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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### STEVE WALL-SMITH

It has been my great honor and privilege to serve for the last year as the president of the Foundation for Orphans board of directors. I am humbled and inspired by the dedication of other board members, volunteers, and donors, as well those empowered to serve orphans in Mozambique by the efforts of all the others. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done, are doing, and will yet do for vulnerable children on this fragile and strife-torn planet. Special thanks to F4O's tireless Executive Director, Dr. Wayne Lavender.

The year just past was a pivotal one for F4O's work. Funding for projects in Dondo, Monapo, and Lichinga nearly doubled over the previous year. F4O was able to provide assistance not only for building new facilities, but for repairing typhoon damage to the dormitory and classroom buildings in Dondo. College campus chapters of F4O have been established and are expected to grow the next generation of leadership for the organization. F4O's finances have been officially audited and certified to be in order. We continue planning another House for Children in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



As next year's slate of officers takes up new responsibilities, I pray for a prosperous 2020 with many opportunities to serve, for open eyes to see the needs of children, and open hearts that answer those opportunities and needs, "Here I am. Send me."



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### REV. WAYNE LAVENDER, PH.D.

2019 has been a **GREAT YEAR** for the Foundation 4 Orphans. I invite you to read this report and look at the pictures to see our achievements. It was a great year!

I have three memories of my work with F4O from 2019 that I want to share with you: I hope these words and accompanying photos can help bring you there with me.



① I was invited to speak at several churches and the University of Auckland, New Zealand, in the wake of the Christchurch Mosque Shootings that took place on March 15, 2019. I traveled to Auckland in May and, after meeting my speaking engagements, was able to travel to Christchurch and attend prayer services and, because I was there during the holy month of Ramadan, share several Iftar meals with my new Muslim brothers and sisters at both of the mosques where the shootings took place.

My strongest memory was a meeting I had with survivors, widows and orphans from the shooting at the Lynwood Mosque, which had been arranged by the Imam for me after we had met the day before. Although I don't have any photos of that meeting, the image remains fixed in my mind.

Following the meeting, we went outside where a group of New Zealanders were laying fresh flowers on the makeshift memorial. We were all overcome with emotion – and the tears flowed easily. The police officer assigned to protect the mosque came over with tissues, and shared that moment with us.

We live in a world where orphans are created on a daily basis from war and violence, poverty and disease. Our work is critical.

② I traveled to Mozambique with a team of five this past August. While there I had the opportunity to visit Mozambique Island, where Portugal first colonized Mozambique and from which they ruled the nation for 500 years. We took a tour of the governor's palace and fortress, both of which are museums now. I stood by the gate through which captured Mozambiquan men and women, boys and girls, passed through on their way to slave ships that would take them to the "new world."

After pausing for a moment of prayer and reflection, I continued looking around and discovered that only a short walk and one wall separated the area where the people were being herded towards slavery from the Portuguese chapel. I imagined Europeans worshipping in their chapel while others were being dragged towards slavery. What were these men and women thinking? Lord, have mercy.

③ A week later we had the opportunity to be with 25 boys and girls at our new House For Children in Dondo, Mozambique. We spent three days with them. It was a wonderful experience.

The highlight of that trip was renting a bus and traveling to a public ocean beach in Beira, about 20 miles away from Dondo. We swam, played games and had a meal on the beach. It is a day I will never forget and, I believe, one these children will not forget either. Only one of them had ever seen the ocean before, and none had ever been in the water.



The Foundation 4 Orphans lifts communities through service to orphans and vulnerable children. On behalf of myself, our board of directors and the children we serve, my profound thanks. With your help and support, it is my prayer that 2020 will allow us to continue to grow in our work and service. I invite you to come along for the journey.

IN PEACE

*Wayne Lavender*



This past fiscal and calendar year have brought great success and accomplishments for the Foundation 4 Orphans, although much work needs to be done if we are to end the orphan crisis / epidemic taking place around the world. Here are a few of our major achievements:



- ✓ The boy's dormitory in Dondo was completed in December, 2018, allowing the boys to split off from the one dorm where all of the children were living together. Now there is a boy's and girl's dormitory, in addition to the education center, the director's house and temporary refractory. The children eat, study and socialize in the education center.
- ✓ Following the devastating Typhon Adai, the Foundation 4 Orphans was able to secure grants and donations to cover and repair the roofs for the four above mentioned buildings whose roofs were blown off. Initially, we sent \$2,050 – these funds were used to purchase large tarps to cover the four buildings, plus some emergency funds for food and water. Subsequently, we sent another \$15,000 that covered the cost of replacing the roofs permanently.
- ✓ We had two successful fundraisers: one at the Best Western in North Haven, CT., the other at the Lounsbury House in Ridgefield, Connecticut.
- ✓ We established a relationship with the Leir Foundation in Ridgefield, Connecticut, by holding an event at their retreat center.
- ✓ We established a relationship with The Children's Center of Hamden(TCCOH) and its CEO Dan Lyga. TCCOH works with American "orphans and vulnerable children." We expect great things from this relationship in the coming years.

- ✓ We completed our first audit, a voluntarily one that came back clean but with some much-needed suggestions on how to use better accounting methods that will be useful as we continue to grow.
- ✓ We created our first documentary, a 28-minute video that we have posted on our website and can be shown at speaking engagements, churches, synagogues, mosques, universities and service clubs.
- ✓ I visited New Zealand and brought words of grace and peace, mercy and love to the survivors, widows and orphans of the horrific shootings in two mosques in Christchurch.
- ✓ We established student chapters of F4O at Quinnipiac University and Virginia Wesleyan University. It is our intention to spread to as many colleges and universities as possible in the future.
- ✓ We began sending funds for our newest House For Children in Lichinga, Mozambique. We still need an additional \$30,000 to complete this project..
- ✓ We have identified and visited a site for our next House For Children in Nampula Province – that will be located in Monapo, Mozambique. The government will be donating a 2-hectare (~5 acres) piece of land to the United Methodist Church of Monapo. This will be a GREAT location for our next community-based House For Children as it is near schools, fields, a hospital and church.

# OUR WORK



Our work is primarily in Mozambique, although we also work with orphans and vulnerable children in the Kurdish Region of Iraq and at the Children's Center of Hamden. Further, we have plans to expand into the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania. Every week I receive emails asking us to expand into other nations where there is an orphan crisis, from Asia through Africa into Central and South America. The need is great.

Here are our major accomplishments in Mozambique. This includes a House For Children that was funded and constructed while I served as the pastor of the New Milford United Methodist Church in New Milford, Connecticut.

For no apparent reason, we began in the South and have been working further towards the north through the years, although that pattern is about to change!



The site for our fourth House For Children has been selected in **MONAPO**. We will fundraise for it this year and hope to begin construction in 2021. It will be for 48 children.

Our third House For Children is under construction in **LICHINGA** right now. We expect it to be completed in 2020 and be home for 48 children.

Our second House For Children, just named the Mama Nocia HFC, is in **DONDO** and was constructed from 2016 – 2018. Today 24 children call it home with 12 more children expected in the near future.

Our first House For Children (HFC), the Carolyn Beleshe HFC, is in **CAMBINE** and was constructed from 2003 – 2005. Today 65 children call it home and several hundred have called it home during the past 15 years.

# F4O OUR MISSION

WE LIFT COMMUNITIES BY SERVING ORPHANS.



F4O lifts both donor communities, those that give, and receiving communities, those that accept our gifts. We know that when we give, we receive. We also know the desperate conditions in these nations, and know how much love we can generate and how many lives we can save through the construction of a House For Children.

We keep moving forward, funding the construction of Houses For Children in Mozambique and beyond, at the direction of the religious and governmental leaders there. We save one life at a time and provide them with the educational, emotional, physical and spiritual resources they otherwise do not receive.

**On a larger scale, however, our goal is to mitigate and, eventually, eliminate the suffering of orphans and vulnerable children around the world. It is our ultimate goal to light a fire that can and will spread across denominational and faith lines, uniting Christians, Jews and Muslims in caring for these precious children as our respective sacred texts command us all to do.**

- The Jewish Hebrew Scriptures ... calls on its followers to care for orphans 29 times.
- The Christian Bible ... calls on its followers to care for orphans 31 times.
- The Muslim Qur'an ... calls on its followers to care for orphans 22 times.

## YOU CAN HELP.

- ✓ Pray for and help orphans and vulnerable children in your community and around the world.
- ✓ Make a donation to F4O.
- ✓ Invite me or an F4O board member to speak in your house of worship, school or service club.
- ✓ Start a chapter at your college or university.



# F4O OUR FUTURE

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**  
LUBUMBASHI  
Rev. Kanyimb Mbaz (Caleb)

**TANZANIA**  
MWANZA  
Rev. Fernando Matsimbe

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
LOCATION TBA

**SWAZILAND**  
LOCATION TBA

**MADAGASCAR**  
LOCATION TBA

Our goal is to continue to serve orphans and vulnerable children where asked. We have developed a great program and system in Mozambique, where we know the bishop (Joaquino Nhanala), her assistant (Jacob Jenhuro), the pastors, church and governmental leaders. Mozambique is a nation that has an estimated one million orphans and, so, we have barely scratched the surface. Bishop Nhanala has identified five other locations in which she would like us to construct five more Houses for Children.

Bishop Nhanala is the resident bishop of Mozambique, and also neighboring South Africa, Swaziland and Madagascar. She has asked that we fund Houses For Children in these nations as well.

Further, through contacts and commitments we have already made, we will continue to seek individuals or communities that are willing to fund Houses For Children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Tanzania.



# FINANCIALS (AUDITED)

	2017	2018	2019
<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$35,575.87	\$65,996.94	\$59,010.81
<b>Total Income</b>	\$93,266.23	\$50,372.37	\$105,299.46
<b>Expenses</b>			
Bank and Corporation Fees	\$65.44	\$29.20	
Services			
Communications	\$2,299.08	\$2,726.34	
Consulting	\$2,000.00		
Postage	\$262.05	\$220.00	\$333.50
Printing and Publications	\$2,018.18	\$965.90	\$5,497.34
Equipment	\$3,351.64	\$785.21	
Web Services			\$5,967.00
Supplies		\$671.53	\$2,133.78
Payroll taxes		\$4,313.92	
Annual Report		1,200.00	\$2,340.00
Fees	\$59.94	\$268.37	
Dondo Orphanage Construction	\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$17,000.00
Dondo Cyclone Idai Repairs			\$17,050.00
Cambine Cyclone Dineo Repairs	\$8,200.00		
Salaries	\$4,867.50	\$12,000.00	\$11,082.08
IRS Payment			\$1,836.00
Travel	\$2,913.06	\$11,978.93	\$21,053.40 ***
Honoraria	\$1,654.00	\$950.00	\$210.00
Fundraising Events		\$1,250.00	\$10,703.16
Errata	\$276.26		\$240.34
Lounsbury House Deposit			\$3,750.00 ****
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$62,845.16	\$57,358.50	\$99,196.52
<b>Closing Balance</b>	\$65,996.94	\$59,010.81	\$67,575.29

\* F4O's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

\*\* F4O's first audit was conducted by Carl Englehardt from December 18 – December 30, 2019. The full audit can be found on our website at [www.f4o.org](http://www.f4o.org).

\*\*\* Approximately 50 percent of this expense was offset by direct income from persons who traveled with me to Mozambique in August, 2019.

\*\*\*\* Returned after our events

## FUND ALLOCATION

Webster Bank Account	
<b>June 30, 2019 Balance</b>	\$67,575.29
DRC House for Children	\$20,975.00
Dondo Repair	\$858.00
Lichinga Construction	\$39,629.70
Un-Restricted	\$6,112.59



INTRODUCES



## SEEKING ONE THOUSAND GIFTS OF HOPE AND LOVE

In an effort to establish an endowment to help offset our operational costs, F4O's board of directors is undertaking a campaign to find one thousand donors willing to contribute \$1,000 each for a total of \$1,000,000. We are naming this K4O because the letter "K" is a symbol for one thousand. Likewise, we could call this program "K X K 4 F4O," if you follow my drift!



Will you prayerfully consider making a gift of HOPE AND LOVE to F4O this year? Donations can be a one-time donation via check, cash, credit card or stock transfer, or could be done via ten monthly donations of \$100, or 20 monthly donations of \$50.

We will invest these funds in a secure and safe account.

Donors names will appear permanently on our website and inscribed on stepping stones at the new F4O retreat center in Hamden, Connecticut. These gifts of love can be made in memory or honor of someone, or any other idea you choose.



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4 Orphans  
builds bridges  
of peace!”**

- Rev. Wayne Lavender, Ph.D.

