

Djemaley, a 1 year old boy in Côtes-de-Fer, Haiti



Your love and generosity have traveled a long way over the last year.



**49,566** individuals have increased access to safe, clean water.



46,747

people had access to improved nutrition, like receiving vitamins and deworming treatment.



**8,732**days of service from volunteers in 17 countries.

541,575

people received critical health and social services.



pregnant women received essential medical care, including regular pre- and post-natal check-ups.



166,396

women received health and social services, including testing, counseling and treatment for HIV and support for gender-based violence.



children received essential health care services, like like curative consultations, vaccinations and growth monitoring.



# \$359 Million

worth of donated medicines and medical supplies were distributed in 27 countries.



# **Deepening our relationships**

At the end of each year I always hope that 'next year' will be better than the last. There is something inside me that just wants things to get better.
I believe that most of us have this kind of desire for a more just and equitable world.

CMMB's work often takes me to places where I meet families who struggle with the very basics: enough food to eat, a warm bed and access to healthcare. As I get to know these families, I find the best of our work: the willingness to come alongside, listen and gently offer encouragement and support. These conversations and relationships are deeply meaningful and often become a place of healing for all involved.

In 2017, we are offering a new program that deepens our engagement with the people we serve - the *Angel Investor* program. In the communities where we work, we have identified families experiencing the most extreme forms of poverty, like hunger, sickness and lack of opportunity.

We are offering you the chance to develop meaningful relationships with these families, to share in their struggles and eventual successes, and to help them realize a better future. Sometimes the immensity of need in the world can feel overwhelming - let us remember the wise words of Mother Teresa who once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one."

So this year, my prayer becomes an invitation to you to become more deeply engaged and to help us live out our mission for a world in which every human life is valued and health and human dignity are shared by all. I invite you to accompany us in this journey of mutual transformation.

From all of us at CMMB, we wish you all the best in 2017 and may it be a year where we deepen all our relationships.

Bruce Wilkinson

Bruce Wilkinson, CMMB President and CEO



We are proud of our ability to efficiently use our resources to promote healthier lives worldwide.



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## Baby Titus, One Year Later

In October 2015, in a remote village of eastern Kenya, a woman named Ndunge - a mother of three young children - went into labor. Her mother-in-law, a traditional birth attendant, was by her side in their home as she had been for all her other births.

Baby Titus was born without complications, but shortly after his birth, his mother suffered post-partum hemorrhage. Without access to a doctor or a hospital, there was nothing anyone could do, and Ndunge died.

Stricken by grief, the family then began to fear for the life of the newborn. Baby Titus was in and out of the hospital due to complications from lack of safe water and malnutrition.



Baby Titus at the hospital receiving care. He had diarrhea caused by contaminated water.

Making matters worse, the father had to stop working to take care of the children. He couldn't afford the costs of his children's most basic needs, like food, healthcare and school fees. Their situation was dire.

Every year in Kenya, thousands of women die due to complications in childbirth, leaving thousands of babies motherless.



Newborn Titus in the arms of his grandmother.



Titus' siblings.



Titus with his father

"The burden on my family has been lightened and I have hope that my children will have a brighter future."

#### - Titus' Father

Our community health workers brought this family's situation to our attention and we responded immediately. We shared this family's story and thanks to generous donors like you, Baby Titus and his family have been receiving the support they need:

- ✓ Safe water, ensuring that the children do not get sick due to contaminated water
- ✓ Food, including formula, so that the children grow up healthy and strong
- ✓ School fees, so that the children can return to school
- ✓ A microloan for the father, to start a small business to support his family

We have been tracking the family's progress and we are happy to find them thriving. The children are happy, healthy and playful and attending school on a regular basis. Baby Titus has finally stabilized his weight and he has built up his immune system. His father's business is starting to generate some income which is benefiting the entire family.

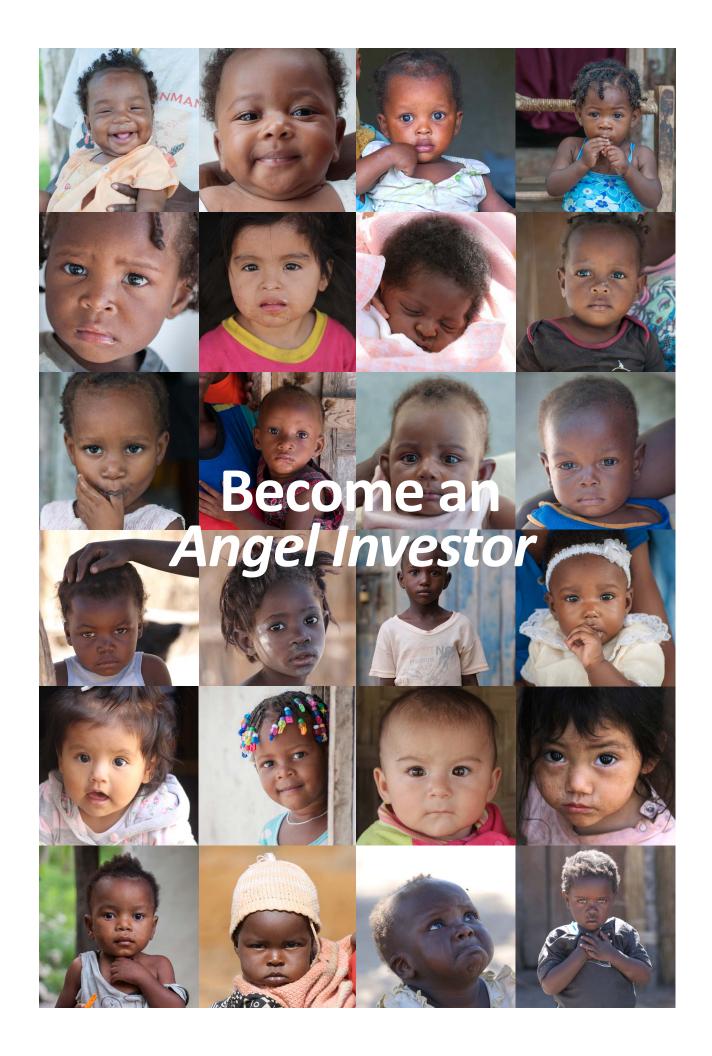
Baby Titus and his family inspired our team to launch the *Angel Investor* program. Together with our community health workers, we have identified the most vulnerable families in the communities where we work - those living in extreme conditions, who require special extra support, like the family of baby Titus.

### "Titus is a blessed child and he has been a blessing to his family."

- Jesse Kihuha, Program Officer, Kenya



See a video of baby Titus: cmmb.org/angel-investors



## How does it work?

Our *Angel Investor* program is a real one-to-one experience. It offers you the opportunity to connect with a person living in extreme poverty and help alleviate their suffering by providing access to the most urgent needs, like food, water, healthcare or education.

Our community health workers, trusted members of the communities where we serve, identify these children living in extreme poverty and bring these cases to our attention. But we can't respond without you.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."

– Mother Teresa

## How can you help?

Visit our website at **cmmb.org/angel-investors** and meet our angels. Each angel has a different need and sometimes based on their life circumstances, more than one. Once you are ready to make a commitment, your monthly gift will be directly invested in your angel based on their need:

#### Food & Water:

Your angel will receive a reliable source of food that will provide them with a well-balanced diet and access to clean, safe water every month.

#### **Healthcare:**

Your angel will have access to transportation to and from a health facility when required, access to professional healthcare, medication as needed, and monthly visits from our community health workers.

#### **Education:**

Your angel will be back at school because your gift will cover all school related costs, like tuition, uniforms, shoes, school supplies, and examination fees.

Become an *Angel Investor* today! Visit: cmmb.org/angel-investors

Each of these situations are unique and equally heartbreaking, including:

- Orphans being cared for by elderly grandparents who are too old and sick to meet the children's needs
- Tragic life events, like Baby Titus', that shake the foundation of the family
- Extremely poor families living in very remote, difficult to reach areas
- Children whose mothers or fathers have physical or mental disabilities that limit their capacity to care for their families

When you invest in an angel you will receive regular photos and updates regarding their progress, which will highlight the difference you are making in their life.



Djemaley needs you!

# New Year's wishes from our community



#### Harry Owens Jr.

"My wish is that people, organizations, and governments will continue to reach out to aid and assist people in need throughout those parts of the world in greatest need."

Harry is a medical doctor volunteering in South Sudan.

#### **Robin Ryder**

"In Nzara, I will see approximately 40 patients a week for 24 weeks. That's about 4,800 people. My wish is these patients will feel better after they see me compared to how they felt before."

Robin is a medical doctor volunteering in South Sudan.



## Meredith Kerrigan

"My wish for 2017 is for CMMB Peru to continue to gain funding that will encourage innovative interventions for women and children, and that these projects will continue to support the growth of women's self-confidence and economic independence, so they can provide a better future for themselves and their children."

Meredith is a public health professional volunteering in Peru.



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#### **Dianne Jean-François**

"My wish is that we help the community of Petite Rivière De Dame Marie rebuild at least 50% of the roofs and homes destroyed by Hurricane Matthew. This will give people a safe place to live and prevent pneumonia and other illnesses in the community." Dianne is the country director of CMMB Haiti.



#### **Ariel Frisancho**

"My wish for 2017 is that CMMB could continue growing to serve more people with better health services. I hope we can empower more women so that they can transform more communities. Finally, I would like to see how our work informs national policy in Peru, so that it can lead to healthier lives for all."

Ariel is the country director of CMMB Peru.

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