



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

***Be The Change Volunteers* is a 501c3 non-profit non-governmental development aid organization dedicated to building, restoring, and equipping educational facilities and providing educational resources for communities-in-need in the remotest parts of the world. Our mission is accomplished by volunteers who dedicate their time, talents, and funds to *be the change we want to see in our world* by hand delivering hope in the building of educational opportunities and relationships!**

**DONATE TO BTCV AND HELP DESERVING KIDS
GET THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ONLY
EDUCATION CAN PROVIDE!**

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

PROJECTS

HOW DOES A BTCV PROJECT HAPPEN?

We connect with communities-in-need (anywhere in the world) through word of mouth, our website, Facebook, presentations at events, media outlets, or other strange-but-true ways. The community then completes a rigorous application process for *BTCV* support, which includes:

- 1. Importance of Development Aid** - Describe why the educational facility is needed and how it will benefit the community.
- 2. Documenting Community Involvement** - Provide specifics regarding how the community will be involved in the work and engaged in maintenance of the facility, support of the staff, and development of the students.
- 3. Ensuring Sustainability** - Outline a plan for keeping the educational facility functioning for its intended purpose long term.

After the application is approved by the board, we begin fundraising, build a team of volunteers, and work out all the logistics over a 6-12 month period in preparation for the trip. Then we GO to BE THE CHANGE!

HOW DOES BTCV FOLLOW-UP ON OUR PROJECTS?

As part of our long term relationship with each community, *BTCV* receives annual reports on each educational facility with respect to enrollment, attendance, staffing, and facilities. In addition to the statistics provided to *BTCV*, these reports allow us to determine what the ongoing needs are for each community and determine how they can be met. Our *BTCV* Kids are another important avenue of follow-up as we require regular reports from them regarding their own progress in education and life, and request information on the *BTCV* educational facilities in their home communities.

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS - IT WILL CHANGE LIVES, INCLUDING YOUR OWN!

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

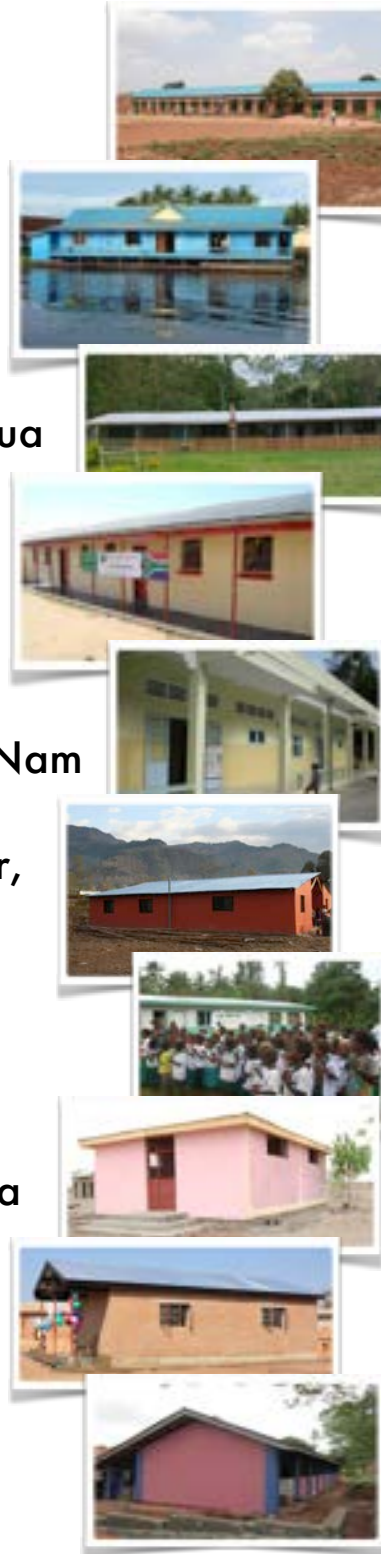
BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

PROJECTS

- 001** Ecole Primaire Catholic de Butare, Rwanda
- 002** The Floating Learning Center, Tonle Sap Lake, Kompong Khleang, Cambodia
Dedicated to the life and memory of Margaret Bisogno
- 003** Brikiti Central Elementary School, Apangai, Papua New Guinea
- 004** Farview Junior Secondary School, Mt Fletcher, South Africa
- 005** Hieu Troung Kindergarten, Mekong Delta, Viet Nam
- 006** Satbise Alkatar Orphanage and Learning Center, Lamjung District, Nepal
- 007** Kulangit Elementary School (Omo Phase 1), Kavieng, Papua New Guinea
- 008** Mahi Difu School Library, Semera, Afar, Ethiopia
Dedicated to the life and memory of Duraid Mahrus
- 009** Annie Grace Kamwendo Memorial Library, Sankhani School, Lilongwe, Malawi
- 010** Pope Paul VI School, Negombo, Sri Lanka



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

PROJECTS

011 Karunya Special School, Ayur, Kerala, India
Funded by the Pozzi Family in Memory of Paola & Giuseppe Pozzi



012 Lipek Elementary School, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea



013 Immanuel International Academy Playground, Bagdogra, West Bengal, India



014 Sunshine School, Chiang Rai, Thailand



015 Upendo Encourage School, Nkoaranga Orphanage, New Hope Academy & Manyata-Shiloh Centre, Arusha, Tanzania



016 ASELSI Special Needs School, Chichicastenango, Guatemala



017 Sori Village School & Orphanage, Sori, Kenya
Not completed by local partner



018 Omo Community Campus Phase 2, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea
Funded by the Pozzi Family



019 Willett Family Sumuna School, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea
Funded by the Willett Family



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

PROJECTS

020 FACT Academy Phase 1, Bihar, India



021 ASELSI Special Needs Playground, Chichicastenango, Guatemala



022 Sankhani School Classroom Block 2, Makalani Village, Lilongwe, Malawi



023 Omo Community Campus Phase 3, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea Funded by the BTCV Home Team & The Pozzi Family



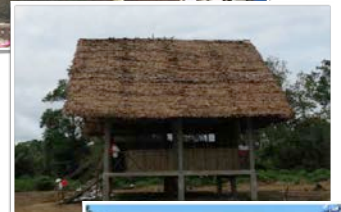
024 FACT Academy Phase 2, Rajarhat, Bihar, India



025 Upendo Encourage School Phase 3, Tengeru, Arusha, Tanzania



026 El Chino Secondary School Phase 1, El Chino Village, Peru Funded by The Plouhar Family



027 Omo Community Campus Phase 4, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea Funded by The Pozzi Family, Foundation for Biomedical Research & BTCV New Mexico Chapter



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

PROJECTS

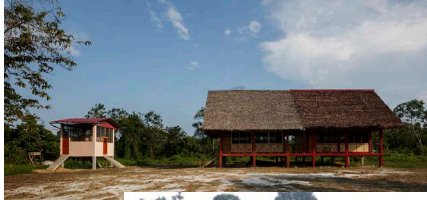
028 FACT Academy Phase 3, Rajarhat, Bihar, India
Funded by The Pozzi Family & The Waggoner Family



029 Sankhani School Classroom Block 3, Makalani Village, Lilongwe, Malawi



030 El Chino Secondary School Phase 2, El Chino Village, Peru
Funded by The Downey Family



031 Omo Community Campus Phase 5, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea
Funded by The Pozzi Family



PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR ONE OF OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS - IT WILL CHANGE LIVES, INCLUDING YOUR OWN!
bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us
BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

2015 TEAMS

India

Debbie Waggoner
Linda Karl
Andrew Gosney
Tracey Horton
Robin Styles
Marcus Scott
Spencer Burri
Grant Venable
Annie Jacob
Jinoy Jacob

**Supported by The
Pozzi Family and The
Waggoner Family**



Malawi

Greg Ayscue
Cheryl Ayscue
Debbie Waggoner
Phomotso Makeke
Alan Rohlfing
Nancy Wright
Jordan Henson
Farrah Monibi
Jackson Farley
Christina Holbrook
Martine Vanpee
Ethan Linsky
Stephen Linsky
Sadie Scott
Marc Scott
Carl Geupel
Grant Venable
Jimi Cook
Cristi Cook

Peru

Team 1

John Heidrich
James Davis
Chris Melnyk
Josiah Kee
Byron Combs
Tom Treece
Brenda Gamble
Kari Krieger
Liz McCosh
Elly Grant
Jim & Elizabeth
Cogswell
Alan Cross
Stacy Andrew

Team 2

Pam & Neil Plouhar
John & Heidi Downey
Scott Daugherty
Brett Burri
Craig Keslar
Glenn Willett
Brett Willett
James Bilof
Jimi Cook
Cristi Cook

**Supported by
The Downey Family**

Papua New Guinea

Gailyn Strobing
John Heidrich & Linda Contos
Steve & Pam Fox
Kathy Lou Jones
Brad Martens
Beth & Andres Stowell
Cristi & Jimi Cook

**Supported by
The Pozzi Family**



**JOIN OUR TEAM - GIVE YOUR TIME AND
TALENTS TO A "VACATION WITH A PURPOSE" -
BECOME A CHANGER!**

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

BTCV KIDS

Our “BTCV Kids” program helps make dreams come true for students that attend BTCV Schools around the world. This program funds educational needs for dedicated students so that they can pursue their dreams to the highest academic levels possible. BTCV Kids must maintain high attendance and passing marks in all classes, and send progress reports to BTCV each term. They must also Be The Change themselves by documenting service to others in some capacity.

We have established two special scholarships for our BTCV Kids - The Patricia Crouch Family Memorial Scholarship & The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship for Girls.

Please consider donating to help these students succeed!



BTCV Kids Sponsors for 2015

Glenn Willett
David Crouch

The Patricia Crouch Family
John Heidrich & Linda Contos
The Government of Papua New Guinea

Scott & Lisa Daugherty
Cristi & Jimi Cook



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

GETTING INVOLVED

How To Help

- Volunteer
- Donate
- Hold a Fundraiser
- Invite us to talk at your school, church, group or organization
- Like us on Facebook
- Sign up for our Newsletter
- Join the PenPals Program

BTCV Chapters

Colorado	New Mexico
Columbia, MO	Nevada
Kansas City	Arizona
Kansas	California
Florida	Texas



2016 PROJECTS

032 Omo Community Campus Phase 6, New Ireland Province,
Papua New Guinea Funded by The Pozzi Family

033 Gayaza Vocational School Phase 1, Gayaza Village,
Kyotera, Uganda Funded by The Chong Family & Agilent Technologies

034 El Chino Secondary School Phase 3, El Chino Village, Peru
Funded by The Downey Family

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED

WITH BTCV IN ANY CAPACITY, PLEASE

CONTACT US AT bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

BY THE NUMBERS

31 BTCV Projects Completed

97% Sustainability Rate

6,138 Students Enrolled in BTCV Schools
Girls = **46%** (17% in 2007)

37 BTCV Scholarships Awarded

\$324,120 in Total Funding for 2015

\$285,633 in Expenses for 2015

Distribution: PROJECTS = \$215,662; SCHOLARSHIPS = \$16,092; OPERATIONS = \$53,879

\$327,105 in our Sustainability Fund

*Goal = \$4M

**CHECK OUT OUR FULL FINANCIAL REPORTING
AT bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us**

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

2015 ROI

Return on Investment

New students in school = **810**



Students completing highest grade = **310**



School books delivered = **618**



School kits delivered = **300**

Desks built = **40**

Sustainability projects completed = **5**



PenPal letters exchanged = **435**

Changer-hours served = **>15,000**



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



Sustainability

2015 Site Visits

One of the many great things about our phased-building approach is that it allows us to assess the sustainability of our previous projects. In 2015, we were able to do assessments on Malawi Projects 009 and 022, India 013, 020 and 024, and Peru 026.



All or Nothing Campaign

YOU DID IT!!! YOU – Changers from around the World – met the 2015 All or Nothing Challenge!!! YOU donated more than \$30,000 to meet the \$30,000 matching-funding challenge from some of our special donors so that we could add more than \$60,000 to our BTCV Sustainability Endowment Fund, bringing the fund's total to over \$300,000 towards our goal of \$4M. THANK YOU to our special matching-fund donors! THANK YOU to each and every one of you who helped meet the All or Nothing Challenge – you are Changers! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed promotional videos to the effort! THANK YOU to the people who challenged their companies and got MATCHING GIFTS! THANK YOU ALL for Being the Change for us!!!

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717

BTCV Stories in Pictures

028 FACT Academy Phase 3 - India



BTCV Stories in Pictures

029 Sankhani School Phase 3 - Malawi



BTCV Stories in Pictures

030 El Chino Secondary School Phase 2 - Peru



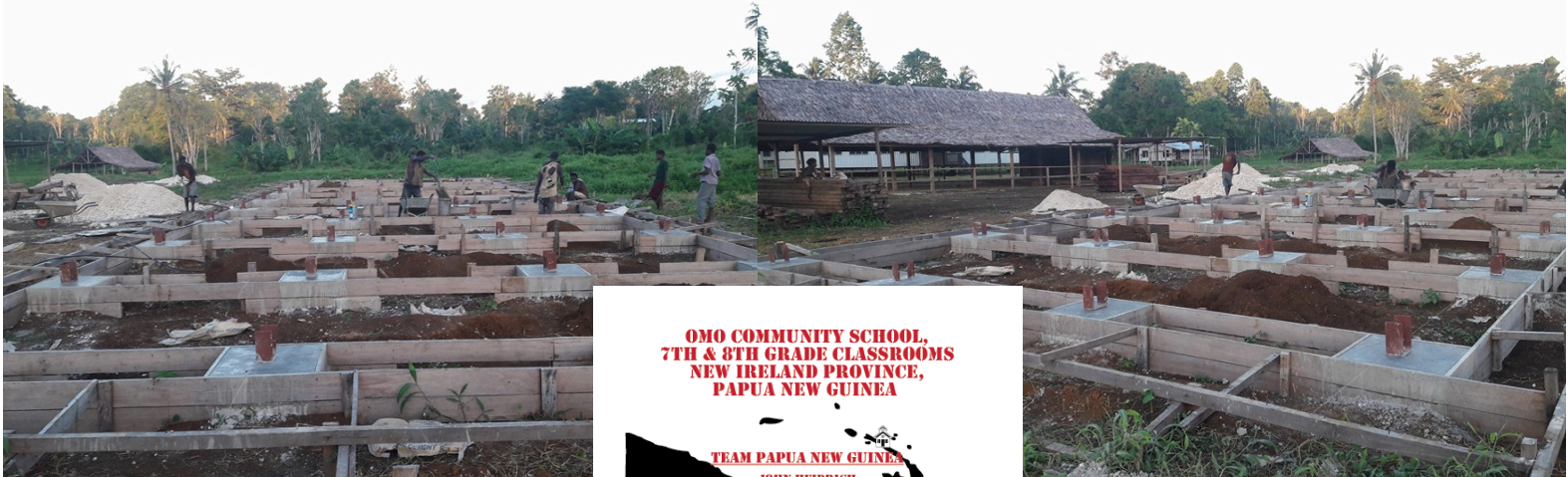
BTCV Stories in Pictures

030 El Chino Secondary School Phase 2 - Peru



BTCV Stories in Pictures

031 Omo Community Campus Phase 5 - PNG



**OMO COMMUNITY SCHOOL,
7TH & 8TH GRADE CLASSROOMS
NEW IRELAND PROVINCE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

TEAM PAPUA NEW GUINEA
JOHN HEIDRICH
LINDA CONTOS
SERVE AND PAUL FOX
KATHY LOU JONES
ERIC MARTENS
BETH AND ANDRES STOWELL

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOZZI FAMILY
www.bethechangevolunteers.org



**STAY TUNED TO FACEBOOK AND THE
NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATES AS WE COMPLETE
THE 7TH & 8TH GRADE CLASSROOMS ON THE
OMO COMMUNITY CAMPUS**

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717

2015 BTCV Donors

Aaron Landis
Affordable Collectables
Agilent Technologies Foundation
Al & Lori Rohlfing
Alan Cross
Albert & Rosalina Hodapp
Alden Family Foundation
Alexander Terwelp
AM-PM Veterinary Hospital
American Century Investments
Foundation
Andrew & Julie Melnyk
Andrew Gosney
Andrew Kestler
Angela & Mark Matney
Animal Emergency & Trauma
Center
Ann Ricketts
Anna McMacken
Anna Waggoner
Anthony & Julie Berris
Ashley & Sam Franklin
Barbara Land
Bari Russo
Beth & Andres Stowell
Bill Reed
Billee Keslar
Brad Martens
Brett Willett
Brian & Liz Van Vechten
Brian & Maryna Stuhlman
Brian Levy & Jeannette Agrafojo
Bruce Montoya
Byron & Virginia Combs
C & K Davis
Carl Geupel
Carla Taylor
Carole & Charles Rogers
Carolyn & Jim Stannard
CFCM
Chad McDonnell
Charles Van Vechten
Cheryl Ayscue
Chris Bersted
Christa Ermold
Christina Holbrook
Clifford Bramwell
Columbia Independent School
Community Foundation of
Central Missouri
Convergent Technologies
Cora Cunningham
Cristi & Jimi Cook
Dale Zeh Jr
Dan & Diane Lewis
Dana and Chara Kee
Dane & Mallory Montgomery
Darryl & Jennifer Willett
David & Michelle Townsend
Debbie Waggoner
Veterinary Allergy & Skin Center
Don & Brenda Gamble
Douglas & Justine Van Vechten
Douglas & Neijla York

Izelda Malugani
Eddie & Monica Pacheco
Edward Jones
Elaine Soulanille
Elizabeth Wilson
Emily & Bryan Andrews
Emily McMacken
Eric Welton
Erin & Brett Burri
Extant Brewing Company
Farrah Monibi
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Florence Welch & Lela Sharlene
Argyres
Francis Doyle & Kathleen
Gallo-Doyle
Francis Gallo Trust
Frank & Marlene Regan
Frank Courtney
Fred & Mildred Hollister
Mizzou BioJoint Center Team
Gary & Maureen Petrucci
Gary Venable Jr.
Gene Dorsey
Gerry Cox
Give With Liberty
Glenn Willett Trust
Goulet, Salvidio & Associates
Grant Venable
Green House Bed & Breakfast
Greg Jones
Greg Worsowicz
Haysville West Middle School
Heidi & John Downey
Helen Deborah Van Dyke King
Herman & Carol Mollmann
Holly & Charles Bondurant
InFaith Community Foundation
Isaac Hess
Jacqueline & Andrew Gingrich
Jim & Elizabeth Cogswell
James Bilof
James Dube
James Goulet
Jan Venable
Jane Gordon Cook
Janis Teal
Jeremy & Darci Risner
Jerry & Joanne Berneche
Jesse Bryce Jurgenson
Jessi & William Musick
Jill Muegge
JJ Insurance
John & Amelia Watkins
John & Paula Steller
John Filice
John Heidrich & Linda Contos
Tom Treece
Jordan Henson
Joyce Beil
Julia & Ian MacKellar
Julie & Jerry Estes
Julie Duwall
Julie & Gary Heckman

Julius & Robin Kaplan
Karen & Frank Christensen
Karen Smith
Kari Krieger
Karri Birch
Katherine Courts
Kathleen Casper
Kathleen Winslow
Kathryn Petrucci
Kathy Kniep & Ed Johnson
Kathy Lou Jones
Kayla McCurdy
Kei & Juri Kuroki
Kelly Reeves
Kenneth & Laura Drobish
Kennon & Melanie Sheldon
Keslar Food Group
Knights of Columbus
Larry Green
Laura & Frank Grablutz
Laura L. McMurry
Laura Lee Grant
Laura Romano
Lawrence & Rita Chin
Leon & Marilyn Isakson
Linda & Martin Karl
Linda & Mike Fletcher
Linda Sharp
Linell Jones
Lisa & Gary Bartmann
M. Martin
Major League Baseball Players
Trust
Marcus & Sadie Scott
Margaret J. Taylor Trust
Marijn & Julie Percept
Marjorie & Thomas Smurr
Sharon Zeis
Mark & Donna DeBacco
Mark Albrecht
Marlon Neely
Mary Lozniskar
Maureen Fisher
Maureen McKenzie
Michael & Elinor Salvidio
Michael & Mary-Alice Cain
Microsoft Matching Gifts
Program
Mike & Kim Cornelius
Mike, Rockie & Jake Alden
Mimi Newman
Gary Sterling
Nancie Fargo
Nancy Gingras
Nancy Holmwood
Nancy Wright
Nicole Soulanille
Pam & Neil Plouhar
Pam & Steve Fox
Pamela & Timothy Galligan
Paul & Lindsay Dorr
Paul Newman
Pearl Beemer
Pete & Kathleen Bell

Norm & Tabitha Chong
Phil & Ramona Bradley
Philip Hall
Pieter & Carol Van Waarde
Precision Castparts Corp
Rebekah Baumgartner
Rene & Julia Ramos
Rick Treece & Deborah Croker
Missouri River Relief
Robert & Gailyn Strobing
Robert & Marguerite Wachunas
Robert & Sally Powell
Robert McCosh
Robin Styles
Rodney Regalado
Roger & Evelyn Selva
Ronald & Deborah Schukar
Ruth & Charlie Bondurant
Sally & Thomas Westerhoff
Sanford & Ann McCurdy
Scott & Lisa Daugherty
Scott Ermold
Seth Haber
Shakespeare's Pizza
Shane Brookshire
Shari & Drew Hamilton
Shay Gingras
Southern Colorado Veterinary Surgery
Stacy Andrew
Stefano Pozzi
Stephanie Blair
Stephen Linsky & Martine Vanpee
Stephen Rovak
Steve Silverman
Steven & Connie Bernard
Steven & Nancy Hardardt
Steven Harmes
Steven Schnarr
Sue Westen
Sue Ann Summers
Susan & John Tharp
Suzanne Cayatte & Gary Oswald
Tami Beckeman
Tanja Nuhsbaum
Terri Simmons
Thomas & Cynthia Thomas
Thomas & Cynthia Wagstaff
Thomas Bates
Tradebot Systems
Troy Clum
Troy McCurdy
Ventana Animal Clinic
Veterinary Center of Liberty
Victor & Marilee Mason
Wells Fargo Community Support
Campaign
Wendy & Larry Engeman
Wendy Conant
Western Carolina Veterinary Surgery
William Eckels
Woodcrest Chapel
Zeta Gamma Alumni Chapter of Pi
Kappa Phi
Anonymous

2015 BTCV Special Project Donors

The Stefano Pozzi Family

The Plouhar-Downey Family

Norm & Tabitha Chong

Glenn Willett

The Patricia Crouch Family

The Waggoner Family

Cristi & Jimi Cook

Anonymous

2015 BTCV Corporate Changers

Agilent Technologies

River North Brewery

Trek Light

American Century Investments

Garry L. Albert CPA

Diggit Graphics

Scholastic

Comparative Clinical Pathology Services

Eastern Carolina Veterinary Referral Hospital

Western Carolina Veterinary Surgery

Green House Bed & Breakfast

Anonymous



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

BTCV People

BTCV Board of Directors

Jimi Cook Cristi Cook
Shari Hamilton Glenn Willett
John Heidrich Doug Willett
Brian Van Vechten



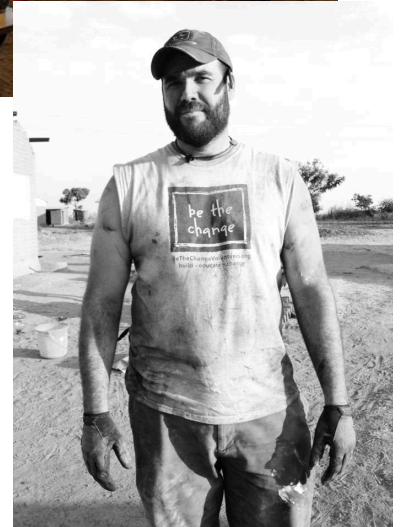
BTCV Director of Change

Grant Venable



BTCV Intern

Ethan Linsky



BTCV Advisory Council

Pam Plouhar Norm Chong
Greg Jones Rachel Venable
Dusty Hoffman Antonio Pozzi
Liz Van Vechten Mark Albrecht
Scott Daugherty Erin Daugherty-Burri

Stefano Pozzi
Marcus Scott
Tom Treece
Julie Estes

BTCV Pro Bono Accountant

Garry L. Albert, CPA, P.C.

BTCV Changer of the Year

Debbie "Poppins" Waggoner was selected as the 2015 *BTCV Changer of the Year* for building relationships and creating change through the power of education.





VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

BTCV People

BTCV Giants

“If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants”

This quote from Sir Isaac Newton certainly applies to *BTCV*! This organization has been so blessed to be able to change the lives of so many people through the power of education! Our work has only been possible through the GENEROUS and AMAZING support of so many people in so many different ways. We want to recognize and sincerely thank “our giants” who have made our success possible. THANK YOU for letting us see, and reach, further than we could ever dream!

Margaret Bisogno^t – Mother of Dominique (*BTCV* co-founder and director), Mary-Lourdes (*BTCV* Cambodia), and Manny Bisogno (*BTCV* Cambodia and Nepal) who have all contributed so significantly to *BTCV*, she obviously instilled in her amazing children the passion for service and love for the poor, downtrodden, and oppressed. *BTCV* School 002, The Floating Learning Center in Cambodia, is dedicated to her life and memory. (^tin memoriam)

Grace Anderson – Mother of *BTCV* co-founder and director Brian Anderson, raised her son to live a life of servant leadership, which he has excelled at for more than 20 years. *BTCV* would not be here without Brian, and so, would not be here without Grace. In addition, Grace is a core donor, supporter, and dear friend to all of us at *BTCV*.

Jane Gordon Cook – Mother of *BTCV* co-founder and director Jimi Cook, Jane has been a major donor and supporter of *BTCV* since our inception – she has given so generously to our mission and has sponsored several of our volunteers to go and serve with us. She is also our best cheerleader and encourager and keeps us all going strong with her love and support.

Martin Petrus – Martin is our “man on the front lines” – this amazing man worked with us to build *BTCV* School 004, Brikiti Elementary School in PNG, and immediately established the first *BTCV* affiliate (PNG), has already started the first locally-generated *BTCV* School (007 Kulangit Elementary), and has plans for many more *BTCV* schools throughout all of Papua New Guinea!

Glenn & Doug Willett – *BTCV* volunteers extraordinaire! This Father-Son team participated on *BTCV* Rwanda, PNG, and Nepal builds, are already signed up for Sri Lanka, and plan on many many more. Glenn (at 80+ years old) and Doug are the hardest working, most outgoing, most loved (by us, their teammates, the communities, and especially the kids) volunteers ever – they are both just beautiful people who breathe *BTCV*!

bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



VOLUNTEERS
build-educate-change

BE THE CHANGE

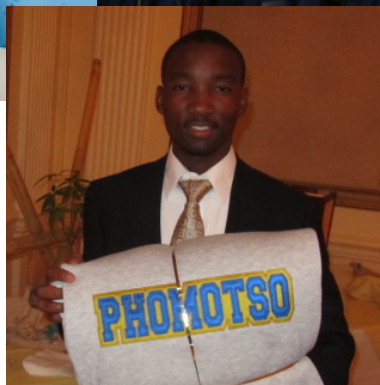
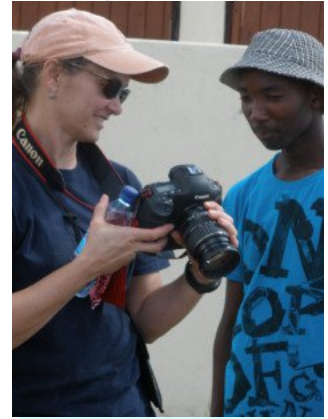
We hope this Annual Report provides a glimpse into the progress BTCV is making with your help! **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your incredible support of our mission! We are committed to continuing to expand our efforts and our reach in hand delivering hope through education. Please continue to support us in this work by donating, volunteering, and spreading the word about BTCV! Together, we can continue to **CHANGE** the world for the better!!



BTCV co-founders Jimi and Cristi Cook with Phomotso Makeke, BTCV Kid since 2010, who tragically passed away – please read Phomotso’s story on the following page – it is definitely a story of Change

In May 2016 Phomotso Makeke Cook, the adopted son of BTCV Co-founders Jimi & Cristi Cook, tragically passed away at the age of 23.

Phomotso was an early inspiration for our "BTCV Kids" fund, a scholarship program that allows students to live out their dreams through the gift of education. He attended school at Farview (BTCV 004) in Mt. Fletcher, South Africa where he met Jimi & Cristi, telling them of his dream to be a photojournalist on the very first day he helped work on that BTCV project. His contagious smile, passion for education, and relentless pursuit of his dream instantly won the hearts of the whole BTCV team, and a little over a year later he was able to come live with Jimi and Cristi and complete his junior year of high school at Columbia Independent School (CIS) in Columbia, MO. When he returned to South Africa, he finished his senior year of high school and passed the National exams with flying colors, making him eligible for university enrollment. He applied, interviewed, presented his portfolio and was accepted by the prestigious Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) in Pretoria, South Africa to study photojournalism – the chance to pursue his dream.



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

Phomotso appreciated what BTCV had done for him, and many others, tremendously, and was a true Changer in every sense of the word. In 2015, he was able to complete another one of his dreams when he participated as a BTCV Volunteer on our Malawi project (029), helping to rebuild a classroom at the Sankhani School in Makalani Village, Lilongwe. Seeing the mission of BTCV come full circle with one of the students from one of our very first builds now helping to bring the power of education to another deserving group of students was also a dream come true for us.



A scholarship fund has been established in Phomotso's honor – The Phomotso 'Motsy Makeke Cook Everything-is-the-best Scholarship Fund for Passionate Pursuit of Education - which will be used to benefit BTCV Kids, CIS and TUT students, especially those interested in photojournalism. Visit our website to donate to this scholarship fund.



bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us

BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717