

# KULEA CHILDCARE VILLAGES



2024  
ANNUAL REPORT



# FROM OUR DIRECTOR

**Faithfulness.** This is a theme as I reflect on all that we saw in 2024 and pray for all that is ahead of us in 2025. I am looking forward with expectation to how we will serve God and help more children and babies. God has been so faithful, and YOU have been faithful in your support of a child, children or babies. What we do changes the trajectory of a child's life in a miraculous way!

We began in 2010 supporting 4 children in Tanzania. Fifteen years later, we have helped 297 babies and children in Kenya and Tanzania, and this has helped their families, too. These are just numbers while the stories of impact are shared through social media and newsletters. It is wonderful to see many are opening and reading the newsletters. Urgent prayer needs are also shared through a special prayer email.

Thank you for your prayers for us and your faithful and generous support. It is such a privilege to bring help and hope to each child, baby and family in Jesus' name.

In His grace,

**DEBORAH BROWN MAGAYA**

Executive Director

## OUR MISSION & VISION

The **mission** of Kulea Childcare Villages is to equip families with the skills needed to care for orphans and vulnerable children in their community.

We **envision** a community where all children have a safe home, food, education, and medical care.

## OUR BELIEF

Every child deserves  
**a family  
education  
3 meals a day  
to know the love of God**



Deborah B. Magaya

## OUR FAITH

A father to the fatherless,  
a defender of widows is  
God in His holy dwelling.  
God sets the lonely in  
families . . .

Psalm 68: 5-6

# OUR WORK; OUR TEAMS

Kulea Villages supports babies and children in Kenya and Tanzania who are referred by hospitals, government social workers, schools and churches. After a home visit to verify the need, our services begin. Babies and children are supported within the context of their own immediate or extended family. These families are living in absolute poverty and so one of our goals is to help caregivers establish a small business.

Families are struggling with a myriad of deep problems such as grief, a life change from accepting to raise a baby or child after the mother died, abandonment or unfaithfulness of a husband (or wife), depression, untreated illness, homelessness, mental illness, alcoholism, loss of job, hunger or malnutrition, oppression and even abuse. Some report issues with witchcraft. In addition to providing food/nutrition and school assistance we do a LOT of counseling with each family.

Our teams in Tanzania and Kenya provide a balance of compassionate listening, advising, connecting needs to resources and sometimes administering tough love. They feel privileged to serve God through Kulea Villages and do so many unseen things like record keeping, filing reports, home visits, taking photos. They make many home visits every week and document each one.

Supporting our staff members in Tanzania and Kenya is a wonderful team of part-time staff who help with finance, sponsorship coordinating, communication with donors, newsletters, grant writing, Homeland Security checks, and so many other things.

## It Takes a Village!



**Tanzania Staff**  
**Paul, Mercy, Herieth, Robert, Sia**



**Kenya Staff**  
**Dalmas, John, Duncan**



**USA Staff**  
**Leigh, Tahrea, Amy**



# CHILD SPONSORSHIP

In Child Sponsorship we had 5 children exit or graduate from our program in 2023. Nine new children have been enrolled and we expect an additional 3 - 4 during the year. 42 sponsored children were loved, fed, & clothed by a family member in 2024.

**EDUCATION** Kulea helped children with school fees, transportation to school, and school supplies. Some were also helped with crisis support for items like food, medicine, or clothes.

**INCREASING NEEDS** We are finding more children in unsafe living conditions than in past years, particularly in Tanzania. In early 2025 we are intervening in 4 unsafe homes: rebuilding one traditional home that had no roof, digging a new latrine, buying 5 beds and mattresses and adding a roof over children's bedrooms in 2 sponsors.

**ONE CHILD'S STORY** Mwema was referred for school support in early 2023. He was suffering from sickle cell anemia and malnutrition and appeared depressed at age 12. His mother looked so worried. Fast forward 2 years and his mother is running TWO small businesses and has even participated in the Dar Business EXPO which is a big deal! Mwema was moved to a school near home so he is able to live at home allowing his mother to monitor his condition. We provided a bed for him and covered his medical treatment plus put him on vitamins. His body pain is much less now and he gained weight. Mwema was able to meet one of his sponsors in August 2024 which he was proud of (though he acted embarrassed) and his mother was able to share her business with Kulea's Maisha Matters women and the August mission team. Mwema exited sponsorship in December because he feels good, knows how to manage his disease and his mother is now making enough money to support the two of them long-term. This is an example of the great impact our sponsorship program has on a family.

*"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:1-3*



## Our Tanzania kids!



Marcia, meets her sponsored child



Mwema with his sponsor, Trey

## Our Kenya kids!



Dorcas at school



Sweet Elizabeth, ready for school!

# MAISHA MATTERS

When a mother dies in childbirth, a poor **family's greatest challenge with the newborn is the lack of milk**. Likewise when a woman in poverty delivers twins or triplets, she cannot produce enough milk for them primarily because of her own malnutrition. Some families give the baby to an orphanage while others take the baby home and feed him/her porridge, tea, or cow's milk. The baby becomes critically malnourished and ends up back at the hospital. We lost three baby girls during 2024, because of the above scenario. By the time the baby was taken to the hospital and referred to us, she was so critically ill from hunger that she could not recover.

Maisha Matters was created to change this outcome with proper nutrition and so that babies can be raised by their family. In 2024 we began the year having already helped 128 babies since 2021. By the end of the year we had a total enrollment - since we started - of 203 babies. We see about 68 babies each week. We taught business skills to 24 caregivers and set up 19 businesses.

**One Story of Impact** Najma was referred at 28 days old after her mother died at home suddenly from a severe headache. The baby's grandmother immediately stopped running her small business of selling women's dresses to care for Najma. She needed help with formula, food and other necessities. About two months later, as things were going fine, Kulea's social worker received an emergency call in the middle of the night from the grandmother. She said two men had come to her home during the night saying that they can provide formula. Then they asked to see the baby and to carry her to which the grandmother said no, not until daylight as the baby is sleeping. She said to come back then. Kulea's social worker called Paul, our Country Director, who called the local government leader of her neighborhood immediately (he is called a mjumbe). He quickly organized 4 men to go to her home to catch the two men, but they escaped. The mjumbe advised her to increase her security at home and he was sure the men were trying to abduct the baby. This was a scary moment, but life went on fine after that. Najma's grandmother was later set up with a small business and baby Najma was very healthy at age one when they left the Maisha Matters program.

**THANK YOU for PRAYING FOR this important work.**



**NUTRITION**



**WEEKLY TRAINING**



**CRISIS SUPPORT**



**BUSINESS SET-UPS**

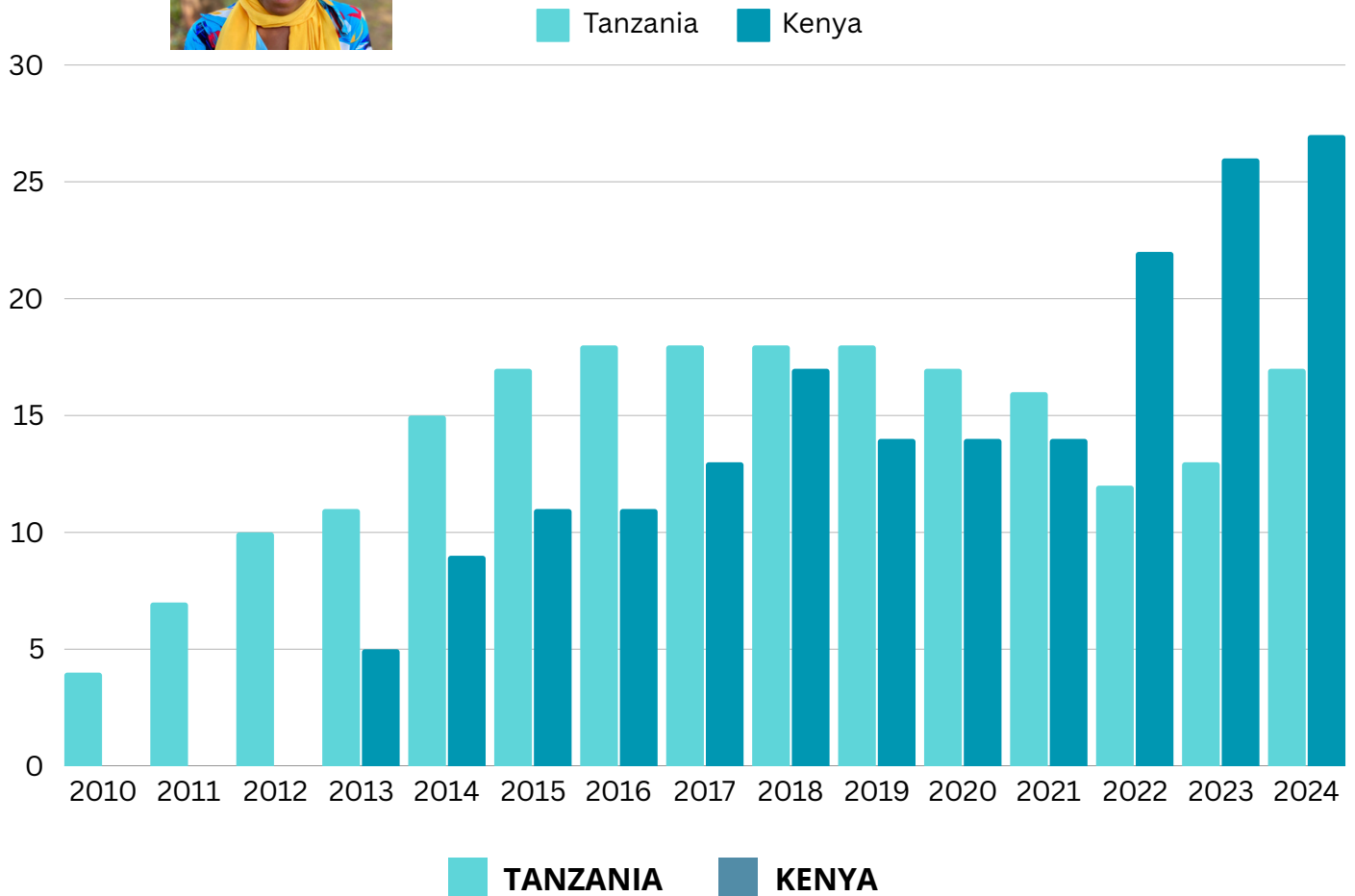


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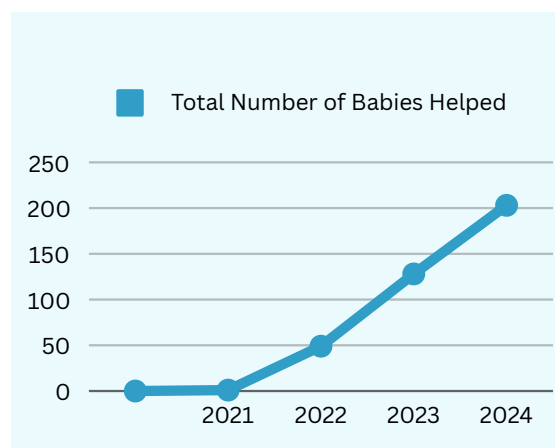
# ENROLLMENT by YEAR



## 1. Sponsored Children



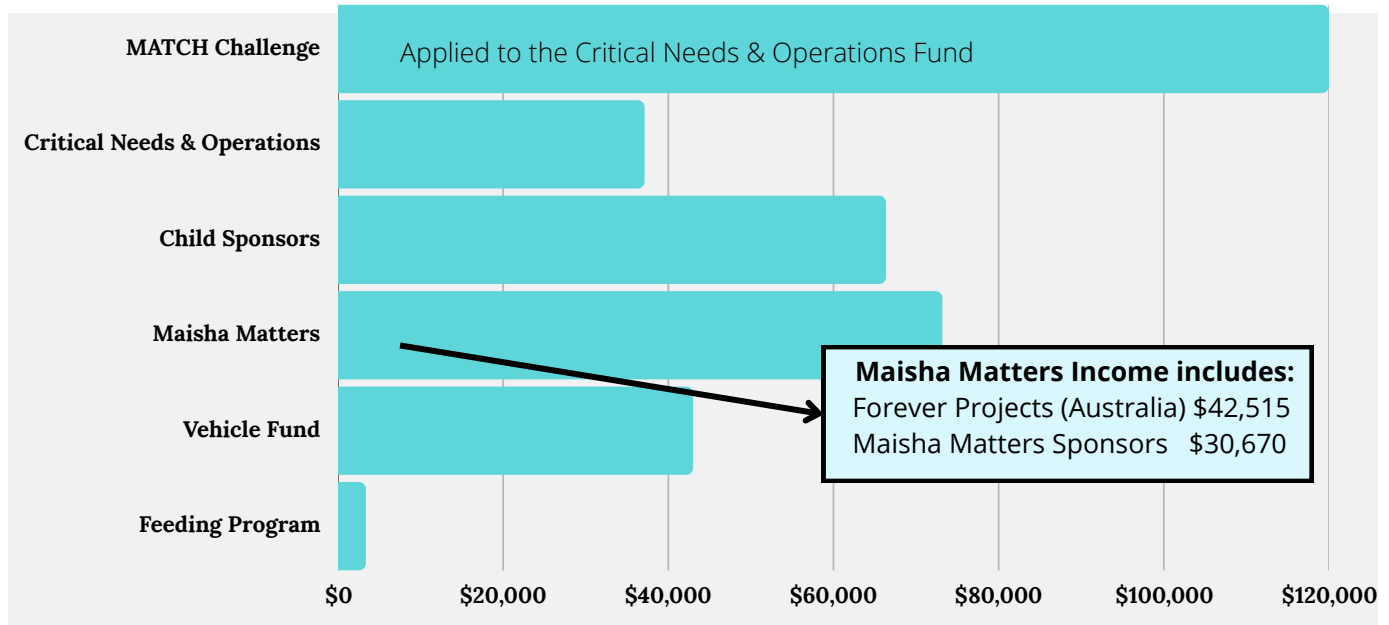
## 2. Maisha Matters Babies (Tanzania)



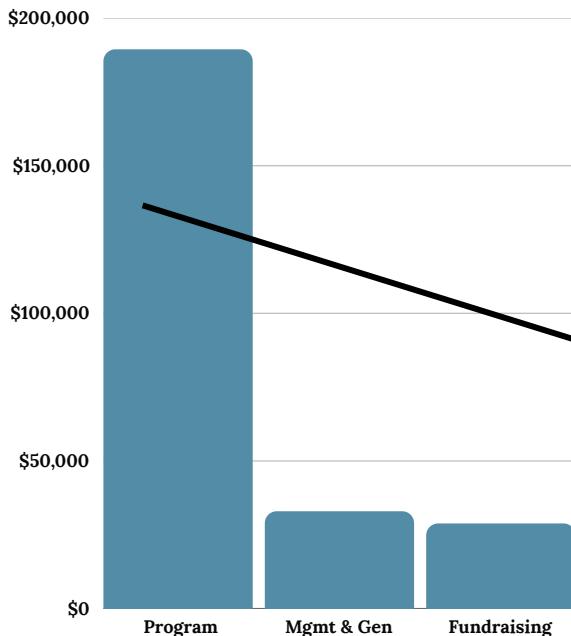
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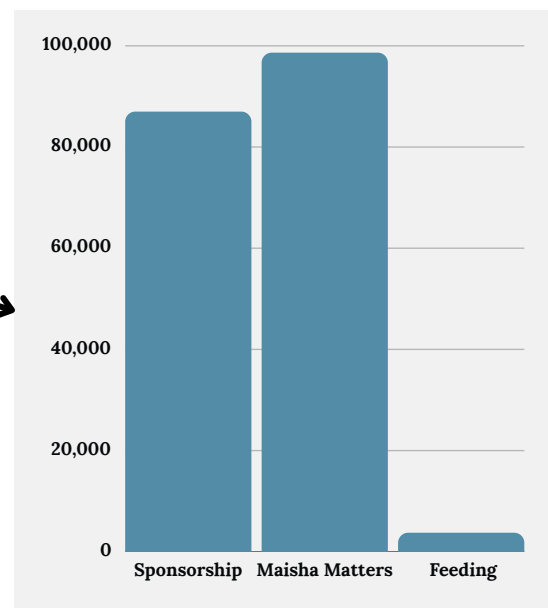
### SOURCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS (\$328,280)



### EXPENSES (\$251,225)



#### Breakdown by Program







Note: 2024 was the last year for the Feeding Program. Food assistance will be given through Sponsorship or Maisha Matters.

Reportable Income (W2s for all salaries): \$72,400.

*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38*



# HIGHLIGHTS of 2024

- Enrolled 16 new children in Child Sponsorship 
- Blessed by visits in Tanzania from 5 different small groups of **local Tanzanian volunteers** who came with many donations
- Inspired & greatly encouraged by an amazing **mission team** from Fellowship Church of Kyle, Texas - Dar es Salaam
- Purchased a **4WD Toyota Land Cruiser** thanks to friends of Kulea!
- Sent 10 students to **PWA High School** located in Naivasha, Kenya; students traveled from Mombasa
- Began 2024 with 128 babies  enrolled at Maisha Matters since 2021; added 75 new babies; total enrollment since we opened: 203
- Gave out 5,288 cans of formula!
- God provided \$120,000 through His people during the MATCH challenge fundraiser 
- Increased our USA team to 1 full-time and 3 part-time staff positions (up from 2 part-time staff)
- Completed in Kenya all steps to restart the Kulea Villages NGO there for continued growth in the sponsorship program
- Received increased gap funding for Maisha Matters from Forever Projects, Australia; so we never turned a baby away in 2024 
- Paul Magaya was interviewed for 20 minutes on a morning talk show called Morning Trumpet on AZAM national TV, a Tanzania station. Many calls for help after the segment aired...
- Featured on a podcast of Fellowship Church as Paul and Deborah shared how Kulea started and what we do now
- Visited in Tanzania by several individual volunteers from the USA during the year



# 2024 MOMENTS



Thank you for helping us do so much for families and children in 2024.  
Join us in 2025 with a donation now. Note: Our Annual MATCH CHALLENGE is our most important fundraiser each year and begins April 14 and ends June 2.

[DONATE NOW](#)

**To give by credit card, click the link above.**

**To give by check, write it to Kulea Villages and mail to:**

**P.O. Box 333, Atkinson, NH 03811**

To give specifically to Child Sponsorship or to Maisha Matters please visit our website at [www.kuleavillages.org](http://www.kuleavillages.org)