RETOUCH

2018

year in review



With Gratitude

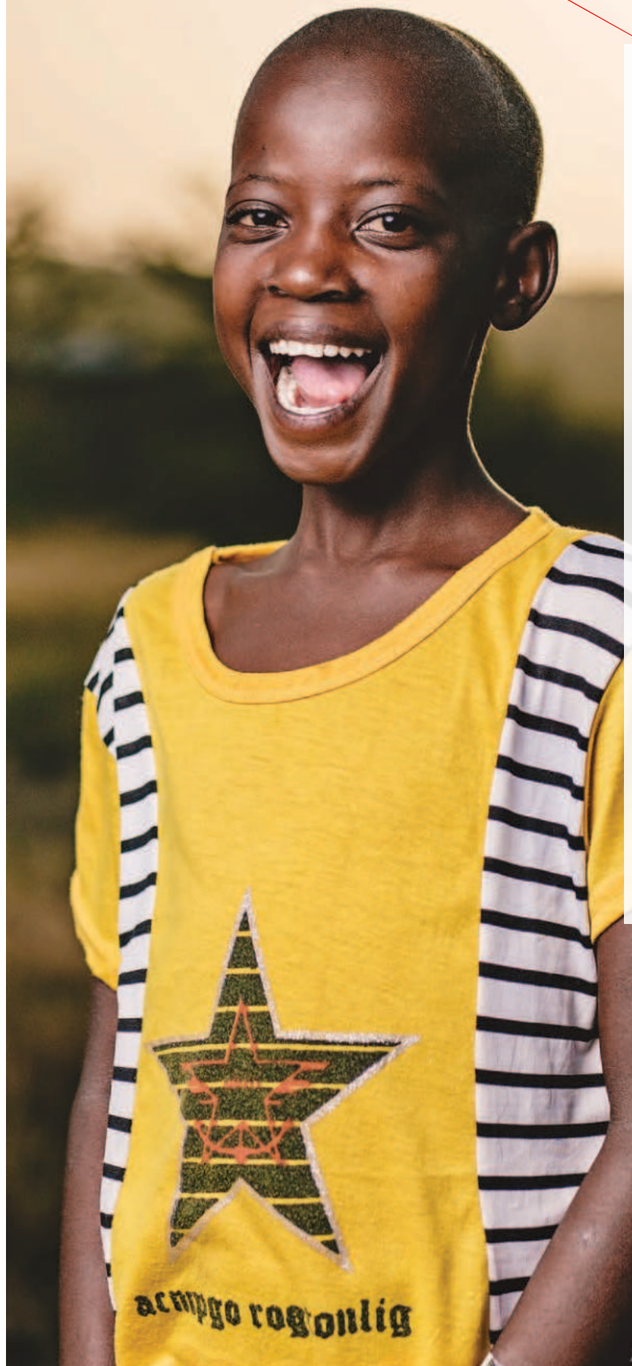
A LETTER FROM CHRIS + JENN



2018 was an amazing year for Retouch. After holding meetings in mud buildings for 3 years, we were finally able to open the doors to our brand new building! This was a dream we had back in 2015 when we first visited Birikani, and it was so wonderful to be a part of the opening celebration. This year has been one of great growth for our children. The students absolutely love going to school, and their English language skills are greatly improving. For Jennifer and I, it is a true joy to see their smiling faces and know that each of you played a part in changing their lives. This year was also special for us, as we learned we have a baby boy on the way! We are excited to welcome him to the world in the New Year, and can't wait for him to experience all that Africa has to offer. As you read through these pages, we hope you are inspired and encouraged by what God is doing in Kenya. Thank you for being such an important part of His story!

Lower Still,
CHRIS + JENNIFER HADSELL

Get to Know Kenya



49.7 million people
43 tribes
3.6 million children are orphans
16.4 million people live below the poverty line
26% of children are married by the age of 18
44 % of people do not have access to clean water

If Kenya were your home instead of the United States, you would...

have 2.1 times **more babies**
be 6.5 times more likely to be **unemployed**
use 98.88% less **electricity**
be 6.6 times more likely to **die in infancy**
be 82.95% less likely to be in **prison**
be 73.68% more likely to be **murdered**
be 10.2 times more likely to have **HIV/AIDS**
spend 99.5% less money on **health care**

* According to the CIA World Factbook

Our Vision

IS THAT EACH CHILD WOULD EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS THROUGH OUR EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS, AND IN TURN THEY WOULD TRANSFORM THEIR COMMUNITIES.

our sponsorship program

Our Sponsorship program has grown leaps and bounds this year, with the addition of many new students and 30 new monthly sponsors. Sponsoring a child is an amazing opportunity to directly impact the lives of our kids. The program seeks to empower students to make a difference in their community through quality education and Christian discipleship. Our kids are taught to dream of a better life and are then equipped with the practical skills to turn those dreams into reality. Each day they are taught about the love of Jesus, and we believe this is integral in their education. As they are coming to know Jesus, they are growing into mature Christian believers who can truly impact their community for good.

EDUCATION. Our education program provides children in at-risk communities with an opportunity they would not otherwise have. Paying school fees and tuition is often impossible for many families. The program provides financial assistance to families and we have seen dramatic changes in the lives of the kids as they begin to attend school. These children are already impacting their community for the glory of God.

252 kids sponsored

$45,000 in school feels given

11 different schools

FEEDING PROGRAM. Feeding hungry children is one area where we have seen the greatest impact. When we first began, we were taking 20+ children to the clinic each month due to malnutrition. After a short time of having 2 hot meals a day, their bodies have become strong and healthy, and we no longer make daily clinic runs.



310 kids eat daily

83,680
meals served this year

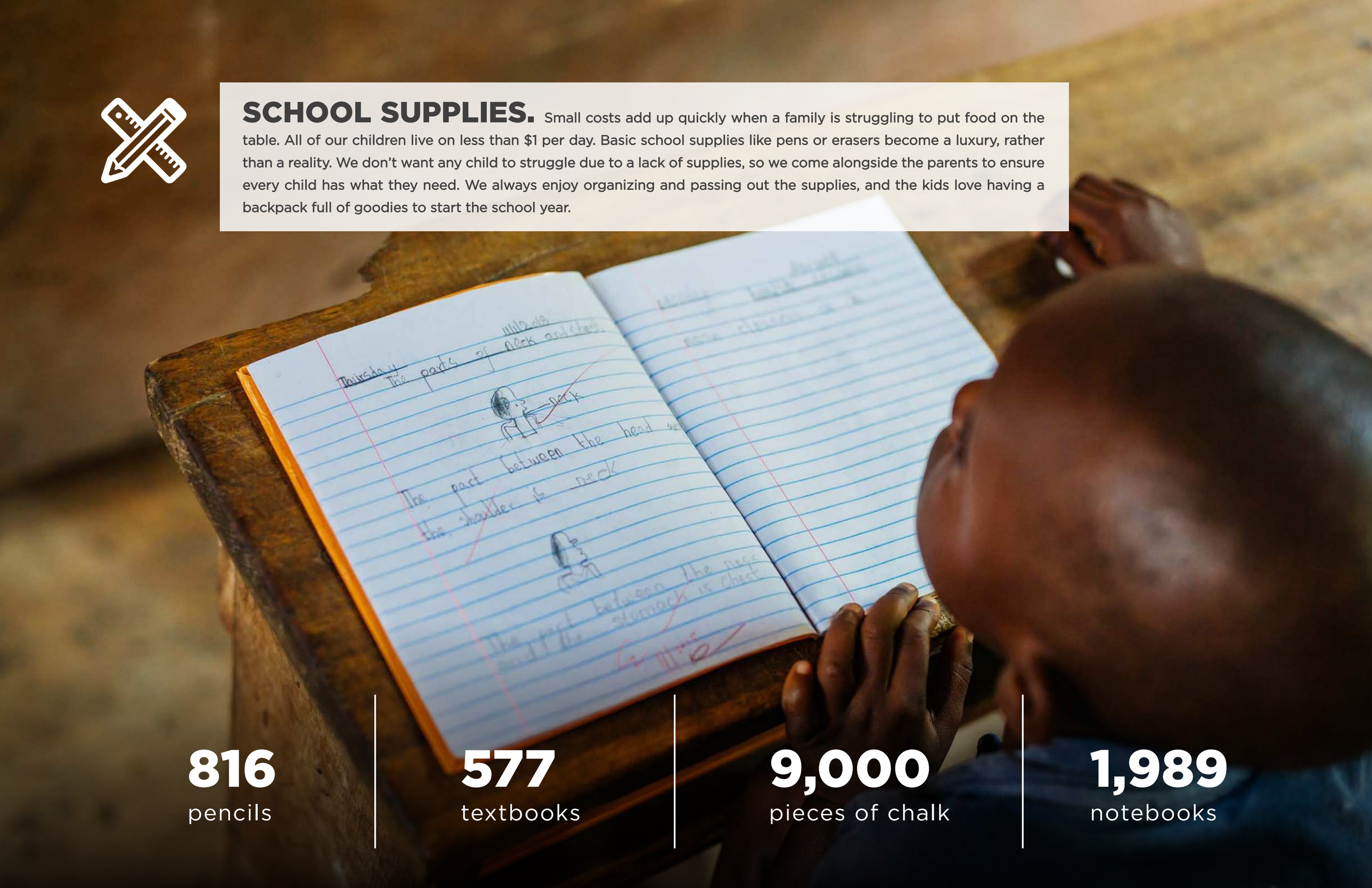
$14,000
worth of lunches

UNIFORMS. In Kenya, all children are required to have a school uniform, P.E. uniform, and black shoes. Most of our children only have one set of clothes, so they love receiving the new uniforms. They take great care of their uniforms, washing them everyday after school. A local seamstress measures the children and makes custom tailored uniforms to fit their growing bodies.

420 shirts + shorts

86 shoes

110 backpacks



SCHOOL SUPPLIES. Small costs add up quickly when a family is struggling to put food on the table. All of our children live on less than $1 per day. Basic school supplies like pens or erasers become a luxury, rather than a reality. We don't want any child to struggle due to a lack of supplies, so we come alongside the parents to ensure every child has what they need. We always enjoy organizing and passing out the supplies, and the kids love having a backpack full of goodies to start the school year.

816
pencils

577
textbooks

9,000
pieces of chalk

1,989
notebooks

DISCIPLESHIP. While education is important, it is not our ultimate goal. Our goal is for child to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We dream of children and adults, who are radically in love with Jesus and who go out from our programs to change their community. Each week the children are provided discipleship by our Kenya staff who encourage them to pray, worship, and live in holiness.

Our discipleship groups meet

every Saturday.

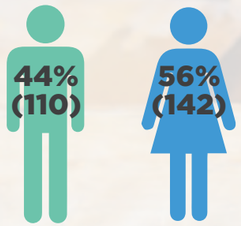
Often Home visits are done to encourage the families, as well as the kids, to stay in school and to address any issues at home.

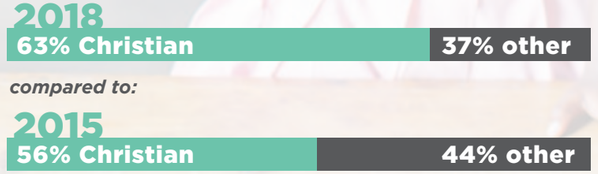
95% of our kids are now attending church.

Our Student Body:

Enrollment:





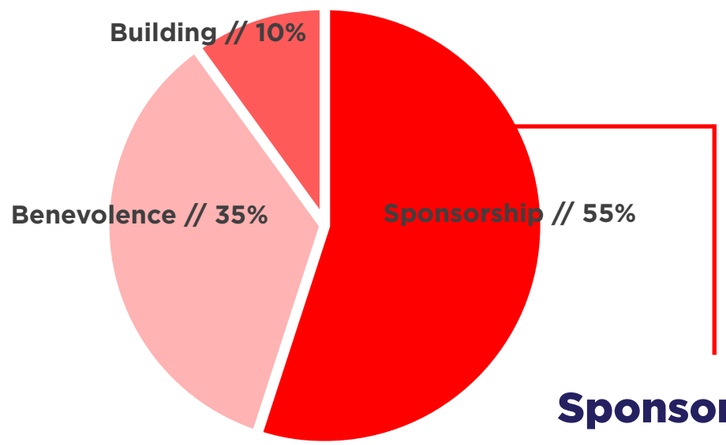


$72 *average household income per month*

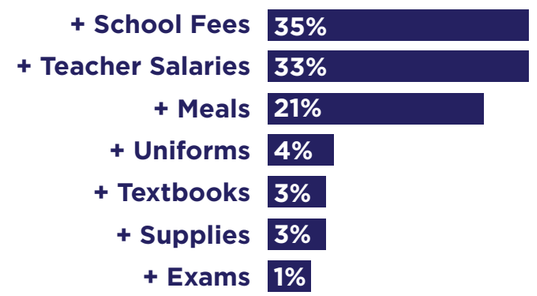
Where Does the Money Go?



Programs Breakdown:



Sponsorship Breakdown:





A hard goodbye.

In last year's newsletter, I had written a long article about our dear friend Seth Aura, a teacher in our local school. Seth had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and as a ministry we were helping him pay for treatment in Delhi, India. Seth was a wonderful man of God, loving, kind and gracious to everyone he met. Sadly, Seth passed away in August. Jennifer and I were heartbroken by the news, unsure how to respond, disappointed that God did not heal him, frustrated that the treatments didn't work, and constantly wondering if we could have done more. We're still not sure how to deal with the pain of losing our friend and we will miss Seth for many years to come. Thankfully, we were able to attend his funeral in western Kenya where there over 500 people in attendance. During the funeral, the Gospel was preached and over 20 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This was the greatest miracle we could have hoped for during his funeral, in spite of all the sorrow and pain, people received eternal life. We wanted to say thank you to everyone who donated toward Seth's treatments over the past few years, your kindness and generosity were a blessing to our friend and to us. May God richly bless you for your love.

Joy & Discipleship.

Our heart's desire is for the children to know Jesus, and to follow him as disciples. This year we were able to hire a new discipleship coordinator for the kids. Joy has a degree in Social work and also completed the Harvest School of Missions in Mozambique. She is originally from Nairobi, Kenya and now lives in the Mombasa area where she is serving with Retouch by hosting discipleship and mentorship programs specifically designed for our children. On our visit to introduce Joy to some of the teenagers, it was a surreal experience to see how they immediately opened up to her. We're excited to see how Joy helps shape the girls into Godly women!

The Shoe That Grows.

One of our most challenging issues is keeping up with the clothing needs of growing children. Ask any parent and they will tell you that their children quickly outgrow their clothes creating a large financial burden on the family. It's the same for us, only we have over 250 children! Last year, Jennifer found a ministry that makes the "Shoe that grows." The shoes expand in size enabling the child to use the same pair for up to 4 years. The shoes were outside of our budget so we began praying for God to provide for our kids. To our surprise, a Retouch donor generously bought 75 pairs of the "Shoe that Grows" and shipped them for us to distribute to the kids! We were overwhelmed by the thoughtful and timely gift. When we distributed the shoes, it was such an amazing day. It was so fun watching children who had never worn shoes get their first pair, many of them even walked like awkward ducks as they got used to having shoes on their feet. The children absolutely loved their new shoes and are so excited to grow together with them. We want to say a big thank you to the Billips family for organizing this wonderful gift.





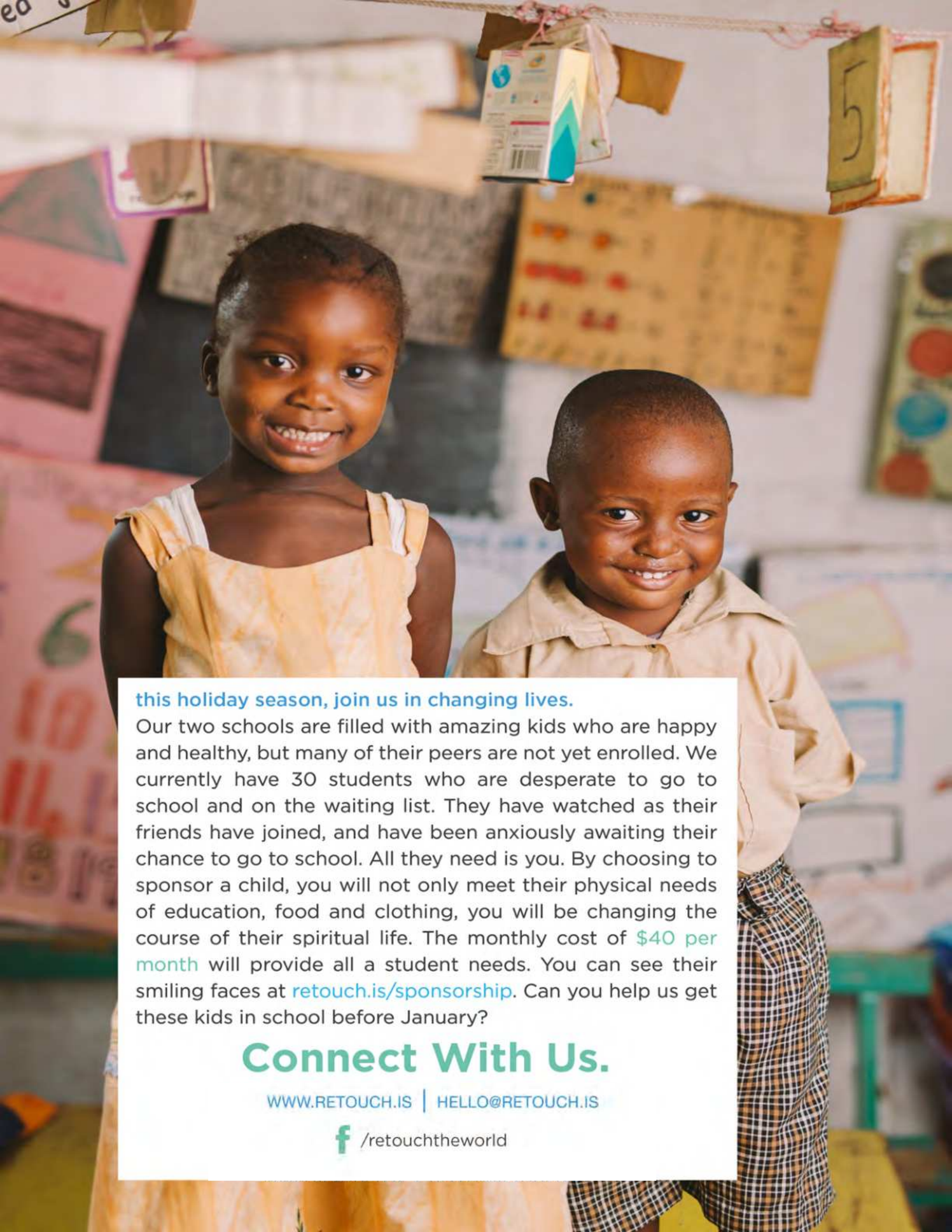
The Church is Open!

Just over three year ago, we sat in a small mud building with a handful of mamas. They wanted a pastor and a church. From those humble beginnings emerged a vision; we would build a church and a school. Earlier this year we dedicated the Birikani Church and school in a grand celebration that will be remembered for many years to come. With hundreds in attendance, including government officials and village elders, we fulfilled a dream that was three years in the making. It was truly a miracle in the village.

Snatched from Death.

Have you ever shared the Gospel with someone? Have you ever had someone ask you to share with them? That happened to me (Chris) in Birikani recently. I had preached that morning at Church and after the service I went around greeting the church members. In attendance that morning was a father from our local school. He had come looking for someone to save him. He had been struggling with evil spirits and was planning on committing suicide before deciding to come to Church that day. As I shook his hand, he asked if I would pray with him to become a Christian. Sometimes, if the person is desperate enough they will evangelize themselves! We sat and talked about following Jesus and what it means to be a disciple, the man became a believer that morning and is now a strong believer and leader in our local church!





this holiday season, join us in changing lives.

Our two schools are filled with amazing kids who are happy and healthy, but many of their peers are not yet enrolled. We currently have 30 students who are desperate to go to school and on the waiting list. They have watched as their friends have joined, and have been anxiously awaiting their chance to go to school. All they need is you. By choosing to sponsor a child, you will not only meet their physical needs of education, food and clothing, you will be changing the course of their spiritual life. The monthly cost of $40 per month will provide all a student needs. You can see their smiling faces at retouch.is/sponsorship. Can you help us get these kids in school before January?

Connect With Us.

WWW.RETOUCH.IS | HELLO@RETOUCH.IS

/retouchtheworld