October 2022

Dear Friend,

This month the Nobel Prize in physics was awarded to three scientists for their work in quantum entanglement, a phenomenon Einstein once dismissed as “spooky action at a distance”. Quantum entanglement describes how tiny objects such as electrons are “paired”, like distant twins, across the universe. **Nudging one affects the twin, even if it’s light-years away.** Hard to describe. Even harder to believe. But already it has practical applications in encryption and telecommunications.

A Johns Hopkins physicist summed it up this way: “(Their) work shows parts of the universe, even those at great distances from each other, are connected. This is something so unintuitive and something so at odds with how we feel the world ‘should’ be.”

**What has this got to do with Mercy Beyond Borders?**

I suggest that what happens on the sub-atomic level can also describe **what happens on a human level.** We are all connected! What happens in the streets of Haiti or the huts of South Sudan can move us. And conversely, what happens in the hearts of donors here definitely improves the lives of others in need, whether near or far.

**YOU are the heroes whose hearts have been nudged.** You are the ones reaching across thousands of miles to lift up women and girls from extreme poverty. This Annual Report contains glimpses of your marvelous entanglement with the mothers, daughters, sisters, and aunties around the world whom you have not yet met, but whose lives are entwined with yours. A blessing for them. A blessing for you. In our humble-but-nonetheless-correct estimation, **YOU qualify for a Nobel Prize in a new category: Humanity-at-its-finest.**

THANK YOU for your entanglement with our mission!

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**Left:** A refugee mom in MBB’s Micro-Enterprise program with her daughter.

**Above:** Three of the 900 girls enrolled at St Bakhita Girls’ Primary School in South Sudan.

**Cover:** Two of the 25 MBB High School Scholars studying at St. Mary Assumpta Girls’ Secondary School in Uganda.
FY 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Connie & Bob Lurie gifted St Bakhita Girls’ Primary School with a sparkling new dorm and computer center, making 900 girls very happy.

Surging enrollment of orphans and survivors of human trafficking had led to overcrowding that worried MBB: “Girls sleep three to a mattress on the floor of the dining hall. What if cholera comes again, or Covid?”

The Luries came to the rescue by donating $225,000 to construct a dorm with indoor plumbing and light-filled windows, plus solar panels and a well. Other donors provided bunk beds, mattresses, footlockers, and computer lab equipment.

The girls sleep easy now. Earlier traumas fade as education empowers these girls.

Connie & Bob, you are true heroes of compassion!

Girls’ Education

- Opening of a spectacular new dorm and computer lab at St Bakhita Girls’ Primary School, South Sudan
- 1,583 girls studying in two primary schools—in Haiti and South Sudan
- 81 South Sudanese, Malawian and Haitian young women attending university on scholarship
- 1,980+ hours of professional guidance and counseling benefitting 350 high school scholars in 5 countries
- 639 girls completed computer courses (primary, high school, and university levels)
- 10 South Sudanese scholars successfully completed their undergraduate degrees

Women’s Empowerment

- 180 refugee women started/expanded their small businesses in the refugee camps
- 66 refugee women reconnected with families living abroad through Women Connecting

Advocacy

- 351 girls engaged in regular leadership workshops
- 4,500+ volunteer hours (scholars tutoring, doing chores for the elderly, planting trees, removing litter, etc.)
- 28 South Sudanese university alumnae participated in a three-day advocacy training in Juba, South Sudan
Meet Loncy, the first in her extended family to attend university. She can’t contain her excitement about pursuing her dream career in healthcare!

She and 42 other peers started university in Malawi thanks to MBB’s partnership with TeamLift Inc. 74% chose STEM majors. 45 additional scholars will join them in January!

MBB’s work in Malawi focuses on case management, computer skills and leadership training.

MALAWI CONTEXT

- 46% of girls are married before age 18 and 9% before age 15
- Fourth poorest country in Africa
- Less than 10% of girls graduate from high school

HAITI

Despite continued violence overwhelming Haiti, MBB’s programs remained operating. COVID forced us to pivot from leadership camps into remote monthly workshops led by professional Haitian women. Topics included: leadership qualities, emotional intelligence and building self-confidence.

Our scholars demonstrated leadership by organizing community events. Jieftha-Love, soon to begin university on an MBB scholarship, has grown from a shy girl to a confident public speaker.

HAITI CONTEXT

- Following the Haitian President’s assassination, violent gangs assumed control of the country
- The country is repeatedly slammed by devastating earthquakes and hurricanes
- 1/3 of the population lacks access to clean water and adequate food

MBB High School Scholar Ronicka communicates confidence and pride as she leads the Flag Day celebration in Gros Morne, Haiti.
MBB witnessed a disturbing upsurge of human trafficking during COVID. Consider Susan, an orphan by age 13. Her uncle stepped in to "care for her." In fact, he wanted only a dowry for marrying her to an elder who already had one wife. At the man's house, Wife #1 admonished Susan: "Here, women never sit down. You will fetch water and find firewood and cook for us." Susan instead ran away that night, scared and alone. She slept, exhausted, under a tree. Awakening at daylight she spotted a woman who told her about a girls' school several hours distant. This kind stranger arranged for Susan's transportation.

Reaching the campus, Susan was welcomed by girls dressed like her and speaking the same language. She began to relax, to heal, to make friends. She loves classroom learning. A whole new world has opened to her. Susan is just one among dozens of forced marriage survivors now living year-round at St. Bakhita Girls' Primary School in South Sudan. We call them Champion Girls!

**EAST AFRICA CONTEXT**

- Widespread hunger and worsening malnutrition
- Drastic reductions in UN World Food Program rations in South Sudan, Uganda and Kenya
- Worst-ever recorded flooding in South Sudan, displacing 835,000 people
- MBB staff turnover in Uganda

Top Left: South Sudanese MBB scholars celebrate their university graduation.

Bottom Left: COVID crushed entrepreneurial businesses, but Gune, a South Sudanese refugee, turned her MBB loan into a successful family bakery!
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"I am so grateful to Mercy Beyond Borders for sending me to school. My future is completely different than my mother's. All this has changed in just one generation."

—Elizabeth, MBB Scholar in South Sudan
"Mercy Beyond Borders does work that most other non-profits wouldn’t touch."

—Barbara, donor

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—Jen, volunteer
"Mercy Beyond Borders developed me into the person I want to be tomorrow."
—Lovemica, MBB Scholar in Haiti

"Thank you for supporting my daughter so that she can chase her dreams."
—A mother in South Sudan
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 2021 – June 2022

The main market in downtown Gros Morne, Haiti

REVENUE: $1,624,636
- Foundations & Corporations: $734,950
- Individuals: $611,272
- Federal grants: $40,697
- Investments: $12,229
- In Kind: $19,178
- Micro-enterprise repayments: $3,338
- Special Events: $202,972

EXPENSES: $1,736,120
- Programs: $1,360,437
- Fundraising: $125,496
- Admin: $250,186

EXPENDITURES BY LOCATION:
- EA: $895,548
- Haiti: $250,815
- Malawi: $129,019
- USA: $460,738

ASSETS
- Cash $1,021,448
- Accounts Receivable -$286
- Prepaid Expenses $9,144
- Total Assets $1,030,306

LIABILITIES $13,335

EQUITY
- Net assets nonrestricted $849,689
- Net assets with restrictions $263,722
- Change in net assets ($96,440)
- Total Liabilities & Net Assets $1,030,306
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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!