




MERCY HOUSE
ACT JUSTLY. LOVE MERCY. WALK HUMBLY.

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

ENGAGE, EMPOWER, DISCIPLE





REHEMA HOUSE RESCUE CENTER, KENYA

FLAGSHIP MINISTRY

They say what goes around comes around. And we've been praying it would be true at Rehema House. It's one thing to rescue a young girl like Pauline from an abusive and tragic background and help her safely deliver baby Melvin after she unsuccessfully tried to abort him out of desperation. It's a whole different story for her to complete the program and be reintegrated back home to a safe and loving environment and be able to provide for her child.

But progress didn't stop there. Since the first rescue in 2010, we have dreamed of the graduates giving back to the community by sharing what they've learned and what God has done in their lives with other women just like them. And Rehema House experienced exactly that.

Not only did Pauline complete the program (and some of you are her monthly sponsors), she moved back

home and attends vocational beauty college 5 days a week while her 2 year old son attends a preschool nearby. And it's what she does on the 6th day of the week that leaves us in awe of what God can do:

She teaches women in a nearby slum how to make jewelry. And she is a living testimony of what is possible.

These aren't just any impoverished women she teaches. This is the community outreach of Mercy House and one of our Fair Trade Friday partners. Every class, they Break Bread and then they work so they may buy bread for their families.

This community of mothers are providing for their families, with Pauline guiding their hands and it is simply beautiful to behold. Coming full circle is a long and sometimes heartbreaking road, but eventually circles meet back up.

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26 TEEN MOTHERS & 24 BABIES

Rescued since our doors opened in 2011**

\$40,000

Raised for the drilling of a water well at Rehema.

Water well projected completion sometime Spring of 2016, with an estimated annual savings of:

\$12,000

4,500+

Estimated volunteer hours donated to Mercy House in 2015

\$32,625

Estimated savings to Mercy House at \$7.25/hour

MERCY HOUSE U.S. OPERATIONS*

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Program Expenses | \$696,021 (99%) |
| Supporting Services | \$7,299 (1%) |
| Total Expenses | \$703,320 |
| Total Revenue | \$726,385 |
| Net Assets (Beginning of Year) | \$309,475 |
| Net Assets (End of Year) | \$259,385 |

*all financial data taken from Form 990 and CPA prepared compilation for 1/14 - 12/14. Financial statements are filed with the IRS five months after the end of the calendar year.

**one teen mother is currently pregnant, and one teen mom miscarried

Fair Trade FRIDAY

GLOBAL OUTREACH

OUR STORY

Every fair trade item we send has a story behind it, a face, a name. Every item—from a tube of lip balm to a gorgeous beaded necklace. These are real women helped by your purchase..

But some items—like our December Earring of the Month—are miraculous.

We found the unique DIY earring idea (an Anthropology knockoff) on Pinterest. We smuggled the supplies into the country with a missionary and a new artisan group was born among former Muslim women in a Middle Eastern country. Oppressed women who risk their lives to live for Jesus.

These women have worked months and months and months to create the earrings. Getting them out of the country and into your hands took another miracle or two.

The money earned from these earrings will pay for 5 months of operating expenses for this hospitality house ministering to oppressed women.

This is about so much more than something cute to wear.

COUNTRIES WE SERVE



- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- Costa Rica
- Ethiopia
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Mozambique
- Nepal
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- Swaziland
- Uganda
- United States (Texas)
- Zambia

1200 WOMEN EMPOWERED AND DISCIPLINED THROUGH FAIR TRADE FRIDAY

35 NUMBER OF ARTISAN GROUPS SERVED

OUR MEMBERS



Fair Trade Friday Earring of the Month Club Launches



The Original Fair Trade Friday Club Turns 1 Year Old



Fair Trade Friday Bracelet of the Month Club Launches

2500

Total Monthly Members (from all 3 clubs)



A LETTER FROM OUR CEO

In just 5 years, Mercy House has grown from a dream of helping pregnant teens in Kenya to a thriving organization helping women around the world. I'm often asked how has this all been possible. The answer...

From the beginning, Mercy House has relied on God. He has never failed us. As Mercy House trusts God, He continues to bless, provide, and lead us on new adventures to make His glory known.

Secondly, Mercy House is tackling a largely underserved population, women. The global oppression of women through violence, maternal mortality, human trafficking, and domestic abuse is a huge need. Mercy House is endeavoring to be a voice saying, "God loves you; He cares about your needs, and you are valuable to Him." By coming alongside women, Mercy House is changing the course of children, families, marriages and nations.

Certainly not last, you, our donors and volunteers have made this possible. I get emails everyday, from individuals who are grateful to be a part of Mercy House. Mercy House is humbled to be a piece of this grand collective of believers, each adding their gifts big or small to do great and amazing things for God. You believe in this work and you are the hands and feet of God! We praise God for you.

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