

Martha Mary and Me Foundation Inc

Annual Report 2023

Our Story

We sat in a hut made of mud and sticks in the bush of Maasai land in Kenya. Our hosts were very generous. The wife made us chia tea and the husband fed us a freshly killed goat. We sat in their home and humbly received what they joyfully gave. At the door of the hut a few little girls peered in to see the strange white visitors. What beautiful children.



After we returned to the states from our mission trip where we received much more than we gave, a group of us began wondering about the future of those little girls. We inquired about various charitable organizations, but none of them reached so far out in the bush. So, we began our own charitable organization, donating primarily from our own resources and created funds for these girls to go to school.

School is supposedly free. But there are fees for various necessities and even those small fees prevent many from attending. Martha Mary and Me Foundation Inc was established. Our mission was to enable these girls to attend school and thereby break the cycle of poverty.

Creating an arm of our foundation, "Save His Sheep" to assist with the recovery from the July 2022 devastating flooding in Eastern Kentucky, we have been in Letcher County which was hard hit and devoid of many resources since the week following the flood. Adding to our board with two Letcher County residents, Save His Sheep continues to bring in work teams to support flood survivors with the repair of their home, building homes and providing home appliances and furniture to the survivors who lost so much.

Our Mission

To be the hands and feet of Jesus where we feel called.

Our Vision

To live in a world where education, housing and entrepreneurial opportunities are equal regardless of gender, income and geography.

Board Members

Cordelia Schaber - President

Janet Martin - Secretary

Directors: Cordelia Schaber, Kelley Westwood, Cindy Nelson, Janet Martin, Cheryl Rogers, Carolyn Short and Kim Miles.

Scholarships

Scholarship funds were sent to support Nankao/Vivian Saidimu and Naikunyunyika/Naomi for the 2023 year. Vivian is doing an internship in a beauty salon and hopes to start her own business soon. She needs to complete another internship this year before she can proceed

with those plans. In Kenya it is necessary to pay fees to participate in internships. She completed her exams and is doing well. Naomi finished her current year and ranked 4th in her class. She is at a boarding school and the cost to support her include school fees and transportation needs.

Save His Sheep

Hosting over 18 work teams that logged over 9,500 hours, Save His Sheep volunteers assisted over 20 flood survivors with repairs to their homes damaged by the 2022 flood and, working with other nonprofits, four small homes were built for families whose homes were destroyed by the flood. \$8,000 was spent to provide washers and dryers to 19 families affected by the flood. In addition, over 7 trips were made bringing vital donations into Letcher County to be distributed by several donation sites.



Fundraising

A fundraiser for scholarships was held at the Roost Latonia in April. Through the generosity of those attending, we raised \$1,915. Save His Sheep held its 1st Annual Fundraiser – Providing Workers for the Harvest. With over 50 in attendance at Master Provisions in Florence, KY, \$8,700 was raised to continue the work in Letcher County.

Financial Information

In addition to the funds mentioned above, \$790 was received for donations for scholarships. This year \$4,300 was sent to support the two girls in Kenya. Save His Sheep received \$41,589 directly to be used for flood relief in Letcher County, Kentucky. Additionally, \$20,000 was received by Save His Sheep to be used for the construction and furnishing of the four small homes built in 2023 in partnership with other nonprofits and another \$11,000 to be used for building future small homes. \$52,749 was spent for flood relief expenses. An in-kind donation of a Box Truck valued at \$4,100 was donated by the Letcher County Food Pantry in appreciation for the work done to open the food pantry after the flood.