

this holiday season, will you join us in changing lives?

Sponsorship has made a world of difference for our kids. We currently have 30 students who are desperate to go to school and on the waiting list. 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 www.retouch.is/sponsorship. Can you help us get these kids in school before January?

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RETOUCH 2019

year in review



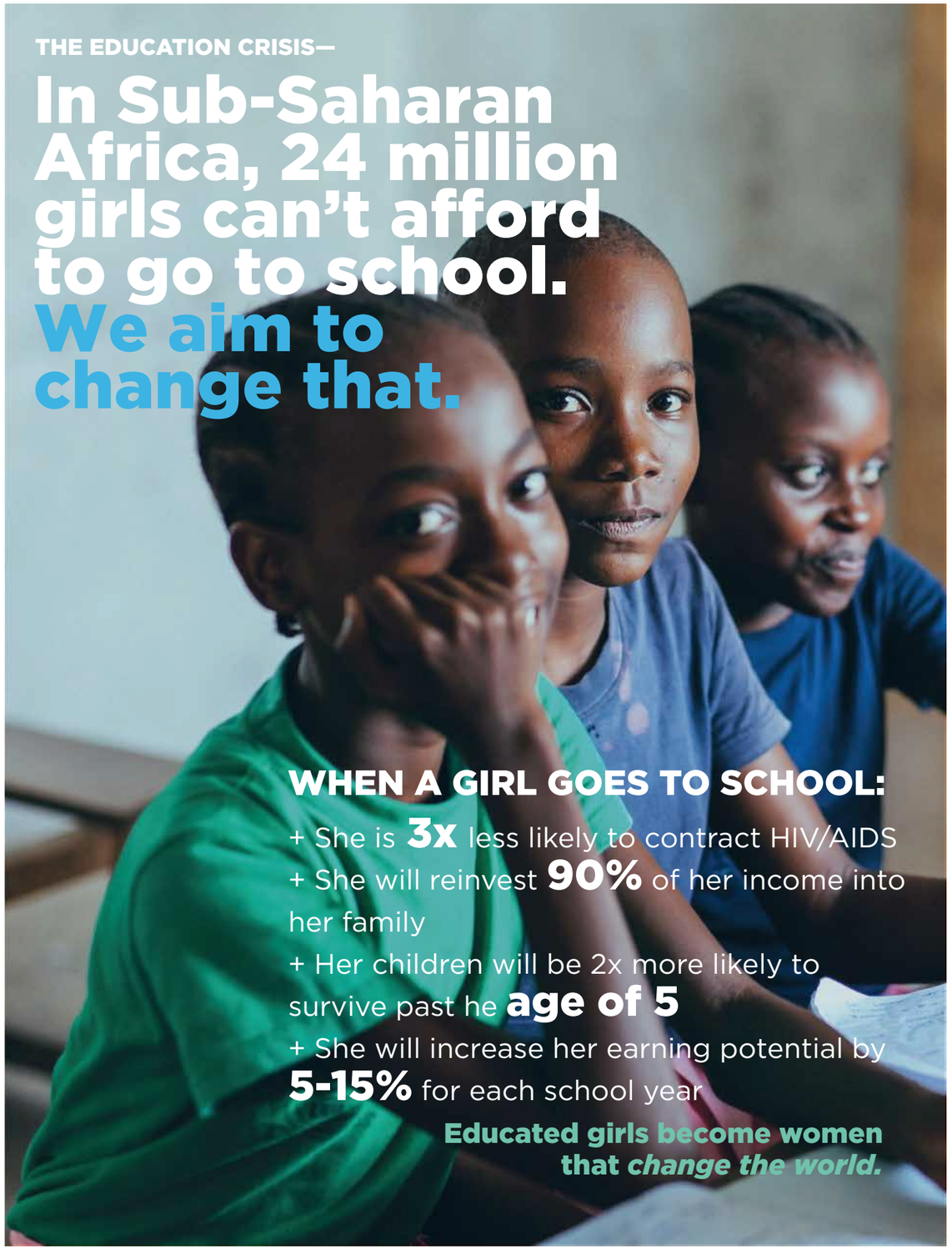
With Gratitude

A LETTER FROM CHRIS + JENN



It's been an amazing year for us here in Kenya. I feel like an incredible seed was planted 4 years ago, and now we are watching a large tree bear good fruit. When we received the land in Birikani, we never imagined that we would have almost 300 students, 3 permanent buildings, and a thriving church. God has been so faithful, and it is such a joy to see how much he loves Birikani. The students continue to impress us with their hard work and hearts for the Lord. The church has continued to grow, and the surrounding community is thriving. Our son, Judah, absolutely loves spending time with the kids and the mommas enjoy teaching him Swahilli. We know that each and every day is only possible through the grace of God, and through the incredible sacrifice of our supporters. Please know that every donation and every prayer are felt by us here, they are the fuel that keeps us going and we are so honored to partner with you in this incredible harvest.

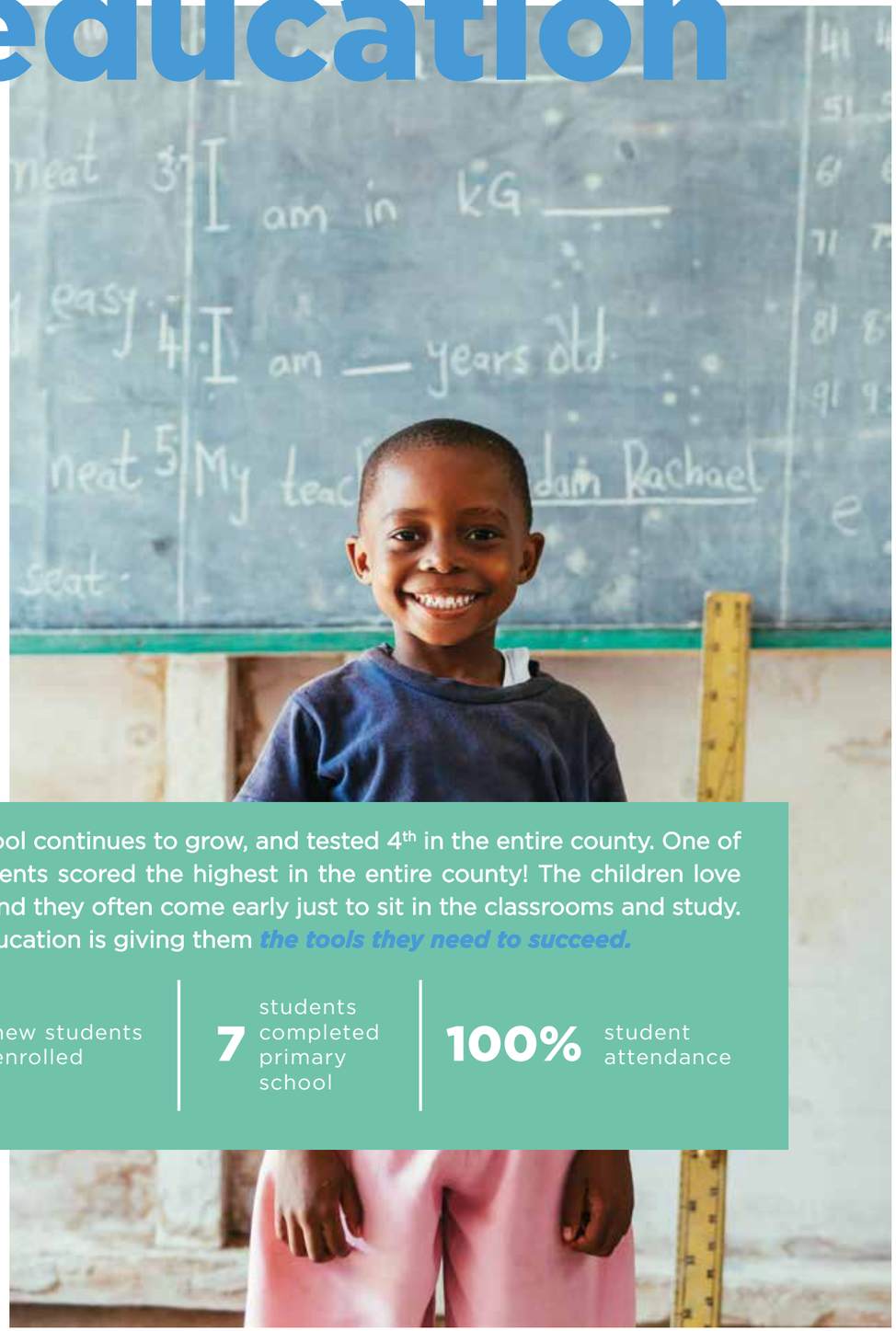
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CHRIS + JENNIFER HADSELL



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.

education



Our school continues to grow, and tested 4th in the entire county. One of our students scored the highest in the entire county! The children love school and they often come early just to sit in the classrooms and study. Their education is giving them ***the tools they need to succeed.***

42 new students enrolled

7 students completed primary school

100% student attendance

graduates



This year, we were honored to send 5 of our Graduates to vocational training school based on what career path they've chosen. Our Graduates are now studying in various fields including nursing, mechanics, driving and beauty school. We are so proud of each graduating student because they are the first in their family to ever attend primary school, much less graduate. We celebrate all of their hard work and dedication.

2 students graduated high school

2 students enrolled in university

5 graduates received vocational training

Discipleship.

Our discipleship program continues to grow. Christian teachers and leaders surround our students, and constantly share the love of Jesus with them. The students love the discipleship classes, and are growing into the men and women God created them to be.

Expansion.

The school has continued to out-grow itself with students in need. As more students enroll, there is an ever-increasing need for new classrooms. This year we added two new school buildings and are proud to say we have completely moved out of the mud classrooms. The school continues to be a beacon of hope to the community, and a testimony of God's faithfulness to the village.

8 new classrooms | **12** new latrines | **30** new desks

Tragedy and Triumph.

On April 28th, the district of Cabo Delgado in Mozambique, was devastated by the biggest cyclone it had ever seen. Villages surrounding where we live in Pemba were completely destroyed. We were charged with the task of delivering life-saving aid to those whose entire livelihoods were swept away in one night. Thanks to generous Retouch donors, we were able to provide **31,000 meals** to those who desperately needed it. The Cyclone was a terrible tragedy, but God always provides hope. Through the relief efforts, the door to a new people group has been flung open. The Mwani people are a completely unreached people-group, with less than 1% who follow Christ. They have been completely closed off to the Gospel, but when they saw that we came to aid them in their time of need, their hearts were open. We have seen many people come to know Jesus, and have been giving away Solar Bibles in their local dialect. Despite loosing their home, food and possessions, the Mwani people have begun to hope and dream thanks to the Gospel of peace that now lives in them.







The Heart Language.

When we first started working in Birikani, we were amazed at how rural the village truly was. The local dialect is Duruma, which has less than a 13% literacy rate. We realized that the members of our growing church were only able to access the Gospel on Sunday through the preaching. They have never seen a Bible, nor could they read it if they did. So began a journey to get the Bible in their heart language. Through the hard work of Wycliff translators, Duruma was amazingly available on Solar Audio Bible. The Retouch community came together and brought over 50 Bibles to the people of Birikani. We hosted a training day where they learned to use the device, and they got to hear the Bible in their heart language for the first time. Now the congregation has access to the Gospel for themselves, and the audio can often be heard through the village as mommas go about their washing, and fathers work in the fields.





The Benefits of Play.

We were absolutely honored when Relate Church approached us about taking a trip to visit. We began dreaming about how their group could get involved, and the idea of a playground was born. In our area of the world, children have never seen a playground before. School is for learning with pencils and books and straight-faced teachers. At Retouch, we believe school should be educational and fun. The group from Relate Church had the vision to make learning spark joy and excitement. In a one-week trip, they constructed the most amazing playground our area has ever seen. Complete with tall slides, swings and monkey bars, the playground was a huge success. We were worried at first that the children wouldn't know what to do, because they had never seen anything like it before. However, the kids rushed to the tallest slide and took turns whizzing down with huge smiles on their faces. We were reminded that laughing and playing hard are just as important as hard work, and that kids are kids no matter where in the world they live.



Cultures Collide.

It is always a joy to share our world with those who love and support the kids. This year we hosted three international teams that served our community so graciously. The trips included teacher trainings, church seminars, and construction.











The Shoe That Grows.

Our kids absolutely love their uniforms. They wash them everyday and take very good care of them. Before coming to school, many of them did not own shoes at all. It was a joy to pass out 150 new shoes that were generously donated. The joy on their faces was contagious and these special shoes will be able to adjust to stay with them for many years to come.



An Act of Love.

Colon and Stephanie Williams, two Retouch supporters and members of Relate Church, connected with a young boy named Tsuma when they visited our school. Tsuma is hard of hearing and isn't able to speak. They were touched by his smile and heart to serve, and they wanted to help improve his quality of life. They found an Audiologist in Nairobi and fundraised to get Tsuma hearing aids. Miraculously, he was seen, fitted and received hearing aids in only a few days. Now Tsuma is beginning the incredible journey of hearing and is so joyful about his new ability to hear.

Feeding Program.

The Feeding Program continues to thrive. It is one of the most impactful programs we have. Each day our kids eat two hot, nutritional meals. They no longer have to worry about where their next meal is coming from. There has been a huge decline in malnutrition in the village, and the kids are happier and healthier. Knowing their children have constant food has also relieved the burden from the parents. All of our families live well below the poverty line. Thanks so the feeding program, they are able to use what little money they have to better their family, rather than worrying about making it stretch for the next meal.