

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Be The Change Volunteers is a 501c3 nonprofit 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



#### 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 1-2 year 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 from each educational facility to document enrollment, attendance, graduation rates, staffing, and facilities. In addition to the statistics provided to *BTCV*, these reports allow us to determine the ongoing needs 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.

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- **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
- **OO8** 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

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- **O11** 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

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## be the change VOLUNTEERS

# 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

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- **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
- **O31** Omo Community Campus Phase 5, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea Funded by The Pozzi Family Not completed by local partner
- **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
- **035** Ecole Primaire Catholic de Butare, Rwanda
- **036** Gayaza Vocational School Phase 2, Gayaza Village Kyotera, Uganda Funded by The Pozzi Family

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- **037** Sankhani School Classroom Block 4, Makalani Village, Lilongwe, Malawi
- **O38** El Chino Secondary School Phase 4, El Chino Village, Peru Funded by The Downey Family
- **039** Upendo Encourage School Phase 4, Tengeru, Arusha, Tanzania
- **040** Cornerstones of Care Library, Kansas City, MO, USA Funded by American Century Investments Foundation
- **O41** Judith Vivas Elementary School, Utuado, Puerto Rico Funded by Dr. Jay Platt & The Page Family
- **O42** Upendo Encourage School, Phase 5 Tanzania
- **043** Gayaza Vocational School, Phase 3 Uganda Funded by The Pozzi Family
- **O44** El Chino Secondary School, Phase 5 Peru Funded by The Downey Family
- **045** FACT Academy, Phase 4 India Funded by The Chong Family

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- **047** Gayaza Vocational School Uganda Funded by The Pozzi Family
- **048** El Chino Secondary School El Chino Village, Peru Funded by The Downey Family
- **049** FACT Academy, Phase 5 India Funded by The Chong Family
- **050** Angelica Toro Rodriguez Escuela, Jayuya, Puerto Rico Support provided by Dr. Jay Platt & The Page Family
- **051** Gayaza Community School & Rotary WASH Project – Kyotera, Uganda Funded by The Pozzi Family, Columbia Missouri Rotaries, and Rotary International
- **052** El Chino Secondary School El Chino Village, Peru Funded by The Downey Family





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# 2020 TEAMS

#### India

Grant Venable Al Rohlfing Linda Karl Kristan DePriest Eric Glenn Debbie Waggoner Elisabeth Hangartner Thomas Hangartner

## Supported by The Chong Family

#### **Puerto Rico**

Raul Gonzalez Grant Venable Debbie Waggoner Cristi Cook Jimi Cook Elizabeth Cogswell Jim Cogswell Farrah Monibi Herb Bischoff Carrie Brous Stacie Williams Ned Williams

Supported by Dr. Jay Platt & The Page Family

#### Uganda

**Community Volunteers** 

Supported by The Pozzi Family, Columbia Missouri Rotaries, and Rotary International

#### Peru

**Community Volunteers** 

Supported by The Downey Family



Join our team – give your time, talents & treasure to a "vacation with a purpose" – become a Changer! bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



# 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 three special scholarships for our BTCV Kids:

- The Patricia Crouch Family Memorial Scholarship
- The Malala Yousafzai Scholarship for Girls
- The Phomotso Makeke Cook Everything-isthe-best Scholarship

Please consider donating to help these students succeed!

## **BTCV Kids Sponsors for 2020**

Debbie Waggoner Glenn Willett The Patricia Crouch Family Scott & Lisa Daugherty Ted Kettlewell David Crouch The Kuroki-Ota Family Cristi & Jimi Cook Doug Willett The Venable Family Julie Estes John Heidrich & Linda Contos Alan & Lori Rohlfing Jim & Cheryl Ayscue The Lewis Family Government of PNG Dusty & Sunny Hoffman Cristel & Lance Collins

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# 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 a Chapter
- Join the PenPals Program





**BTCV Chapters** 

BTCV has many local chapter opportunities. Chapters meet quarterly, which is a great way to connect with Changers in your area. In 2020, chapters and teams hosted virtual events, meetings, and fundraisers to keep the connections going during the pandemic. If you want get involved in a chapter, contact us to find or start one in your part of the world!



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



**BY THE NUMBERS** 

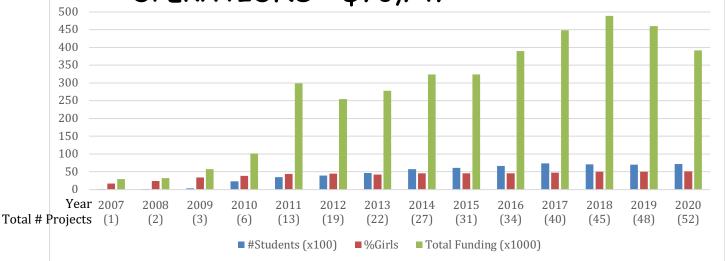
52 Education Focused Projects

96% Sustainability Rate

\$391,739 in Total Funding for 2020

\$262,331 in Expenses for 2020

PROJECTS = \$163,516 BTCV KIDS = \$21,268 CHANGER SCHOLARSHIPS = \$3,800 OPERATIONS = \$73,747



Check out our full financial reporting at bethechangevolunteers.org or BTCV.us BTCV 503 East Nifong Blvd #230 Columbia, MO 65201-3717



# 2020 ROI

## **Return on Investment**

Students in BTCV Partner Schools = 7,273 %Girls = 51%Average Attendance = 87% Number of BTCV Kids Scholarships = 47 New students in BTCV Partner Schools =1,830 Students completing highest grade = 1,230 **BTCV** Kids in Universities = 16 New Jobs for Students = 145

Teachers in Partner Schools = 311

Teachers in BTCV Housing = 49

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# Sustainability

# **2020 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 2020, we were able to do assessments on Projects 020, 024, 028, 045 (India) and 041, 046 (Puerto Rico).



## **BTCV Sustainability Endowment Fund**

BTCV is committed to becoming self-sustaining. In order to keep our "100% Promise to Donors" and hold ourselves accountable to our project sustainability requirement, we have created The BTCV Sustainability Endowment Fund. These funds are invested according to recommendations from our BTCV Finance Committee. In its 6 years of existence, the fund has already grown to a total of \$635,076. Our goal is to reach \$4M so that we can cover all annual Operations expenses and have a safety net for unforeseen costs. Please consider donating to this fund.

### Donate to the SEF

http://www.bethechangevolunteers.org/donate.html

## **BTCV Stories in Pictures** 049 – FACT Academy - India



## **BTCV Stories in Pictures** 050 Angelica Toro Rodriguez Escuela – Puerto Rico



## **BTCV Stories in Pictures** 051 Gayaza School/Rotary WASH Program-Uganda



## **BTCV Stories in Pictures** 052 El Chino Secondary School - Peru



We want to very sincerely thank each and every one of our 2020 BTCV donors. We are no longer naming all donors in the annual report for privacy considerations, but we want to let each of you know how grateful we are for your support – NONE of this could happen without ALL OF YOU!! Please consider becoming a BTCV Sustaining Member https://donorbox.org/sustaining-member

### **2020 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 The Lewis Family Erin & Brett Burri Ted Kettlewell Tina Dzuik Thompson Laboratory Team Jim & Carolyn Stannard Jim & Cary Bassett Emily Czapek Jay & Bobbie Platt Bob & Judi Reeves Stan White The Alden Family Foundation Anita Simpson Animal Emergency & Trauma Hospital Anonymous The Thompson Family

Paul & Lindsay Dorr John Heidrich & Linda Contos Rachel & Grant Venable National Christian Foundation – Venable Family Alan & Lori Rohlfing Scott & Lisa Daugherty Shari & Drew Hamilton Doug Willett Phil Jenks Haysville West Middle School Mizzou BioJoint Team

### **2020 BTCV Corporate Changers**

Agilent Technologies • Chiles and Smoke Trek Light Gear • Veterans United Garry L. Albert CPA • Diggit Graphics • Scholastic Eastern Carolina Veterinary Referral Hospital Western Carolina Veterinary Surgery Green House Bed & Breakfast • Liberty Mutual Veterinary Allergy & Dermatology • Major League Baseball State Farm • Capital Veterinary Specialists • Wells Fargo Johnson & Johnson • Jina Yoo's Asian Bistro

## **THANK YOU for supporting BTCV!!**



# **BTCV** People

#### **BTCV Board of Directors**

Jimi Cook Pam Plouhar Julie Estes Marc Scott

Cristi Cook Chris Adejo Linda Karl



### **BTCV Director of Change**

Grant Venable

**BTCV Executive Coordinator of Change** 

**Debbie Waggoner** 

**BTCV Director of Field Operations - Africa** Thato Mabena

### **BTCV Advisory Council**

Shari Hamilton Greg Jones Brian Van Vechten Liz Van Vechten Scott Daugherty Joe Reardon Peter Stiepleman Norm Chong Rachel Venable Antonio Pozzi Adam Dube Glenn Willett Diane Lewis Ted Kettlewell

Stefano Pozzi John Heidrich Tom Treece Dusty Hoffman Erin Burri Doug Willett Prakash Jayabalan

#### **BTCV Pro Bono Accountants**

Garry L. Albert, CPA, PC

D. Ryan Blakeney, CPA, MT

### **BTCV Changers of the Year**

Pam Plouhar and Linda Karl were selected as the 2020 BTCV Changers of the Year for building relationships and creating change through the power of education.









# **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** – 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.

**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 30 years. *BTCV* would not be here without Brian, and so, would not be here without Grace. In addition, Grace was 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 was a major donor and supporter of *BTCV* since our inception – she gave so generously to our mission and sponsored many of our volunteers to go and serve with us. She was also our best cheerleader and encourager. Her love and support will always keep us inspired and on mission.

**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), started the first locally-generated *BTCV* School (007 Kulangit Elementary), and has shepherding many of our *BTCV Kids* through their education, including our first *BTCV Kid* to go "full circle" and return to her former school as a TEACHER!

**Glenn & Doug Willett** – *BTCV volunteers extraordinaire*! In total, this Father-Son team has participated on more than 20 *BTCV* projects and Doug has led more than 10 for us. Glenn (at 80+ years young) 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*!

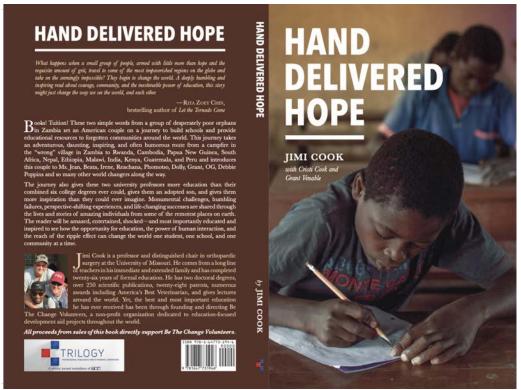
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# **BE THE CHANGE**

We hope this Annual Report helps you know our mission, understand why Education-Focused Development Aid is so important, and how your support is resulting in sustainable change. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your incredible support of our work! 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!!



The story of how BTCV was "born" and our first 10 years as an education focused development aid organization is told in our book, *Hand Delivered Hope* <u>https://www.amazon.com/Hand-Delivered-Hope-Jimi-Cook/dp/1647731941</u>