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# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to you today with joy and gratitude. Through your prayers and generosity, 5,000 orphans and vulnerable children are now going to school, receiving medical help and hearing about Jesus in a local church through GlobalFingerprints. Reaching 5,000 sponsored children is a significant milestone for us, and we thank our Heavenly Father and you for making this happen. Each child is a unique individual, created in the image of God with tremendous potential and value. In this GlobalFingerprints Annual Report for 2022, you will read how God is working in their lives despite great daily hardships.

However, I want to take a moment to tell you about another group of children. When I visit the GlobalFingerprints sites, I love meeting the sponsored children. From the moment we arrive, their excitement and energy are apparent. But, often, there are other children, who are not sponsored, standing around the edges looking on. My heart breaks for those children. So, while we celebrate God entrusting 5,000 children to our care, we desire to reach an additional 5,000 vulnerable children within the next four years. We believe God has called GlobalFingerprints to care for 10,000 children who face daily challenges such as malnutrition, lack of regular or quality education, and the risks of exploitation and trafficking.

We have established the GlobalFingerprints Growth and Development Fund to increase our capacity to reach these next 5,000 children. We are asking the Lord for \$100,000 to enable us to meet this goal. If you feel the Lord nudging you to make a special year-end contribution to GlobalFingerprints, please consider giving to this fund. You can learn how to do so later in this report.

You also may want to consider sponsoring another child. We have over 600 children eagerly waiting for someone to sponsor them. Every child matters. Every child deserves to be safe, healthy, educated and to hear about the love of Jesus and His great plans for their lives. Through your partnership, God is doing amazing things in the lives of precious children and their families. Please pray with me that He will multiply the impact of GlobalFingerprints in the years to come.

Wishing you and your family a meaningful and joyful Christmas season,

Greg Norwine  
Director | GlobalFingerprints

# Humble Beginings

**Abandoned, mocked, and abused,** Nambala had suffered as much from the village's reaction to his disability as from the disability, itself. It had been many years since Nambala had felt the touch of a kind hand on the Saturday afternoon when our Site Coordinator in Congo met him on the road and chose to shop, hand-in-hand with the boy, despite the community's jeers.

The following day, Nambala attended church for the first time. After the pastor led a prayer of corporate confession, this young man broke into loud song, praying for forgiveness of sin after sin. At first, the irritated congregation responded with commands for him to quiet down. However, as Nambala's confession continued, the Holy Spirit moved the church members to repentance of their hard hearts toward the young boy. Soon they joined in the refrain, realizing that he, too, was created in the image of God with both intrinsic value and purpose.

God was not done using Nambala for his purposes. After that morning of confession, God moved hearts in the congregation to positively impact the lives of more children in their community living with disabilities. In a response to the Lord's leading, Promise Home was founded by this local partner church and GlobalFingerprints to care for physically and mentally disabled children. Sadly, Nambala passed away just two days before he was scheduled to move into Promise Home, but his legacy lives on through the children who are now loved, cherished, and sponsored at Promise Home.

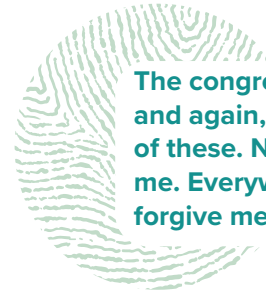
Promise Home is located in the Democratic Republic of Congo where the Evangelical Free Church of America (EFCA), in partnership with the Congolese Free Church (CECU), has been at work for one hundred years. As a result of the groundbreaking work which began in 1922, God has continued to open doors for significant ministry. It was here, a mere 16 years ago, that the first GlobalFingerprints site was launched in response to the surging needs of orpahns of the AID crisis.

God has continued to lead GlobalFingerprints to children in need in Congo and around the world. Our Liberia site recently saw several highschool graduates successfully advance to colleges and vocational schools for the first time ever. One of these graduates is Sarah\*, who is excelling as she studies both accounting and management. Sponsorship allows children like Sarah\* to go to school and gain an education, which is fundamental to breaking free from the cycle of poverty—just one of the many benefits of sponsorship.

Since the humble beginning helping needy children in the Democratic of Congo, God has been doing a mighty work. Our God, who cares for the orphan, the displaced, and the marginalized, has raised up sponsors for 5000 children—what a milestone! Since its beginning in 2006, the Lord has moved in the hearts of His people to meet the needs of hurting and vulnerable children. We rejoice that God has allowed us to impact more than 5000 children in 12 countries, at 17 GlobalFingerprints sites! 5000 children who are getting an education, receiving essential medical and nutritional support, hearing the Gospel, and being loved and disciplined by local believers. Thank you for being a part of changing lives through sponsorship.

Let's not stop. Let's keep pace with the Spirit of God moving among us. Let's see the amazing things that God will do when we become involved in caring for the least of these. He has and will continue "to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:20. ●

\*names changed for security



**The congregation sang the refrain again and again, led in repentance by the least of these. Nambala (James): "Lord, forgive me. Everywhere I go, it's darkness. Lord, forgive me."**





### GROWING CHURCH PLANTS IN ASIA

The BT Church plant\* partnered with GlobalFingerprints in March of 2020. Prior to our partnership, this church planting organization struggled to effectively reach into its culturally-resistant community with the Good News of Christ. Having witnessed GlobalFingerprints' work in surrounding countries, the BT Church saw this as a potentially relevant way to bridge Christ into their culture. They began a GlobalFingerprints program with a small number of sponsored children. Slowly but surely, the pastor and his wife began to see the fruit of helping the children as the Gospel began to transform the children and their families. The flourishing of these families has led to an open door to share the Gospel with the entire community.

Currently, the BT Church has 29 children sponsored, and has welcomed 5 new families into the church community. GlobalFingerprints care workers continually work diligently to encourage children and families alike to read the Bible and soak-in God's Word. ●

### A PLACE TO SLEEP IN PANAMA

Supplies were loaded in dug-out canoes for the thirty-minute trip down the river. With creativity and imagination, 42 mattresses and food packages were successfully delivered to a new GlobalFingerprints site among an indigenous tribe in Panama. The financial struggles related to COVID-19 had impacted this village and hunger was common among the villagers.

After receiving the gifts, a woman stopped our Site Coordinator, looked her in the eye and said, "Yesterday I did not know how I would feed my children. Today God provided." ●

### NEW SITE IN BRAZIL BRINGS HOPE TO COMMUNITY

Sueli's\* mother did not know what to do. The school counselor had told her that her daughter's trauma history was having a devastating impact. Though in the 3rd grade, Sueli\* could neither read nor write and urgently needed help with both socialization and basic childhood development activities.

Just days later, our GlobalFingerprints team visited Sueli's\* community to inform needy families of a new program of after-school tutoring, recreational activities, individual attention by a care worker, and relational and spiritual development opportunities that would be offered through the local church.

We rejoice that our new program in Brazil has come at exactly the right time for Sueli\* and many others like her. ●

### FAMILIES ARE TRANSFORMED IN INDIA

Dorothy\* lives in a slum near one of our sites in India. Her family is Hindu, but her granddaughter attends the local GlobalFingerprints program and Saturday Bible class.

Care workers met Dorothy\* while on a home visit with her granddaughter during which they shared the Gospel with her and invited her to church. Dorothy accepted the invitation and came to church, after which she shared that she had never felt such peace and joy.

Since then, Dorothy\* has begun hosting a care group in her home. She invites her neighbors, relatives and friends to join the group and freely shares about Christ with them. Dorothy\* regularly participated in church services, and eventually gave her life to Christ. Her home is in poor condition, and she regularly prayed for help with it. By the grace of God, she was able to build one small room and asked the GlobalFingerprints team to dedicate her house to God. She immediately used it to hold prayers of thanksgiving. She hopes that her granddaughter will also give her life to Christ. Dorothy\* is just one of many family members who have come to faith because of the investment in the families of the sponsored children. ●

### LONG TERM EFFECTS OF SPONSORSHIP IN ZAMBIA

With only three care workers for 140 children, the needs in Zambia were overwhelming. We praise God for His provision of three new staff, two to serve as care workers and one to serve as a social worker.

Many of the children in the program have experienced trauma and abuse. We are especially grateful for the critical services provided by the social worker. She has quickly gained the trust and affection of the children, many of whom now call her "aunt" or "mother". What a blessing these new workers have been as they assist in improving the program standards and effectiveness in ministry to the children!

One of those children is Mary\*, who entered "foster care" at the age of two. When the GlobalFingerprints program began, Mary\* was 10 years old. She was blessed with a sponsor who has faithfully supported her for several years and is continuing to do so, even now, as Mary\* pursues further education and desires to become a nurse in order to help others in her community. ●

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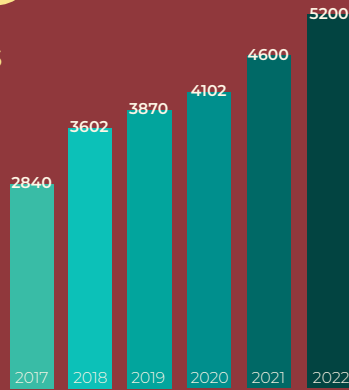
## GLOBALFINGERPRINTS BY THE NUMBERS



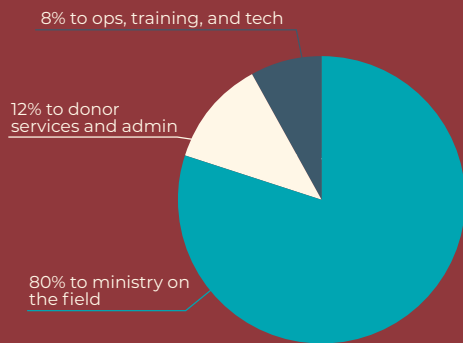
**12** countries  
**46** Partner Churches

**3200** sponsors 1.2 children per sponsor

**5200** children sponsored



### Where Sponsorship Money Goes



#### Check:

Made out to EFCA  
Memo line: GlobalFingerprints-3881  
**Enclose check in included envelope and return to:**  
Donor Services  
901 East 78th Street,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota. 55420

#### Online:

<https://give.efca.org>  
Note *GlobalFingerprints-3881* in the designation



Scan the QR Code for online giving

# Thank you

Bowing in prayer, a pastor picks up the tattered GlobalFingerprints' lanyard. A child's bright eyes stare back at him as he once again asks God to meet this child's daily needs, to provide this child with a Sponsor. The pastor had attended an EFCA student conference in January of 2022 where the thousands of students and youth leaders were encouraged to pray for the child on their lanyard. And this pastor has. He prays that a heart will be touched to provide for this child through sponsorship; a heart caring for the "least of these".

God has heard those prayers! All over the world, we have seen lives impacted in amazing ways as God's people step up in obedience to care for vulnerable and needy children. Some have helped with program expansion, helping to bring hope to a new location through GlobalFingerprints. Others have assisted with growth and development as we continue the stateside work. A few churches have felt led to focus on one specific site through special events, visits, prayers and one-time projects. Most importantly, God has moved hearts in sponsorship of each unique, precious, beloved child.

**Will you consider how God may want you to participate in changing the life of a child, a family, and an entire community? Your gift will help us reach the next 5,000 children who are currently at great risk of malnutrition, lack of education, human trafficking and spiritual darkness.**

