

Martha Mary and Me Foundation Inc

Annual Report 2024

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 year 2024. Vivian has finished her internship and plans to open her own beauty salon soon with the assistance of one of our board members. Naomi finished her current year with plans to

return. The last of our scholarship funds were sent in December 2024. Scholarships will no longer be a mission of the foundation after December 2024.

Save His Sheep

Hosting over 13 work teams with 133 members, SHS logged over 6,900 volunteer hours. These volunteers assisted over 11 flood survivors with repairs to their homes damaged by the 2022 flood and one elderly gentleman whose 110-year-old roof was leaking. Our work continued on the Colson Civic Center that was damaged during the 2022 flood, and, in addition, we were led to assist with the repairs on the Millstone Church of Grace that received major damage during the July 2022 flood. We also assisted flood survivors who lost their bathroom in the flood and another family whose floor was so damaged there were literally holes in their kitchen and bathroom floors from the flood. For the third year in a row, we participated in a Christmas event at the Colson Civic Center that hosted over 250 members of community. Thanks to a donation of chairs and tables to the Civic Center the people who came were able to have a warm place to sit and wait until the children could get in to see Santa and hear about Jesus.



Fundraising

While no fundraiser was held in 2024, we received several large donations that allowed us to continue our flood recovery work in Letcher County.

Financial Information

Scholarship donations of \$1,854 were received. The amount sent for scholarships was \$2,584 and, as stated above, closed our fund for scholarships. Save His Sheep received \$39,227 in donations directly to be used for flood relief in Letcher County, Kentucky. \$36,943 in expenses for flood survivors were reimbursed by the Letcher County Disaster Long Term Recovery Group. In 2024, \$10,600 was received from groups for accommodation fees with \$11,400 in expense. \$65,893 was spent for home repair expenses.