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Our Vision

Enabling Christians to serve their communities.

Our Mission

We provide a conduit for resources to flow from our communities to needy recipients.

With these resources we support local programs in education, health, and community building, with a primary focus on children and youth in Africa.

We are passionate about sustaining local ownership of projects and programs and mitigating unnecessary dependencies.

Our desire is that all activities facilitate the growth of God's Kingdom on earth.

Our Programs

- Education
- Medical
- Community Care
- Child Care

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BOARD REPORT

“Do you love me?” The question printed in bold letters across the shirts of two little boys hit me. It caused an aching in the pit of my stomach. My heart hurt for these children who were born into a tough situation where love and care was a scarce commodity. I stooped down to talk to the three-year-old twins, Kofi Panyin and Kofi Kakra, to assure them of my love for them.

The twins were admitted to the children’s home in Ghana after someone alerted Social Welfare of their needs. After the twins’ birth, their mother monetized their arrival by using them as tools with which to beg for money on the streets. It was on the streets where someone finally intervened in the lives of these two precious boys looking for love. Both boys were severely bow-legged from birth and needed medical attention in

addition to their social and emotional needs. The surgery for the boys’ legs needs to wait until the boys are four years old. In the meantime, the boys are required to wear splints on their legs at night and calipers during the day. Because of the flexibility and adaptability of their young bones, much improvement has already been made. The prayer of the children’s home family is that full healing can be achieved without any invasive surgeries.

“Do you love me?” That is a question many little ones around the world are asking the adults around them. It is a question resounding across the world today. How can we answer this question? The reality is no human can meet this great need. God alone can truly love each one and fill their deepest needs. However, God has chosen to work through people.



He desires that we as His followers be His agents bringing love and care to the little ones looking for love. At LMI, we recognize that we can not be everywhere meeting all the needs, but we are excited to come alongside Christians in other parts of the world who are trying to meet the needs in their communities. In places where Christians are seeing needs that they would love to meet if they only had more resources, we can offer to be that conduit for resources.

Recently, LMI was presented with another opportunity to come alongside an organization in Kenya. A children's home in southwest Kenya has been operating with support from their local churches for several years already. Through partnership with Social Welfare, they have been taking in needy children, assisting with finding permanent homes, and helping with school and medical funds. The needs became more than they could manage. After being notified of the children's home through a local Ontario connection and having several meetings, LMI has agreed to partner with Upendo Children's Home in Kenya. The directors and staff of the children's home are answering the cry of the children for love and care. They currently have 130 children in

their care. In the last six months, 23 new children have been brought to them. Each child comes with a very specific set of needs. As Upendo's director states, they desire that the children they help do not need to stay in their home indefinitely, but that each child would be integrated into a loving family. They believe that every child should have a childhood free from fear and harm, a present filled with care, and a future filled with purpose. LMI is coming alongside and enabling this vision to continue becoming a reality for the little ones in Kenya. In the coming newsletters, you are sure to be introduced to some of the children and work of this home in Kenya.

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to each donor and prayer warrior. LMI would not be able to offer love and care through our partners to children asking "Do you love me?" without your support. As we continue to support children in Ghana and take on more in Kenya, we need your support. Through it all, God has been faithful. It truly is because of Him that we have the capacity to love at all. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11

With love and gratitude,
Matthew Frey

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Rescued from the Garbage Heap

If you were to walk into the children's home in Ghana today, you would likely be greeted by a blur of motion and the sound of infectious laughter. That blur is Alfred. He is nearly three years old, full of boundless energy, and loves to run. Watching him chase after his brothers and sisters, secure in the certainty that he is safe and loved, it is easy to forget that his life began under a very different shadow.

Two years ago, Alfred's reality looked impossibly grim.

At just one year old, Alfred was found abandoned—literally discarded on a garbage heap. He was severely malnourished, his tiny body fragile and weak. He could not walk, he could not talk, and he was entirely unable to help himself. To the world, he was invisible, left behind in the darkest of circumstances.

But Psalm 113:7–8 reminds us of the profound heart of our Heavenly Father: “He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes.”

God saw Alfred on that heap, and He did not leave him there.

Through a chain of miraculous interventions, Alfred was brought into our care. The road to recovery wasn't overnight. It took months of dedicated medical attention, specialized nutrition, and intensive therapy.

But more than anything, it took the unconditional love of a family. Our staff and the other children wrapped Alfred in prayer, held him through the tough nights, and cheered for him at every milestone.

Today, Alfred isn't just surviving; he is thriving. He is a living, breathing testament to what happens when

God's people

choose to be His hands and feet. He is no longer defined by where he was found, but by whose he is—a cherished child of the King, running into a bright and beautiful future surrounded by his children's home family.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Because of your generosity, stories of rescue like Alfred's are made possible.



Orphan to Engineer

As a boy, Emmanuel Tettey worked as a cobbler to care for his sick mother and his two siblings. His mother passed away in 2009 leaving him an orphan.

Emmanuel's testimony: *"Behind every professional success story, there is often a foundation of support that makes the journey possible. For me, that foundation was the Lighthouse Educational Assistance Fund. My journey with LMI began in 2014, at a time when my future felt uncertain. As an orphan, accessing higher education seemed almost impossible but LMI stepped in and changed the direction of my life. From 2014 to 2017, LMI walked with me every step of the way. Their support enabled me to enrol at Kumasi Technical University, where I pursued my passion for Electrical and Electronic Engineering. Because they believed in my potential, I was able to successfully complete my Higher National Diploma in Electrical and Electronic Engineering. This HND was more than a certificate; it was my bridge from a difficult beginning to a promising professional future. It equipped me with the knowledge and skills I now use daily in my work as an electrical technician. To the leadership and the visionaries behind LMI: I am living proof that*

your investment changes lives. You did not just support my education; you gave hope, dignity, and a future to someone who needed it most. I want to encourage you to continue this incredible work. There are countless brilliant young people with dreams but without the means to pursue them. Your support bridges that gap and makes those dreams achievable. Thank-you for touching my life, and for the many other lives you continue to transform. You are shaping destinies and building the future of our nation, one student at a time. God richly bless you."

Scan the QR code below to listen to Emmanuel's testimony on Youtube.

Today LMI is still enabling young people in Africa through the Education program. Your support is rewriting these children's futures!



Rejection to Restoration

Because of your generosity, two little boys who were once fighting for their lives are now healthy, loved and reunited with their family. And their young mother who was barely more than a child herself, rejected, and discouraged has hope and support for raising her sons.

A year ago, during one of their community outreach visits, volunteers discovered three-year-old twin brothers, Raymond and Richmond. They were living with their teenage mother under extremely difficult circumstances. Their father was absent, having rejected the mother when she became pregnant. Their mother, despite her best efforts, could not provide what her boys so desperately needed.

When the team assessed the twins, the situation was heartbreaking. At three years old, each child weighed only 9 lbs—a clear sign of severe malnutrition. Their extended family believed the children were cursed and had rejected them, asking us to take them away permanently.

Through a partnership with the local hospital, the twins received comprehensive medical examinations at no cost, and arrangements were made for ongoing healthcare. Medical



specialists determined that poor nutrition, combined with unsafe food conditions, had contributed to their critical state. They recommended that the boys be placed in a safe home where they could receive intensive care and proper nutrition.

A Christian women who was already caring for other displaced children, opened her home to the twins. There, they received nutritious meals, medical attention, and loving care.

Just two weeks later, the transformation was incredible.



Raymond's weight increased to 16.5 lbs, while Richmond reached 17.5 lbs. Their growing strength and energy were visible reminders of what compassionate care and proper nutrition can accomplish. They also began receiving a multivitamin supplement drink to further strengthen their recovery and support healthy development.

Today, we are delighted to share even more good news.

Their mother is enrolled in the apprenticeship program as a seamstress, giving her the opportunity to develop skills that will help her provide for her children and build a brighter future. The twins have now been medically cleared and are thriving. We have successfully reunited them with

their grandmother, a small-scale farmer, who is now caring for them in a safe and loving environment while their mother is gone each day to work as an apprentice.

LMI continues to support the family in their journey toward independence; providing the funds for Comfort's education as a seamstress and ongoing medical follow-up and nutrition for Raymond and Richmond's health and growth.

None of this would have been possible without you.

Your faithful support helped rescue two vulnerable children, restore their health, reunite a family, and create hope for a sustainable future. Thank you for standing with us and making stories like Raymond and Richmond's possible.

