

Quarterly Report / Winter 2019

# You Make a Difference





## Looking Back and Moving Forward

#### Dear friends,

CMMB is blessed because of you. We are expanding delivery on our vision where every human life is valued and quality healthcare is available to all.

The promise in Galatians 6:9, "...not to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest," is so true of our experience this past year. As you read about the amazing transformations in people's lives within this report - transformations like the one Grandma Grace, Muluki, and Mutiso underwent in Kenya (page 3) - remember that at the core, is a unique partnership between people who care deeply; whether our community health workers in Africa, our hospital staff in Haiti, or the many partners like you who invest in our work and mission.

Please know that your consistent generosity is producing a harvest of good in the world. I am grateful for each of you who choose to live generously. You can't imagine what a privilege it is for CMMB to bring together people of faith whose passion it is to care for the most vulnerable.

Thank you. Please read on to experience the beautiful harvest we are gathering together.

Bruce Wilkinson

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CMMB President and CEO

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

**1,418,979** people received critical health and social services.

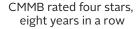
335,936 individuals have increased access to safe, clean water.

73,360 people had access to improved nutrition, like receiving vitamins and deworming treatment.

\$703 million dollars worth of medicines and medical supplies were deployed to 35 countries.

661 volunteers have been placed in 17 countries.







Meets Better Business Bureau's 20 standards for charity accountability





#### Lives Transformed

## With a Little Help from An Angel

The Angel Investor program launched a little over two years ago. It all started after baby Titus lost his mother at childbirth and a generous donor stepped in and saved his life with essential formula and healthcare; a helping hand at a time of urgent need.

The program is a real one-to-one, direct giving program, connecting one compassionate CMMB donor with a child living in extreme poverty. The support provides a helping hand to the most vulnerable, bringing relief when it is needed most. Once the most basic needs are met, together with the family, we focus on how to create sustainable change.

Meet two of our angels, Muluki and Mutiso. Their story from Kenya is an example of the power and potential of the Angel Investor Program to change lives.

When we first met Muluki and Mutiso two years ago, they were being cared for by their elderly grandmother, Grace. Their mother, Ngena, overwhelmed by poverty, had left in search of work.



Muluki and her mom in front of their new home.

Grandma Grace struggled. She was caring for 10 other orphaned grandchildren and there was never enough. That's when Muluki and Mutiso found their angels, and a difficult life got a little bit easier.

As the weight of poverty began to slowly lift, Ngena returned home to her children. She saw they were getting healthier and doing well at school. She started to feel encouraged and motivated.

"I used to have no idea how to make life better for my children. It felt impossible. But seeing all the good this support has brought, I decided to sit down and figure out how I could move to the next level. I worked hard. Instead of waiting for something good to happen, I made something good

happen. With encouragement and advice from CMMB, I started baking bricks to sell. I baked 7,000 bricks and earned \$700, enough to start the construction of our new house.

Today, I am a happy mother sleeping in a good house with my children. May God bless the people who support my family. My prayer is that God always protects them."

You can see a video of their new house: cmmb.org/house

There are many more children looking for an Angel Investor. Learn more at cmmb.org/angel



Over **1000** people are being directly impacted by the Angel Investor program

## In An Emergency, E

2018 saw some horrific natural disasters and man-made humanitarian crises. From the tsunami in Indonesia, to the ongoing violent conflicts in Syria, Yemen, and South Sudan, and the volcanic eruption in Guatemala, hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost and millions more impacted.

Emergencies can occur anywhere and at any time. That is why we must stay ready. Working with our global partners, and thanks to generous donors who support our emergency fund, CMMB is able to quickly respond to global emergencies by:

- Sending donated medicines and medical supplies to trusted local healthcare partners in emergency areas
- Providing financial support to partners on the ground for relief efforts
- Deploying volunteers, including medical personnel
- Directly responding to emergency needs through CMMB-supported health facilities and community interventions, like providing health and nutrition services

In their darkest hour, the care and generosity of others makes a huge difference to people in the midst of disaster. Thanks to your support, we were able to send relief where and when it was needed most. Here are some of the emergencies your generosity allowed us to respond to this past year.



**WHAT HAPPENED?** Volcán de Fuego erupted in Guatemala and affected the lives of over 1.7 million people.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB sent \$6.7 million worth of medical supplies and medicines (primarily antibiotics) to treat injuries and support affected communities.



**WHAT HAPPENED?** A magnitude 5.9 earthquake hit Port-de-Paix, killing 17 and injuring hundreds more.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB's Port-de-Paix team were among first-responders that provided emergency relief to victims with health services, medicine, and medical supplies.

Zambia — January 2018

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A deadly cholera outbreak hit Lusaka, with more than 5,935 reported cases and 114 deaths, many of whom were children.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB deployed 630,000 water purification packets from Proctor & Gamble, reaching 9,000 of the most vulnerable families in the affected areas. Our team on the ground is continuing work to improve water and sanitation and provide more sustainable solutions.







## very Second Counts



Syria — Ongoing

WHAT'S HAPPENING? For the past seven years, Syria has been embroiled in civil war. 6.6 million people are internally displaced, another 5 million have fled the country, and a total of 13.5 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. The fighting has left many without food, medical care, and shelter.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB sent 11 shipments (total value \$88+ million) of medicines for treatment of civilian injuries due to violence and to support ongoing medical treatment interrupted by the destruction of infrastructure.

India — August 2018

**WHAT HAPPENED?** Severe flooding in the state of Kerala left over one million people displaced, entire families missing, and over 400 confirmed dead.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB mobilized resources to provide essential medical care and shelter for those who lost their homes, and materials to rebuild and replace all that was lost.



South Sudan — Ongoing

WHAT'S HAPPENING? It is estimated that approximately two million people are internally displaced and another 2.5 million have fled South Sudan and are living in refugee camps in neighboring countries. Over 19,000 children have been forced into armed conflict.

**OUR RESPONSE:** In addition to delivering health services for internally displaced people, CMMB is working with recently released child soldiers - providing reintegration services and community-based child protection programming.

**Yemen** — Ongoing

WHAT'S HAPPENING? Since civil war broke out in March 2015, over 50,000 people have died and another 8.4 million people are on the brink of starvation. This number could rise to 14 million. It is undeniably the worst human-made crisis in the world right now.

**OUR RESPONSE:** CMMB sent \$14.5 million worth of medicine and medical supplies to partners working on the ground in Yemen. This included a mix of basic medicines to meet immediate and emergency needs, as well as advanced medical products to support civilians with diabetes, cancer, and mental health trauma.

Indonesia — September 2018

**WHAT HAPPENED?** A 7.5 magnitude earthquake, followed by a massive tsunami, ripped apart the island of Sulawesi, killing at least 1,200 people.

**OUR RESPONSE**: CMMB mobilized resources and is working with trusted partners in Indonesia to deliver lifesaving assistance to help affected communities.



#### **Progress at Nzara Hospital**

In July, we shared Sister Laura's dream with you.

"I dream about making St. Theresa Hospital a better hospital. To build an operating theatre, a room where people can recover from surgery, a better maternity ward, and a blood bank. These people deserve a place where they can get the care they need."

And because of your response, on April 7th we launched construction of the new surgical wing, including an operating theater, surgical recovery and maternity ward, and a blood bank! With this improved infrastructure, St. Theresa will expand its reach and improve the quality of health services available to the vulnerable people it serves. It is estimated that over 17,000 patients will benefit from this project.





Sister Laura, hospital administrator at St. Theresa Hospital, marks the date of the groundbreaking on the ceremonial first brick.



International volunteer: Martin Rubino hard at work days after arriving in Nzara.





We stand with the people in this community, working together to create a safe and healthy environment in which people can thrive.

Robert Wuillamey,Senior Director of Partnerships



#### Sister's Act in Haiti

#### Women Religious Deliver Health & Hope in Haiti

Sisters Cecilia and Mathilde have dedicated their lives to serve the poor and sick in Cité Soleil. The Rosalie Rendu Center for Health, where they serve, is right in the heart of Haiti's largest slum. They see hundreds of patients every day - mostly children under five and expectant mothers - many of whom need medicines to survive. "Our days at the healthcare center are busy, filled with prenatal visits, immunizations, and consultations for sick children. The most frequent reasons that mothers bring their children to us are for fever, diarrhea, vomiting, flu, intestinal infections, skin rashes and infections, worms, and malnutrition."

It's one of the hardest things, to tell a desperate mother that the medicine her child so desperately needs is not available. It's thanks to medical donations that we don't have to turn mothers and children away.

#### - Sister Cecilia

The sisters rely on medical donations from CMMB to save lives and we rely on generous friends like you and key pharmaceutical partners to respond to this desperate need. You helped us keep medicines and medical supplies on the shelves of this amazing health facility, and many others like it around the world.

We need your continued support to help keep pharmacy shelves filled and health facilities supplied with much needed medical equipment. It's the only way people like Sisters Cecilia and Mathilde can continue their life-saving work.



Nicole's granddaughter, Christafa is part of the supplemental feeding program at Rosalie Rendu Center for Health and Nutrition in Cîté Soleil.

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## You Inspire Us

#### **Testimonies from our generous community**



My mother adopted me and I want to give her something special. I can't think of a better way to tell her what she means to me than to support mothers and babies in need.

I follow all your good work. May God richly bless all generous hearts that donate to save innocent lives.

I've been to Africa and have seen the lack of basic needs being met. I've been fortunate with access to healthcare for my five children and I want to be able to help provide that for others. The human spirit of kindness and joy I witnessed was beautiful.



I saw a CMMB post on Facebook and a voice in my head said, "If you can pay \$50 for shoes, you can spend \$50 to help these families."

God is good and has blessed me always with what I need. If everyone would share just a little, no one would be thirsty or hungry.

I can see the needs of these children and so I want to contribute when and where I can. Additionally, I trust CMMB.



Share what inspires you to give: cmmb.org/inspired







