

KULEA CHILDCARE  
VILLAGES

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



*Keeping Children in Families*

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# FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Kulea Villages moved forward, accomplishing our mission in 2022. I am grateful for each person who sees this work as important enough to support it.

We grew in numbers of children/babies supported, number of businesses started, number of staff members and number of other organizations we are networked with. Our feeding program provided excellent support for nutritious lunches every day at Hilltop School (Kenya) and helped 8 families in Tanzania who were starving.

We began 2022 with 1 baby in Maisha Matters and by the end of the year we had enrolled 41 babies. That's 41 who are healthy and not in an institution. We taught business skills to over 20 caregivers and began to set up their businesses. Our first baby "graduated" from the one-year program in November.

Students in Child Sponsorship program are excelling! Several older ones are studying music performance, tailoring and tourism management. We doubled the number going to PWA High in Kenya. All Kulea students are grateful to be in school.

I am praying for God to rescue more babies, children and families in 2023 through us. Please pray and support as we share God's love and keep children in families.

## MISSION AND 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.



We believe every child deserves  
**a family**  
**education**  
**3 meals a day**  
**to know the love of God**



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

Psalm 68:5-6



# IMPACT IN 2 COUNTRIES, 3 PROGRAMS

In 2022, there were 187 beneficiaries of our child sponsorship programs in Tanzania and Kenya and 175 who benefitted from our support at Maisha Matters. (Beneficiaries are all those living in the child's home). The lives of these 356 people improved in 2022 due to our work. In 2022, we supported 34 students and 49 babies. Check out a few stories.

## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Through sponsorship, we

1. ensure a safe and loving home and keep the family together
2. provide education, medical care & nutrition
3. empower women to get out of poverty through business creation



Three Kulea Villages girls at school in Kenya

## Evance's story . . .



When we met 14-year-old Evance and his mother we learned that he was living with his mother, father and 2 siblings in Tanzania. His parents are very poor and have no stable income. His father is a street bus conductor (someone who collects fares and sells tickets on a bus) though not fully employed, just a part time worker. They were only eating twice a day and sometimes once depending on the situation. Their weekly family income was less than 1\$. Thanks to sponsors, Evance was able to enroll in secondary school, receive food support and his mother has received small business training through Kulea. Soon, we will help set her up in a business which we will monitor for a few months. The family is so thankful for Evance's sponsors.

# OUR NEWEST PROGRAM

During 2022 the new Maisha Matters (MM) program grew and kept us busy. What a joy to see the enrollment grow from 1 to 49 babies! Our social workers spend time each week preparing for and running the training day, purchasing staple foods for those receiving monthly food assistance, entering data and photos, preparing content for social media, enrolling new babies, going on home visits and communicating with the hospitals which refer our babies. Our aim with MM is to keep families together and to stop the flow of infants who lose mom in childbirth to orphanages. By the end of 2022, 49 babies were healthy and living with a family member. Praise God!

## MAISHA MATTERS

Through Maisha Matters, we give

1. nutrition for babies (formula)
2. preventative health training
3. crisis support
4. business training & set ups
5. health insurance
6. counseling for families



## A Story of Triplets

Ruthfia, Rwaida and Nassir were born prematurely and after 2 months in the hospital they were sent home and soon became malnourished. They were referred to our Maisha Matters program in January 2022. Their father abandoned their mother early in the pregnancy. Their mother was malnourished and living in abject poverty. Kulea intervened with formula, food for the mother, payment of many hospital stays for the babies during 2022 (sepsis, pneumonia, measles, upper respiratory infections), money for transport to MM, house rent, and clothing. We also moved them to a decent single room (home) because where they were was horrible. The mother previously had a business selling chapatis (like flour tortillas). However, the triplets were so malnourished at enrollment, that the Kulea team asked her to focus only on caring for the babies those first 8 months, not on doing business. Once they stopped getting sick, we taught the mom small business skills and restarted her former business. She has done so well and her babies are healthy and have finished the program in February 2023. She was interviewed by reporters recently and said, ***“God met my needs by sending Kulea people into my life and my children’s lives. Without Kulea, I was thinking about suicide. God saw my struggle and sent help so that now I can provide for my family.”***

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

## FEEDING PROGRAM

Through our feeding programs, we

1. increase the number of meals/day for a child
2. increase the variety of foods eaten
3. improve nutrition through teaching
4. help malnourished children gain weight

In Tanzania, feeding program funds are used as needed. Here is an example from 2022. The Antonio Vernas Rehabilitation Centre's social workers called us about a family visiting in Dar for a few months for physical therapy. They were living in an unfinished home. Our social workers visited and were shocked. There were many needs, but the first one was food. We provided staple food for the mother and 2 disabled children for 2 months through the feeding program. One child was an amputee and very shy about the camera so we do not have a photo of this family.



In Kenya, our feeding program supports **Hilltop School** so that their breakfasts and lunches are varied, nutritious and include fruit and/or vegetables. Families try to provide an evening meal (typically ground, cooked maize and beans), but sometimes the 2 meals at school are the child's only food for the day.

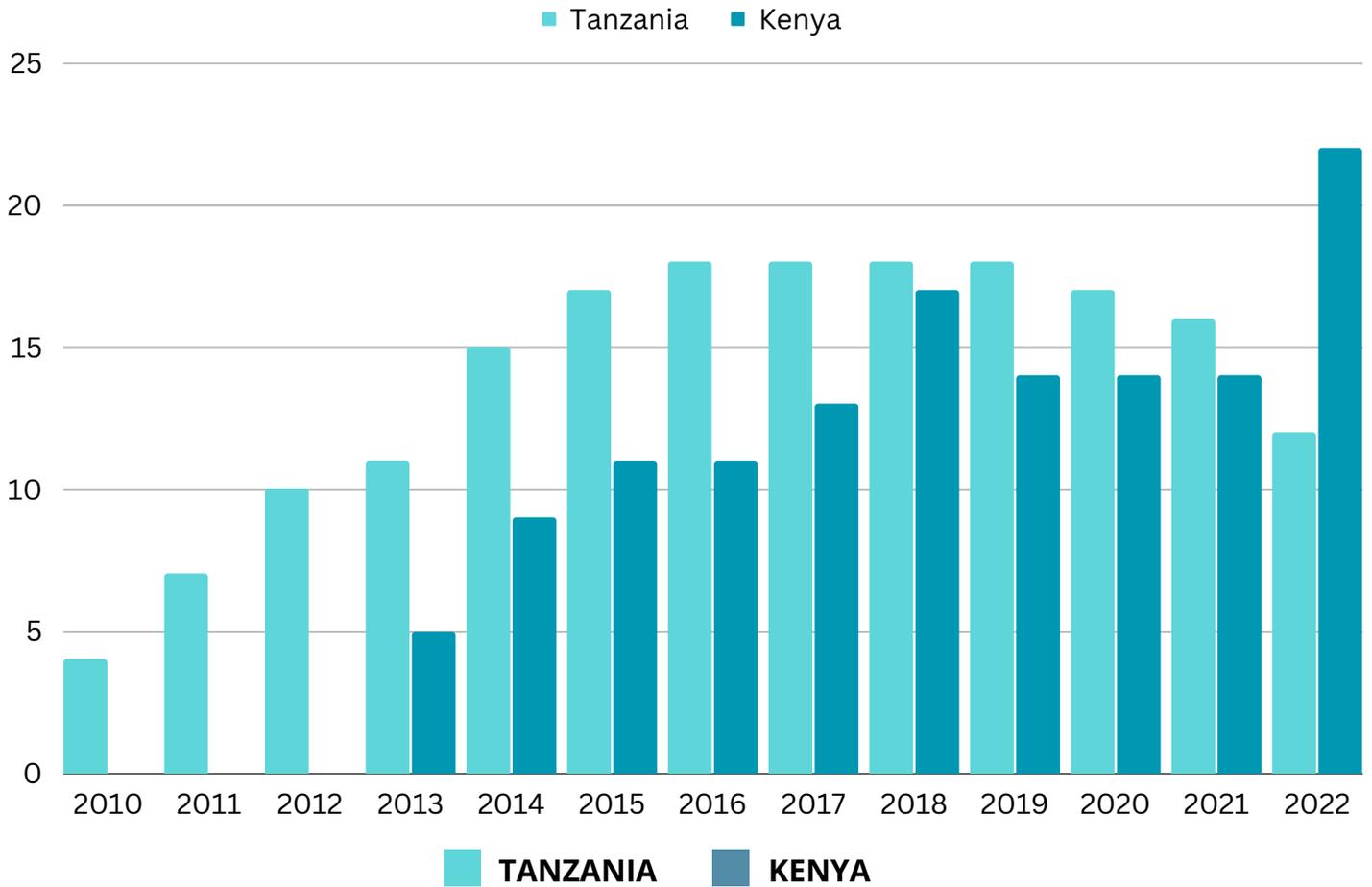


# NETWORKING

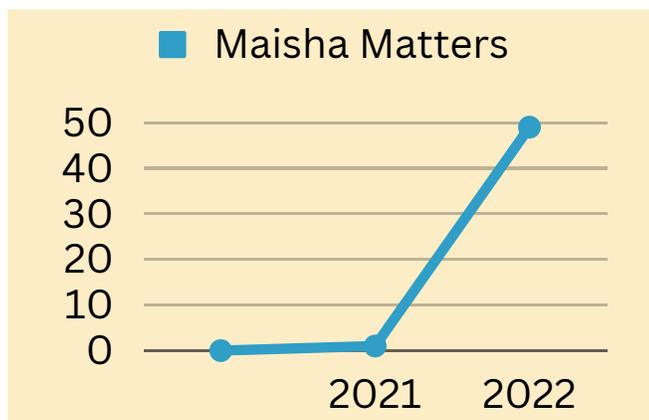
At Kulea Villages we intentionally network with other non-profits in Tanzania and Kenya and with the government to increase our effectiveness and to help with needs outside of our scope. Our sponsorship children and all of our Maisha Matters babies come to us by referral from those entities we network with. In 2022, we were connected to a new partner, Forever Projects in Australia. They provided significant gap funding for our Maisha Matters program as well as encouragement.

# ENROLLMENT by YEAR

## Number of Sponsored Children

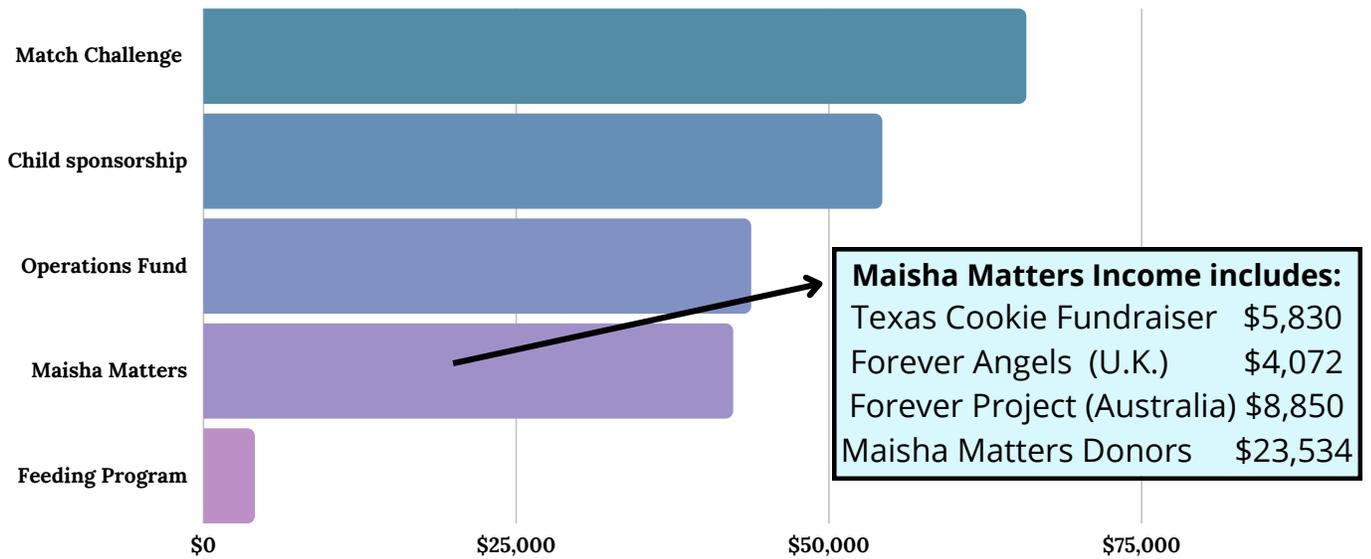


## Number of Maisha Matters Babies

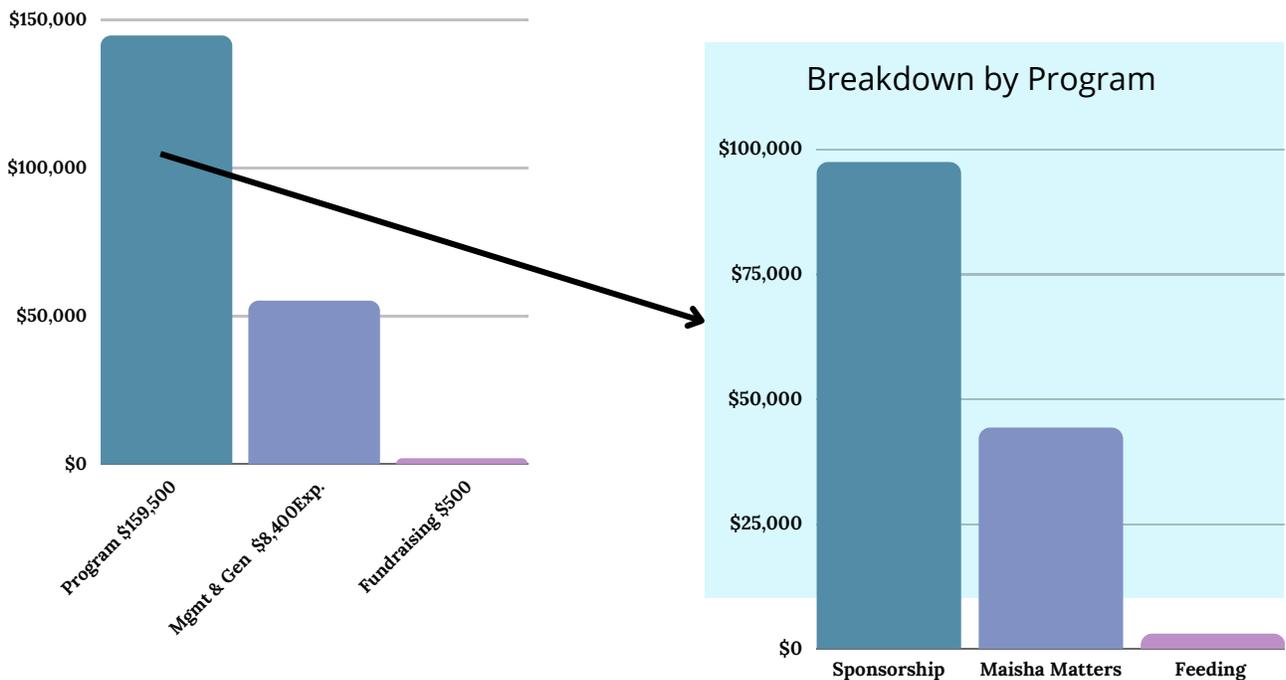


# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## SOURCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS (\$209,990)



## EXPENSES (\$201,290)



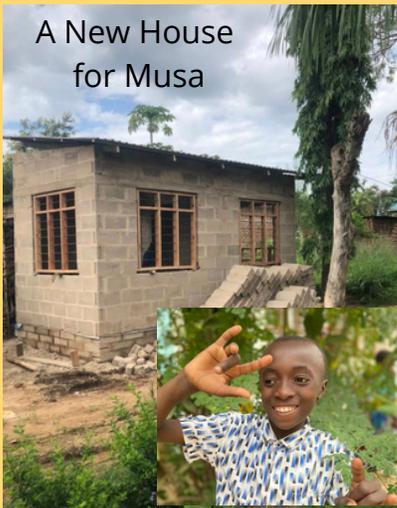
Reportable Income (W2s for all salaries): \$59,697

*"And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

# Highlights of 2022

- Enrolled more new children into our Child Sponsorship programs than any year since 2014
- Built a house for Musa and his grandmother, TZ
- Transformed our Child Sponsorship programs by adding new criteria for enrollment, a new monitoring & evaluation system with Live Data Tracking & by starting small business training, business set ups and monitoring for caregivers
- Fully funded the Feeding Programs
- Expanded the Maisha Matters teaching area
- Participated in opening the new PWA High School in Kenya and sent our first 5 students to the school
- Began the year with 1 baby in Maisha Matters and added 48 babies in 2022.
- God provided \$64,000 in the MATCH fundraiser
- Moved part-time TZ Country Director, Paul Magaya, to full-time, hired a new Field Coordinator in Kenya, Duncan Ndeme, and a new groundskeeper in TZ and hired a new bookkeeper in TZ, Matridy Frank.
- Forever Projects of Australia began supporting Kulea
- Held our first Tanzania based fundraiser
- A friend of Kulea organized a fundraiser in south Texas
- Continued providing Relief & Development in 2 Countries through 3 Programs

# CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!



Thank you for helping us do so much for families and children in 2022. Let's do it again in 2023! Our biggest need is for donations to the MATCH CHALLENGE which begins April 25 and ends May 30.

**DONATE NOW**

*"I believe in the work that God is doing through Kulea Villages and also I want to be an obedient steward with the resources I have been given to manage." - a Kulea Villages donor*