

# The Cries of a Child

*Responding to the cries of the forgotten*



## Bukeye Commune, Burundi

The Cries of a Child (TCOAC), a non-profit organization located in the mountains of Bukeye Burundi, is dedicated to responding to the cries of the forgotten. Our mission is to holistically restore and empower poverty-stricken communities through the love of God and our keen focus is on the most vulnerable—the children, the mothers, our neighbors in need.

## Our Work

We have rooted ourselves within these impoverished communities and have taken a holistic approach toward restoration and empowerment. We have adopted orphaned and abandoned children into our TCOAC family, successfully built and operate a medical clinic that focuses on maternal care and child survival, implemented a social program that supports people in dire need and established a biblical training program that empowers and equips leaders in local churches and communities.



## Our Family

When we bring children into our family they are no longer orphans, they become a part of our family. We are not an orphanage and believe that children who continue to be identified as orphaned or abandoned often struggle to understand their true identity. The transformation that has taken place inside of our children is precious and deep. God has blessed us with twenty children between the ages of 3-21 who are thriving in our midst.

## Medical Clinic

Cornerstone Clinic provides primary care, emergency services, laboratory testing, pre/post natal, family planning and maternity services, vaccinations, community health education through medical outreaches and has an 18 bed hospitalization ward with an ambulance service in case of transfers. Our main focus is on maternal care and child survival and the clinic functions 24/7 with 2 doctors, 11 nurses and 10 support staff. Our staff serves more than 1,300 patients and welcomes approximately 25 babies per month.



## Community Outreach

Created to address our neighbors' desperate needs, our Social Program helps us to better understand the community's hardship. We sit and listen. We pray and encourage. And after a thorough investigation, we offer assistance such as food donations, school sponsorship, medical support, infant formula/milk, and counseling services. In 2018, 407 neighbors were touched by our helping hands.

## Biblical Training

We believe that true empowerment comes through the knowledge of God. It is the true pursuit of the kingdom that brings fulfillment both spiritually and naturally. Our model is comprised of various modules that teach on basic Christianity and we have worked with local churches in Burundi, Tanzania and Congo where the broader body of Christ and different denominations have come together for trainings.



## Join us in transforming lives.

Our impact is greater when we work together. With ongoing support, we plan to complete our maternity wing in 2020, which will dramatically increase our ability to serve the broader community and forever change the life trajectory for hundreds of mothers and their children.

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