Addressing the needs of the world's most vulnerable people.
MISSION

We design and implement humanitarian programs in the areas of Global Health, Orphaned & Vulnerable Children, and Poverty Solutions that build capacity, develop opportunities, and save lives in the developing world.

VISION

We envision a world where all people have access to health, opportunity and hope.
Assist International Co-Founder, Charlene Pagett, with school children at AOET orphanage in Uganda.
It has been my honor and privilege to lead Assist International from its beginning in January 1990 until the 25th Anniversary Celebration at the Cocoanut Grove in Santa Cruz on April 25, 2015. At the 25th event, we announced Ralph Sudfeld as the new President of Assist International. He is doing an outstanding job.

I will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors, be an ambassador for Assist International, and do special projects.

I’m thrilled with Assist International. Through these many years we have been the “service provider” for many medical projects with Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Many hospitals have been equipped with life-saving equipment changing potential Critical Care Departments from a “room of death”, into a “room of life” throughout Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. We have a relationship with General Electric and the GE Foundation in implementing water, power, and medical projects throughout Africa and other places around the world. We also have other partner organizations, write grants, have churches, and people from all walks of life who are a support system for the work we feel called to do in meeting the needs of the orphans, widows, and the poorest and neediest of the world.

2015 has been a great year in completing many projects through Assist International. The need is so great around the world. The future looks promising as we continue to rescue orphans, equip hospitals to help the sick, provide earning capability for women in Africa, and work to address some of the needs of the poorest and neediest of the world. We believe that all people are made “in the image of God” and what we do is a sacred mission.

Words are hard to express how grateful we are for the various partnerships that believe in what we believe in and continue to work with us in all that we do.

Warmest regards,

Bob Pagett
Founder
Bob & Charlene Pagett with Ralph & Michelle Sudfeld and their children, Matt, Zach, Nate, Juliana & Sarah, at the commissioning of the first home at Sister Rosemary’s village in Atiak, Uganda (built in honor of the 25th anniversary of Assist International).
Dear Friend,

The mission of Assist International is to address the needs of the world’s most vulnerable. Since being founded by Bob and Charlene Pagett in 1990, Assist has continued to grow in our capacity to meet needs and in the scale with which those needs are being met in the developing world. I am thankful for the opportunity to assume the leadership of the Assist vision and team who work tirelessly alongside countless partners and volunteers to impact the developing world.

Assist continues to gain in expertise and influence in addressing needs globally. Our mission is clear; we design and implement humanitarian programs in the areas of Global Health, Orphaned & Vulnerable Children, Water, and Poverty Solutions that build capacity, develop opportunities, and save lives in the developing world. Our vision going forward is to be able to increase our capacity to do even more to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

As you review the pages of this annual report for 2015, you will see many projects that have been completed that have increased the capacity of our orphan and abandoned children partners to reach more children and to provide them with the nurture of a family and access to outstanding education. There have been several key projects that have increased the capacity of underserved hospitals to use state-of-the-art medical equipment to treat and bring healing to the poor who otherwise would not have access to healthcare. Through our corporate partnership with GE Foundation, Assist has had the privilege of serving as the implementing partner to bring innovative and essential solutions to the problem of clean water for health centers and something as basic yet essential as access to medical oxygen. These two innovations alone are increasing the capacity of hospitals to bring healing and save lives. We value our partnership with GE Foundation and believe that together we are identifying and targeting needs and developing innovative approaches to solving problems that impact the poor.

As I reflect on the many programs that we have been able to be a part of during 2015, I am reminded of the importance of “partnerships” and “relationships” with people. Meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in the world is a privilege; the vulnerable are not a category in some sociology textbook, they are real people, with real needs, real hurts, but they also have hopes and dreams of something better. We are thankful that every day we get to partner with great people, great corporate partners, and great friends to bring hope and opportunity to a hurting world. Thanks for being part of the Assist team.

Warm Regards,

Ralph Sudfeld
President/CEO
A young child and mother that benefit from the Assist International safe water program in Cambodia.
GLOBAL HEALTH
Patients needing critical care in Beius, Romania where medical clinics were shut down because of a lack of funding, have to travel 60 KM over some of the worst roads in Romania to receive care in Oradea. Through a Rotary International grant with Assist International as the service vendor, a medical project was completed at the Spitalului Municipal Episcop Nicolae Popovici Hospital in Beius, enabling them to care for critical patients in their hospital instead of transporting them to Oradea. Assist International provided an extensive training program so the staff would be able to fully utilize the equipment, including a GE 4D Ultrasound system, two GE Fetal monitors, four GE Patient Monitors with ECG, SpO2, NBP capability, GE Phototherapy Light, suction unit, surgical operating theater light, electric surgical table, gynecological examination table, various surgical instruments, monitoring accessories, GCX monitor roll stands, and fetal monitor accessories. This project was done in partnership with eight Rotary groups and the Rotary Foundation, lifting the hospital to a new level.
Assist International and the Rotary Club of Cupertino partnered together to provide six fetal monitors, one ultrasound, and one anesthesia machine to the Ministry of Health in Cuba. The fetal monitors were installed at six different hospitals in Havana, chosen by the Ministry of Health. The ultrasound and anesthesia machine were installed at William Soler Children’s Hospital. The nurses were trained by Assist International volunteer Betty Earle.
In Jalalabad, Afghanistan, two hospitals were equipped with life-saving fetal/maternal monitors. Due to the unsafe conditions for Americans, the training took place in Turkey and the equipment was sent to Afghanistan. Funded by Rotary International and Rotary Clubs La Jolla Golden Triangle, Blythe from district 5350, Madera Sunrise, Madera and Tracy Sunrise from D. 5220, sixteen (16) monitors and roll stands donated by Philips Medical Systems and an additional two (2) GE monitors were installed. This unique project was an outstanding success thanks to key leaders, including Rotarian Steve Brown, Ed Meyers, Brad Carrott and Fari Moini who helped provide leadership, find equipment donations and train the teaching hospital doctors who came from Afghanistan to Turkey for training.

Many lives have been saved during a crisis delivery because of this project. An example is Zarghona, a woman from Kama district of Nangarhar, Jalalabad who had already lost her first baby during a previous delivery. Serious complications endangered the life of her second baby. Not caring for her own life, she asked the doctors to save her baby at any cost. With the help of the recently installed advanced machines, the doctors were able to make the right decisions at the right time and both the mother and baby were saved. This is one of the many stories of monitors turning a potential room of death into a room of life.
The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the regional Balassas Janos Hospital in Szekszard, Hungary needed to upgrade the Maternity/Obstetrics Department as patients with critical medical conditions had to be sent 70 KM by ambulance over hazardous roads. Rotary International Foundation, with the participation of nine different Rotary Districts in six different countries, participated in this project with Assist International as the service vendor. The new equipment included a GE Phototherapy Light, three infant warmers, surgical lights, electric surgical table, defibrillator, two infusion pumps, and two syringe pumps including medical accessories and supplies. The project lifted, to a higher level of health care, the hospital that services a region of over 600,000 people.
Since 2004, Assist International has been a partner in GE Foundation’s Developing Health Globally™ program. The aim of the DHG program is to improve healthcare delivery for some of the world’s most vulnerable populations. The program focuses on simple interventions and works to improve access to healthcare through capacity-building initiatives in 16 countries in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and South Asia.
CPAP Program was created to respond to the need for a child respiratory health intervention in East Africa. CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) is a low-cost, low-technology intervention that decreases breathing difficulty while giving health care workers vitally needed time to respond to the underlying causes of acute respiratory distress. By providing CPAP equipment and training a cadre of health care workers to use and instruct others in using CPAP, program growth will improve respiratory health in the region.
CPAP machines have been donated to 10 hospitals in Kenya and 5 hospitals in Rwanda where the trainers work. Senior trainers are using CPAP and training their colleagues to use it as well.

In Kenya and Rwanda, 1006 children have been treated with CPAP between August 2014 and October 2015. Usage continues to grow as health care providers become more familiar with the technology.

Because CPAP is sometimes used on critically ill patients, not all patients treated with CPAP survive. However, CPAP usage does give physicians valuable time to treat serious conditions.

79 Clinicians were trained by the Columbia University team throughout the program (36 in Kenya and 43 in Rwanda).

Program Partners: GE Foundation, Columbia University’s sidHARTe, Health Builders (a Rwandan-based NGO), and Center for Public Health and Development (CPHD - a Kenyan-based NGO).
MATERNAL, NEONATAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN HONDURAS

According to the World Bank’s health data, a woman giving birth in Honduras is over four times likelier to die giving birth than a woman in the United States. An infant born in Honduras is over three times likelier to die before its first birthday than its American counterpart. The GE Foundation’s Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Program, in partnership with Assist International and Consultores para el Desarrollo de Honduras (CODHO), is working to change that.

The impact of the program:

213 Community Health Volunteers were trained. Community knowledge increased from 14% to 86% over the course of the program.

152 clinicians were trained on national obstetric standards. Best practice knowledge grew from 66% to 91%.

The number of mothers who received prenatal care before 12 weeks gestation increased from 634 to 854 in one year, a 35% increase.

Improved quality of services at health facilities showed an 18% increase in total women delivering in a health facility, continual reduction in community deliveries, and a 12% reduction in the proportion of newborn deaths due to prematurity.

Increased access to services represented by an overall increase in pregnant women accessing ambulance referral services of 290% and a 43% increase in women attending prenatal care visits before 12 weeks gestation.

Honduran mother and child who have directly benefited from the MNCH program in which Assist International has been proud to participate.
Although oxygen is a medical necessity, access to oxygen is erratic and expensive for rural hospitals in East Africa. Oxygen is considered an essential drug yet it is rarely available to hospitals in low income countries. However, a collaboration of partners including the GE Foundation, Center for Public Health and Development (Kenya) and Health Builders (Rwanda), has developed and implemented a solution that allows greater access to oxygen for patients that need it most. This innovative solution is impacting thousands of lives in Rwanda and Kenya, and will continue to increase as the program looks to scale in other countries.

ACCESS TO OXYGEN

Those in the region surrounding Ruhengeri, Rwanda are supplied much-needed oxygen thanks to the Access to Oxygen program plant, Total Oxygen Solutions.

Rows of filled oxygen cylinders from the Hewa Tele oxygen plant stand ready for distribution to health care facilities around the region of Siaya, Kenya.
Lifesaving oxygen means babies' lives are saved in Siaya Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya.
Hewa Tele, Kenya Oxygen Plant

In Kenya, our local partner, CPHD, created Hewa Tele, a social enterprise based on a public-private partnership model that delivers affordable oxygen to over 30 hospitals in the western region of that country. The results have been outstanding.

- Siaya County Referral Hospital saw a 673% increase in the liters of oxygen they are using per month.
- Akala Health Center in Kenya reports that because the health center is now regularly purchasing oxygen from Hewa Tele and training staff on neonatal care, the center has seen newborn deaths drop to almost zero.
- As of December 2015, the Hewa Tele oxygen plant had sold 50,396 liters of oxygen to 38 customer health facilities and is selling oxygen at prices 18.2% less than their competitors.

Total Oxygen Solutions, Rwanda Oxygen Plant

In Rwanda, the Total Oxygen Solutions oxygen plant is located at Ruhengeri District Hospital and the results in the country have also been impressive.

- Ruhengeri District Hospital saw a 767% increase in the liters of oxygen they are using per month.
- Due to the oxygen plants, hospital oxygen is now consistently delivered directly to hospitals instead of waiting days or weeks. Many hospitals report that they have not had an oxygen stock-out since they began purchasing oxygen from the plants.
- The oxygen plant has distributed more than 142,000 liters of oxygen to 10 health facilities in 2015.
In Western Kenya, there is a shortage of qualified anesthetists needed for surgeries. Very few anesthetists attempt to cover an enormous case load, which sometimes results in patients not receiving the surgeries they need. To address this issue, Assist International is collaborating with the GE Foundation, Kijabe Hospital (Kenya), Vanderbilt University, the Center for Public Health and Development (Kenya), Kenya Medical Training College (KMTC), to train Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetists (KRNAs) specifically for one of the regions that needs them most – Western Kenya. Supplying qualified anesthesia providers to regional hospitals increases the local hospitals’ capacity to perform surgery and improves patient outcomes. Currently, 7 anesthetists have graduated from this program, 35 are currently enrolled, and six more will be enrolled in 2016. These anesthetists are certified as Kenya Registered Nurse Anesthetists (KRNAs) and provide anesthesia care in rural hospitals throughout Kenya.
In 2015, GE Foundation launched the Safe Surgery 2020 Initiative with the goal of reducing maternal and trauma-related mortality and create stronger health systems by transforming access, quality and safety of surgical care in regions that need it most: low- and middle-income countries. Safe Surgery 2020 aims to build reliable surgical ecosystems and support the surgical teams that do lifesaving work in the world’s most resource-constrained operating rooms. Working at the hospital level, Safe Surgery 2020 will deliver leadership training to surgical teams, and further equip these hospitals through access to innovations such as surgical oxygen and safe water solutions.

The need for safe surgery is overwhelming. Five billion people lack access to safe, affordable surgery when they need it. For the first time in history, surgically-treatable conditions cause more deaths than infectious diseases. Responsible for one-third of the global disease burden, surgically-treatable conditions kill 17 million people each year and cause or prolong disability for millions more. And access is deeply unequal: Over 95% of people in South Asia and much of Africa cannot access surgical care, compared with about 5% in high-income regions like Western Europe.

Safe Surgery 2020 is made possible with the support of GE Foundation, is hosted by Dalberg, and is implemented by Jhpiego, Assist International, Harvard Program on Global Surgery and Social Change, and the G4 Alliance. Assist International is specifically working to enable increased innovation in safe surgery and anesthesia through partnerships and direct programs in priority areas for our partner countries and hospitals, such as clinical skills training, medical oxygen solutions, safe water, and more.
Safe Surgery 2020 is a collaboration initiative that promotes leadership development, innovation and elevating ideas in low to middle income countries by 2020.
Our program officially began in 4 hospitals across Honduras in October 2015. Since then, program BMETs have begun to implement new processes, receive access to mentorship, and source critical parts for a fraction of the cost in Honduras. All these activities increase the amount of time equipment in hospitals is functional.

According to Duke University 40% of medical equipment in developing countries is non-functional. In Honduras, biomedical technicians (BMETs) know how to fix medical equipment but a series of barriers, including lack of formal maintenance processes, weak supply chains, no access to tools, and limited funding for parts and consumables prevent BMETs from keeping medical equipment in good condition. Nuestro Equipo Medico (NEM) is a unique approach that moves hospitals toward sustainable Healthcare Technology Management (HTM) by empowering local hospital administrators and BMETs to address these barriers. This initiative was funded by GE Foundation and builds on a BMET training program in Honduras that was developed and sponsored by GE Foundation.
NEM recognizes that optimally functioning equipment is critical to saving lives such as this newborn baby in Honduras.
WATER
A technician being trained in Uganda is amazed by how clean the water is after filtration.
Many hospitals and health centers throughout the developing world do not have access to safe water to wash wounds, serve patients, or clean instruments. Preventable infections account for 36% of maternal mortality, which is often caused by contaminated water and poor sanitation. One in five newborn deaths in the developing world is due to lack of safe water, sanitation and clean hands. Clean, safe water is critical for saving the lives of the most vulnerable. Because of this, Assist International has partnered with GE Foundation and Emory University to provide safe water filtration systems at 39 health facilities across five countries. Providing safe water at health facilities protects those whose bodies are least able to combat infection.

In addition to our ongoing safe water programs in Rwanda, Ghana and Honduras, two new countries were added to this initiative in 2015, Cambodia and Uganda. In Cambodia, 10 health facilities received water filtrations systems. All the systems are on-line and delivering safe, filtered water.

In Uganda, four water filtration systems were donated and installed by the Assist International team. A team of hospital technicians are being trained to maintain the equipment to ensure the system will provide safe water for many years.
A young boy at a hospital in Uganda is refreshed by clean, safe drinking water.
Orphaned & Vulnerable Children
Atiak, Uganda is situated only 30 kilometers from the South Sudan border where there has been violent warfare for years. It is in an area where the evil Joseph Kony of the LRA (Lord’s Resistance Army) murdered villagers and kidnapped so many young girls. These innocent girls were forced to do the unimaginable: to carry A-K machine guns, to kill or be killed and become sex slaves. When these girls escaped and went back to their home villages, they were tragically rejected by their people. Their townspeople said, “You are the wives of murderers and your children are the children of murderers.” Because of their victimization, they were shunned by their own tribes.

Sister Rosemary has opened her arms to these young mothers and their children, assuring them their pasts are behind them. Her demonstration of unconditional love, as well as practical training, has helped these young mothers and children find hope and a future.
JINJA UGANDA AOET COMMISSIONING

AOET (Aids Orphans Education Trust) Village is situated at the source of the Nile River in Jinja, Uganda. Under the leadership of Sam Tushabe, AOET is one of the most outstanding humanitarian partnerships Assist International has ever worked with. Thousands of children are now being cared for and receiving an education in this dynamic orphan village. Through the generous funding of partners of Assist International, we have built a high school, a library, a new “gathering place” at the high school, an elementary school, a nearly-completed kindergarten, and a village consisting of 20 homes, a newly-constructed duplex, and dormitories (one for boys and one for girls).

In November 2015, Assist International commissioned two buildings at the AOET Village: a duplex funded by the Jim Sankey Family Foundation and a “gathering place” for the high school funded by Christ Community Chapel in Hudson, Ohio. The AOET high school has risen scholastically to the top 2% of schools in Uganda! In addition, the school at AOET village has had athletic success and recognition because of a sport court funded by Zach Sudfeld (son of Ralph and Michelle Sudfeld and grandson of Bob Pagett). In the last volleyball competition, the school won the national championship!

Thousands of children are thriving at AOET due to the generosity of friends of Assist International!
Ralph Sudfeld (President) and Michelle Sudfeld (Director of Administration/Orphan Programs) with three of their children Zach, Juliana, and Nate. Grandparents and Assist International founders Bob and Charlene Pagett are also seen here enjoying the children of the AOET orphanage and school in Jinja, Uganda.
Thanks to the sales of t-shirts and hoodies at the 25th Anniversary event for Assist International, and in conjunction with a donation from the Girl Scouts, we were able to donate backpacks for the elementary children at the Aids Orphans Education Trust (AOET) elementary school in Jinga, Uganda. Prior to receiving these backpacks, many children struggled, particularly during the rainy season, to keep their books and papers from being ruined. Thank you to those who purchased t-shirts and hoodies at the 25th Anniversary event, and a special thanks to the Girl Scouts who sold cookies to raise funds to help send backpacks to these orphan children!
At AOET, where Assist International has been able to build over 20 homes and a duplex for the AOET Orphan Family Village in Jinja, Uganda, the school offers a Scout program. This year, the Scouts won their national championship for the country of Uganda which gave them an invitation to compete for the East African Championship. It was a high honor, and, after learning the trip had been cancelled due to a lack of funding, Assist International was able to provide the funds needed to participate. The founder of AOET, Sam Tushabe later wrote: “You will never believe what happened...By the second day, our troop was on top of all the teams!!! We were on prime news in Kenya and in Uganda and radios are talking about us...I had a two hour interview with the leading National newspaper and their rival paper has asked us for an interview as well...We won at the local level, won the national championship, and we are now the East African Champions after beating six other countries represented." Ten years ago, we partnered with AOET, and with our sponsors’ help, it is one of the finest orphan family village and school programs in Africa.
Assist International has a long history of helping orphaned and vulnerable children like these two precious boys in Africa.
In Surat Thani, Thailand, Felix Family orphan home Village is rescuing orphaned and abandoned children. For nearly 20 years, Assist International has sponsored Caminul Felix Romanian orphan choirs, and this year sponsored the Group Felix ensemble music tour to come on behalf of the Thai orphans (who could not obtain visas) to represent the children being rescued. Children from Romania came on behalf of the children in Thailand to raise support for them. In addition to finding more child sponsors for the children in Thailand, we were able to obtain a commitment to build the 10th home to rescue more children in Surat Thani.
Rescued children now have a family and a home to enjoy at Felix Family Village in Thailand.
POVERTY SOLUTIONS
The Girl Scouts visited the Ripon campus of Assist International and voted to donate funds through Assist for three projects, including the purchase of ten (10) stoves for those in need. The stoves were Fuel Efficient Stoves (FES) and were distributed to selected households through a partnership with International Lifeline Fund and the Community Health Club (CHC) in the Ogobi village in the Apac District of Uganda. The Ugandan community leaders and staff at Lifeline selected those in need and provided training on installation and maintenance. These stoves not only cook cleaner, but also require less fuel. This was a great partnership with Girl Scouts, International Lifeline Fund, the community leaders in Uganda, and Assist International.
U.S. Girls Scouts donated two sewing machines for the Sewing Hope Tailoring School in Gulu, Uganda. This tailoring school trains young women who have been devastated by kidnapping and worse by the Joseph Kony and the LRA. Young women are learning to support themselves by sewing. Because of this donation, two more young women will be able to take a sewing machine home with them to start their own business after they finish tailoring school with Sister Rosemary. Thank you, Girl Scouts!
Mali Farm Equipment Project

Through the generous donations of friends of Assist International and David and Linda Arzouni, a tractor, farm equipment and repair parts were donated and shipped to the capital city of Bamako, Mali, Africa. From the capital city, this shipment was then sent by truck to central Mali. The donations in this shipment included a Massey Ferguson 4263 Tractor and an entire container of farming equipment now being used by poor farmers in Mali.
For the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Assist International, we commissioned 250 bracelets to give our guests. These bracelets were made by Agnes Agimo, one of many women who make jewelry to support their families in the developing world. Her story could be told many times over of lives changed because of the work of Assist International. Agnes Agimo was born on January 14, 1983 in Kaberamiadi district in NE Uganda. Agnes is a single mother with one young son. She did not have enough money to provide for her son and attend school, yet she had a desire to go to University. She learned how to make paper bead jewelry and applied for a job at a craft shop in Kampala, Uganda. Years ago, we met Agnes while she was working in Kampala. She began to provide paper bead jewelry to us and we have worked with her for almost eight years. As a result of our relationship with Agnes, she has been able to graduate from fashion college, using the money she earned by making paper bead jewelry to pay for her college education.

Agnes now owns her own craft shop. She designs clothes and jewelry. She is a successful business woman that is able to take care of herself and her son. Partnering with women in third-world countries, helping them in business, allows them to become independent, to better themselves and their families. It is making a difference in the life of Agnes Agimo and many other women with children just like her.
Seen here are women in Africa working to make jewelry out of paper beads in order to sell to support their children. Assist International works with our partner, Enzi Jewelry, to sell the pieces in the U.S.
25th Anniversary Celebration

In the picturesque California coastal town of Santa Cruz, the anniversary event was held over two-days at the historic Beach Boardwalk’s Coconut Grove. Over three hundred friends of Assist International joined the celebration, including partners from Bulgaria, Hungary, India, Romania, Uganda, and throughout the United States.

The program not only honored the tireless work of Founders Bob and Charlene Pagett, but also formally celebrated the “passing of the mantle of leadership” to Ralph and Michelle Sudfeld. Ralph officially stepped into the role of President and Michelle as Director of Administration and Orphan Programs.

Founders Bob & Charlene Pagett with their children and grandchildren, who were all in attendance at the event. Assist International has touched each of their lives as they have been involved in some way over the past 25 years.
25TH ANNIVERSARY
HONORED GUESTS

Assist International featured stories and pictures from our child relief and development programs from around the world, and some of our guests from Uganda, Chile, Romania and Bulgaria had the opportunity to share how the work of Assist has forever changed the lives of the people they serve. From the proceeds of a silent auction and the generous giving of the attendees, Assist raised over $77,500 which was dedicated to continue our work in reaching Orphaned & Abandoned Children.

From Oradea, Romania, Caminul Felix Family Orphan Villages’ Director, Marcel Filip (centered), presents a Certificate of Congratulations to Founders Bob & Charlene Pagett (left) and President Ralph & Michelle Sudfeld (right).

Sister Rosemary Nyirumbe traveled from Uganda to join the festivities. Pictured here, she delighted everyone with an impromptu song.

Michelle Sudfeld (AI Director of Administration and Orphan Programs) with Dr. Ondoa, former Minister of Health of Uganda and current Director General of the Uganda AIDS Commission.
We have a passion for the children who have found hope and healing at Caminul Felix now residing in one of the 16 family homes, each led by a committed Mother and Father. David Boschen (a family therapist from California) and his wife Edie (our children sponsorship coordinator) planned, fundraised and conducted this annual retreat. Our 2015 parents retreat offered times of teaching the parents supportive skills and methods of providing strategic love to their appointed children. Having time to relax, enjoying fellowship among their peers and team building activities in the evenings made for memorable and refreshing time well spent for the three nights away. We truly can do more for the children by caring for the parents who strategically love them every day.
# Financial Summary

For Year Ended December 31, 2015

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