October 2021

Dear Friend,

What a year! As our world wrestled with viruses and violence, climate crises and economic challenges, YOU helped women and girls rise from extreme poverty.

“We are here now.” That’s what the nomadic cattle keepers in Africa say when someone inquires, “Where are you from?” Instead of explaining where their journey began or the sufferings they’ve endured along the way, they simply say, “We are here now.” That’s what matters.

The women and girls of MBB were born into extreme poverty. They have survived wars, natural disasters, abuse, marginalization. But they refuse to fixate on the past. They say instead, “Thanks to YOU, we are here now.” And they walk toward a future that is brighter because YOU brought MBB’s programs into their lives.

Whether dodging bandits on the roads or donating generously from afar, we are all one, together lifting up women and girls in rural Haiti, South Sudan and Malawi, and in the refugee camps of Kenya and Uganda.

Here. Now. There is resilience despite setbacks. Hope amidst heartache. Joy that surges, as you can see in the exuberance of Rose Mirtha on her high school graduation day in Gros Morne, Haiti. YOU are making it all possible.

We remain grateful, always, for your marvelous engagement in our mission,

Bill Coats, Esq.
Board Chair

Sr Marilyn Lacey, RSM
Executive Director

Cover: The exuberance of Ading Ajang, a refugee woman who now runs her own restaurant in Oluah Camp, thanks to an MBB micro-enterprise loan.

753 girls at St. Bakhita Primary in South Sudan became friends across traditional tribal divisions as they studied & grew together at the only safe primary school campus for girls in South Sudan.
**FISCAL YEAR 2021**

### Prevention
Educated 3,890 women & girls about Covid-19 virus protection & distributed hygiene equipment and masks in 5 countries.

### PANDEMIC RESPONSES

#### Home Visits & Cash Assistance
Visited the homes of over 400 women and girls to distribute food and $100 emergency cash gifts, alleviating Covid-19 impact.

### EDUCATION OF GIRLS

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<td>Supported 393 Scholars on high school &amp; university scholarships this year.</td>
<td>Provided computer classes, lending library, school nurse, and tutoring sessions.</td>
<td>Hosted monthly leadership workshops for 181 Scholars in Haiti.</td>
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<td>Protected &amp; supported 50 orphans &amp; forced marriage survivors at St. Bakhita Girls School.</td>
<td>Began construction on a girls’ dorm and computer classroom at St. Bakhita Girls School.</td>
<td>Engaged more than 300 Scholars as volunteers serving in their local communities.</td>
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### Micro-Enterprise Businesses
Guided 136 refugee women in successfully launching their micro-businesses in camps near the South Sudan border.

### WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT & ADVOCACY

#### Alumnae Advocacy Network
Added 12 more UNIVERSITY grads to our South Sudan MBB alumnae, for a total of 70. They are networking for advocacy despite Covid-19 having postponed their planned advocacy training conference.

70 may seem like a small number, but only 11 girls graduated from HIGH SCHOOL in the year before MBB started in South Sudan.
**HAITI**

Sthefane lives with her father, grandparents and cousins in Gros Morne, Haiti. Their family’s cinderblock home, sandwiched between a medical clinic and a dry goods store, is an oasis of greenery because of her grandfather’s gardening skills.

When her mother moved to Port-au-Prince to find work, Sthefane inherited the household chores. She rises before dawn to cook and clean before heading to her high school classes. She dreams of becoming an accountant at a hospital, bank, or school—a job with a real paycheck that could support her family, especially her grandmother whose health is failing.

Despite the interruptions imposed by Covid-19, economic stress, Haiti’s political dysfunction, and the gang violence that threatens everyone, she feels very fortunate to be a 9th grader in a good school thanks to a scholarship you make possible. Education for most of her peers ended at 6th grade for lack of money to pay school fees. “Thank you”, she says, “to everyone at MBB.”

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**MBB HAITI FACTS**

- 181 MBB Scholars studied in Haitian high schools this year.
- 100% of MBB Scholars passed the national exams, given only to 9th and 13th graders. (Nationwide among all Haitian students in 2021, only 77% of 9th and 51% of 13th graders passed.)
- MBB Scholars visited our Haiti Learning Center 3,843 times to access our counselors, library, computers, tutoring and workshops.
- 100% of MBB Scholars participated in 2 or more leadership trainings this year.

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**MALAWI**

This is a story of Mercy within Mercy. Mercy, pictured here, is poised to begin university studies in Malawi on a full scholarship provided by the partnership of Team Lift Inc and Mercy Beyond Borders.

She graduated from high school last year in the top 6% of her class, her attendance made possible only by the kindness of strangers.

Mercy’s mother suffers debilitating seizures. Money was always tight; school fees often out of reach. Mercifully, just as Mercy was on the verge of dropping out from high school for lack of money, a donor stepped up to support her through graduation. And now YOU have stepped up with a university scholarship!

Mercy has set her heart on becoming a nurse midwife. With her smile, her academic excellence and her inner strength, we’re confident that your investment in her higher education is a sure bet.

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**MBB MALAWI FACTS**

- 45 University scholarships have been awarded by Team Lift Inc, with case management and leadership training provided by Mercy Beyond Borders.
- The majority of these scholarship recipients are choosing STEM majors.
- MBB also offers afterschool computer classes for girls at St. Mary Girls’ Secondary School in Karonga, the feeder school whose top grads receive university scholarships.
EAST AFRICA
(SOUTH SUDAN, UGANDA AND KENYA)

“Little did I know there was a ‘life support machine’ for me in Olua refugee camp in the name of MBB. I now have a business, though greatly affected by the Covid virus. MBB, it is only you that understands women’s sorrows.”

—Regina Mesiku, Seamstress

MBB Scholar Mary Mading graduated this year with a university degree in Civil & Structural Engineering. Another 1st for women in South Sudan! She is the 70th MBB Scholar to graduate from university.

MBB EAST AFRICA FACTS

- New dorm & computer center being constructed at St. Bakhita Primary for its 753 girls.
- 132 young women studying via MBB’s high school & university scholarships.
- 136 additional women started small businesses in their refugee camps in Uganda.
THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT HAPPEN!

DONATIONS RECEIVED
JULY 1, 2020–JUNE 30, 2021

$100,000 AND HIGHER
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Laurel Foundation
Wilson Family Trust

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Sarah Johnson
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Martyn King, RSM
Joseph and Donna Krueger
Eeden and Matthew La Forge

“The thank you for creating a safe space for us to live… I would be lost without it.”
—Esther, MBB Scholar

“It often breaks my heart and yet makes my heart rejoice when I read these real stories about these amazing girls.”
—Collette, donor
When young women work together with other young women, we can realize great things together. Thank you for helping us discover this power that we have to create change.”

—Midaelie, MBB Scholar
Now I am sending my daughter to school. I place her in your hands, because she can have the future that I never had due to early marriage.

—A mother in South Sudan
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"An incredible charity! (MBB is) supporting schools for girls, fostering community across traditional tribal boundaries and educating women on starting their own businesses as well as offering micro loan programs. Seriously extraordinary!!"

— Megan, donor
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**
July 2020 – June 2021

### REVENUE: $1,414,692
- Foundations & Corporations: $647,560
- Individuals: $702,268
- Federal grants: $40,250
- Investments: $24,614

### EXPENSES: $1,535,777
- Programs: $1,301,257
- Fundraising: $87,613
- Admin: $146,907

### ASSETS

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### LIABILITIES

- **$52,318**

### EQUITY

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### REVENUE

- 49%
- 46%
- 3%
- 2%

### EXPENSES

- 85%
- 9%
- 6%
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OUR MISSION
Forging ways for women & girls in extreme poverty to learn, connect and lead.

OUR VISION
A world where all women are educated, connected & influential.

OUR CONVICTION
When women learn, women matter. Then everything changes!

Haitian Scholar, Evena, demonstrates her confidence and communication skills during our Leadership Week.