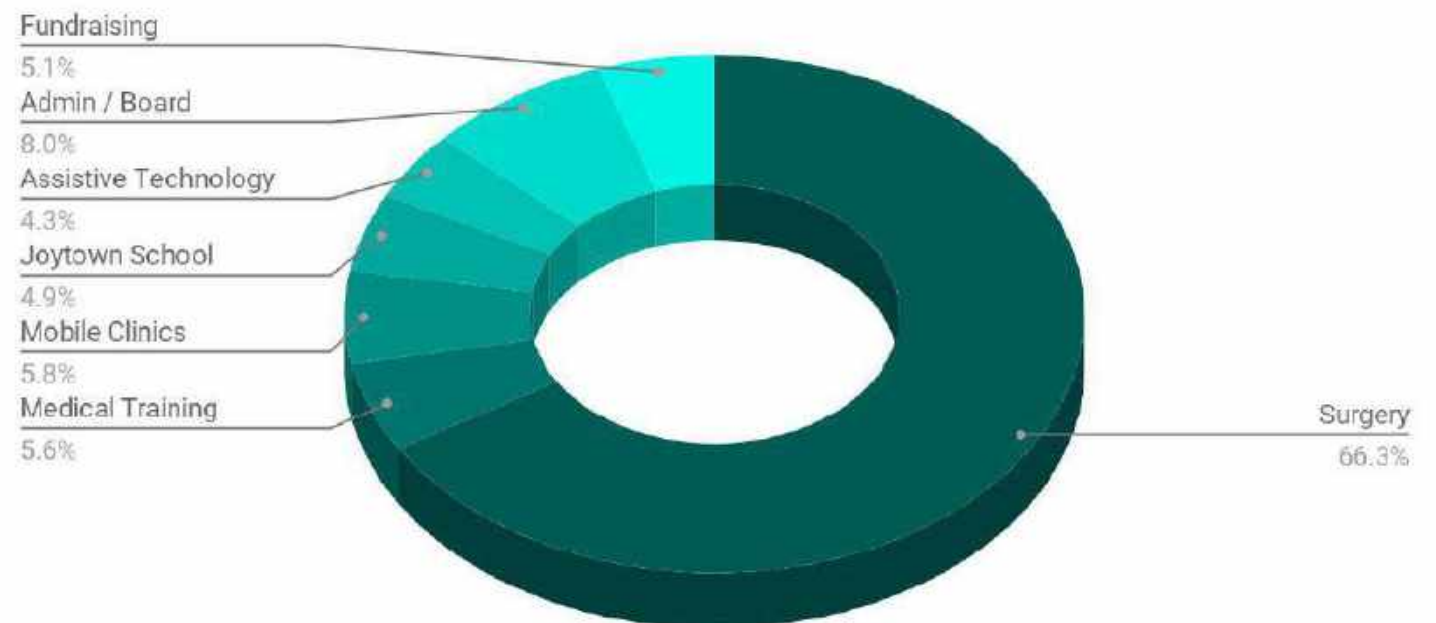
In 2019 some of those human investments included a lengthy and thorough recruitment process for a new Executive Director; the development of an expanded Joytown and Assistive Technology team; all in addition to our usual investment in training surgeons and healing children.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to what is to come in the future.

## Annual Income: \$1,578,655



## Total Expenses: \$1,697,881





# JESUS + PEOPLE

*BethanyKids is a Jesus-centered organization which seeks to embody the Gospel in all we do.*

*Our goal is that when children and their families receive care from us they are moved by the level of compassion, kindness, grace and mostly importantly, love they experience. From the social worker, to the surgeons, to the chaplains themselves our mandate is that all those we serve experience the Gospel lived out in the actions of our staff.*

*We love as we have been loved.*

*The result of this commitment to love is that every year we see lives transformed; people who now are actively following Jesus because of their interactions with the staff at our facilities.*

