

**KULEA CHILDCARE VILLAGES  
2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

# 2023

## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As I look back on 2023, I see God's hand in it all as we worked with families and grew connections through the Board of Directors and staff. Kulea Villages is growing in the number of people whose lives have been changed in big ways thanks to the generosity of many. Your words of encouragement, kindness and prayers meant so much to every one working in Tanzania and Kenya! Thank you!

We began in 2010 with a budget of \$15,000 and fourteen years later in 2023 our budget was \$263,000! We started in 2010 caring for 4 children in Tanzania and have expanded through the years having helped a total of 203 babies and children in Kenya and Tanzania. When we help a child or baby, the whole family benefits. The total number of beneficiaries of our support is 704. Of course these are just numbers so I've provided below a few stories that show our impact. There are so many more! We try to share them through the year in social media and newsletters.

I pray that each baby, child and family we work with in 2024 will experience the hope only found in Jesus Christ and will recognize how much He loves them. May we continue to be his hands and feet. What a privilege!

In His grace,



**DEBORAH BROWN MAGAYA**

Executive Director

## OUR MISSION & 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.

## OUR BELIEF

Every child deserves  
**a family  
education  
3 meals a day  
to know the love of God**



Deborah B. Magaya

## OUR FAITH

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

Psalm 68: 5-6



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## 2 COUNTRIES, 3 PROGRAMS

Kulea Villages supports babies and children in Kenya and Tanzania who are referred to us for assistance by hospitals, government social workers, schools and churches. Babies and children are supported within the context of their own immediate or extended family. These families are living in the lowest level of poverty and so one of our goals is to help caregivers establish a money-making activity.

We find during counseling that families are struggling with a myriad of deep problems such as grief, a life change from accepting to raise a baby or child after the mother died, abandonment or unfaithfulness of a husband (or wife), depression, untreated illness, homelessness, mental illness, alcoholism, loss of job, hunger or malnutrition, oppression and even abuse. Some report issues with witchcraft (“someone put a spell on our family because xyz and now look at what has happened...”). Therefore, in addition to providing food/nutrition and school assistance we do a LOT of counseling with all the families. Our teams in Tanzania and Kenya provide a balance of compassionate listening, advising, connecting needs to resources and sometimes giving tough love.

Our assistance is provided only after verifying the needs through a home visit and enrolling the child or baby for services. Then we help through one of our 3 programs: the Feeding Program, Child Sponsorship, or Maisha Matters (baby program).



Tanzania  
Staff



Kenya Staff

# 2023

## FEEDING PROGRAM

Our Feeding Program funds are used in Tanzania for families in crisis with no food in the house. These situations are usually discovered during our initial home visit as we check the family's food stores. If we find no rice, beans, oil or maize in the house, we know there is hunger. We discuss with the mother and/or father about how they ended up in this situation and ways forward. We buy food that hour near their home and make sure they have what is needed for a month.

In Kenya Feeding Program funds are also used in part for families experiencing hunger. In addition, we provide breakfast and lunch daily at Hilltop School, a preschool at Manna Bible Church. Pre-primary education is critical to a child's success in Primary and Secondary school. For many preschoolers, these are their only 2 balanced, healthy meals for the day. If they are fed in the evening it's typically just maize.

One recipient of a month's worth of food shared with us, *"After I paid my children's school fees, all the money was gone and we had no food in the house. We were eating maybe one meal a day by the kindness of neighbors. Then at Kulea we were given a big pack of rice, beans, maize, sugar and oil and our hunger was finished. We thank you so much and pray daily for this group."*



Food parcels bagged and ready to go home with families



Enjoying a meal with sponsored children



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## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

In Child Sponsorship the work we did to standardize processes across the 2 countries back in 2022 proved so helpful. We had 5 children exit or graduate from our program in 2023. Nine new children have been enrolled and we expect an additional 8 - 10 this year if children are referred and resources are available.

**CARE IN A FAMILY** 36 sponsored children were loved, fed, & clothed by a family member in **Tanzania** or **Kenya** in 2023.

**EDUCATION** Kulea helped children with school fees, transportation to school, and school supplies. Some were also helped with crisis support for items like food, medicine, health insurance, or clothes.

**ENRICHING EVENTS** In June and December we had a Kulea Fun Day which included games, letter writing, discussing the challenges of school, hearing testimonies, prizes for high grades, and eating great food.

**ONE CHILD'S STORY** A student, Kombo, pictured below, was set to exit our sponsorship at the start of high school. His mother felt she could afford his fees at a government high school. THEN his national exam scores arrived and surprised everyone because they were so high! So, we asked PWA if they had space and they did as well as a tuition scholarship for 4 years! Wow! We quickly found sponsors to cover his supplies and transportation and sent him off to PWA High!

*Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! Psalm 147:1*



Our Tanzania kids!



Our Kenya kids!



Our New Bibles!



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# MAISHA MATTERS

**WHY is Maisha Matters Needed?** When a mother dies in childbirth, a poor **family's greatest challenge with the newborn is the lack of milk**. Some families give the baby to a Children's Home while others take the baby home. They have no choice but to feed the baby porridge, tea, or cow's milk. The baby becomes malnourished and ends up back at the hospital.

No Lactating  
Mother



No Knowledge  
of Nutrition



High Price  
of Formula



Acute Malnutrition  
or Death

Maisha Matters was created to change that outcome so that babies can be raised by their extended family if Mom dies. So many mothers die everyday during delivery or within a few weeks after. In 2023 we began the year with 41 babies and by the end of the year we had a total enrollment (since inception) of 120 babies. We were working weekly with about 73 babies (most receiving formula and a few just weaned). We taught business skills to 32 & set up businesses for 18 caregivers. Our focus is in 4 areas:

NUTRITION

WEEKLY  
TRAINING

CRISIS  
SUPPORT

BUSINESS  
SET-UPS

**One Story of Impact** In early December we enrolled a set of triplets who were malnourished at just 7.5 weeks old (pictured, right). Their weights were 5.5, 6.5 and 7.5 pounds. Mom could not produce enough milk and the babies had cried for 7 days & nights. No one had slept and the father was contemplating running away.

During enrollment the babies were crying non-stop so we washed 3 new bottles, filled them with formula as we explained the process and began feeding them. They settled enough to get photos. Before the family left, 3 hours later, we gave the babies a 2nd bottle. The father called a few days later saying that we were angels. He said they have quiet, happy babies now. They can never thank us enough for saving the lives of their little boys! What a huge change in just a few days!

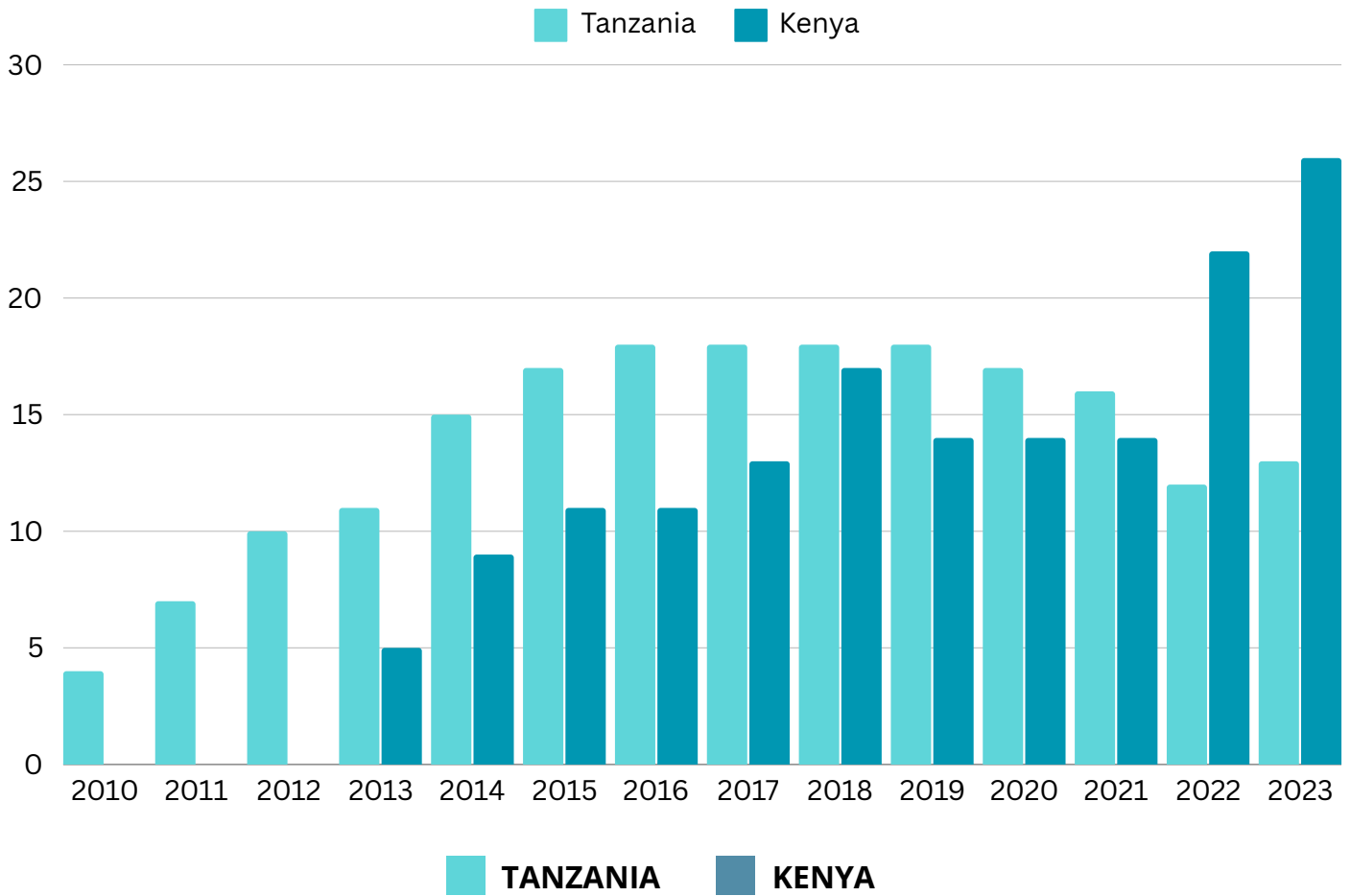
**THANK YOU to ALL WHO SUPPORT this important work.**



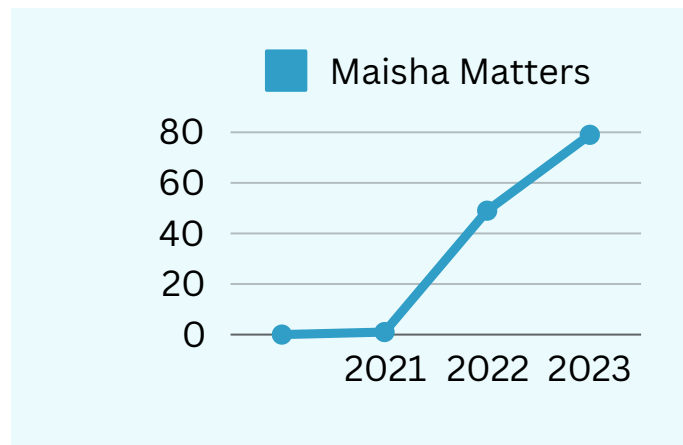
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# ENROLLMENT by YEAR

## 1. Sponsored Children



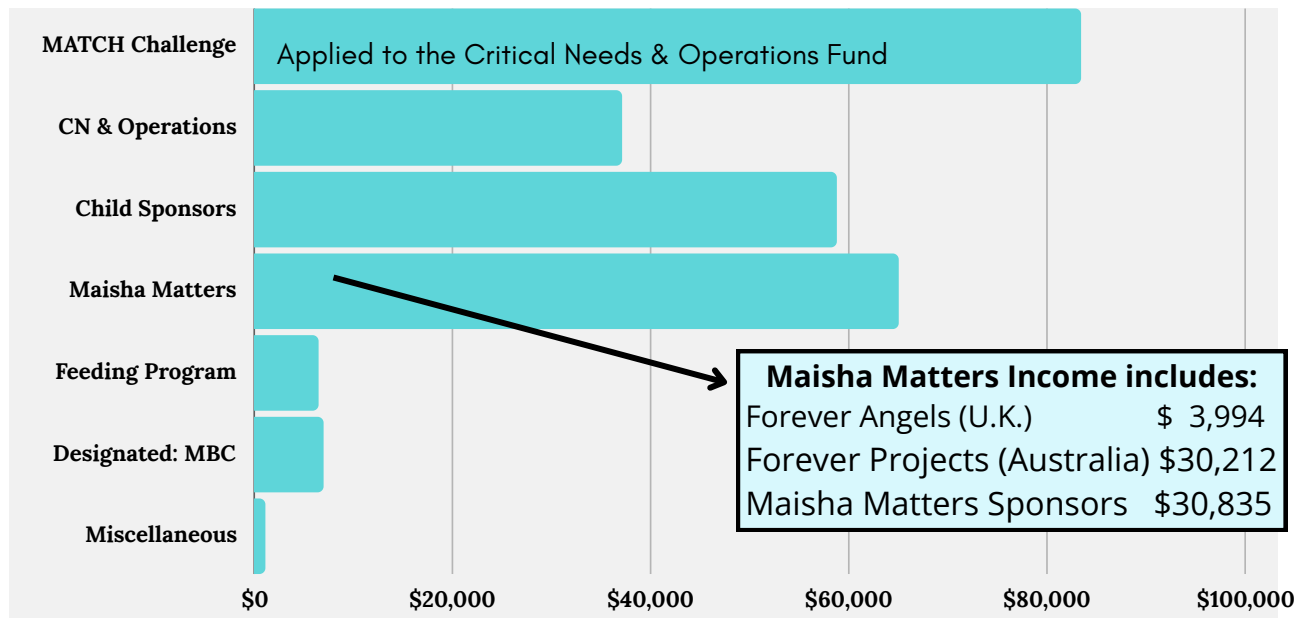
## 2. Maisha Matters Babies (Tanzania)



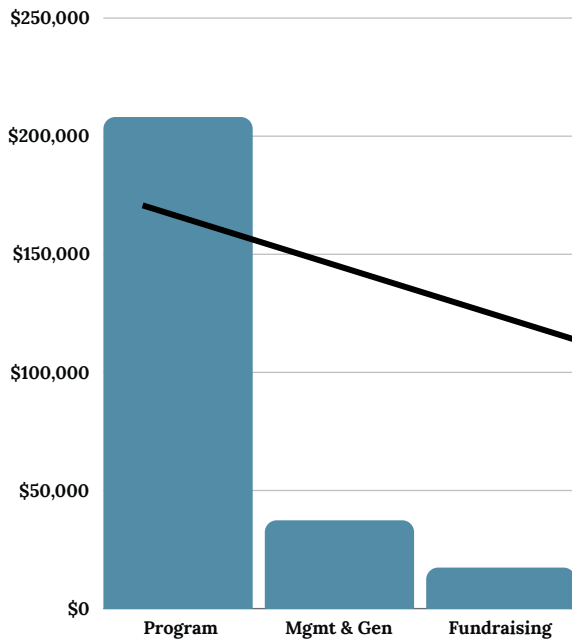
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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

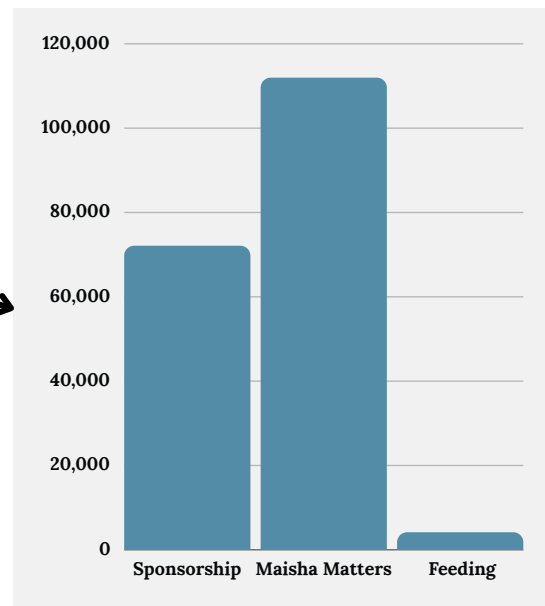
## SOURCES OF CONTRIBUTIONS (\$259,025)



## EXPENSES (\$262,859)



Breakdown by Program



Reportable Income (W2s for all salaries): \$64,856.



*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38*



# 2023

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## HIGHLIGHTS of 2023

- Enrolled 13 new children in Child Sponsorship 
- Blessed by visits in Tanzania from 5 different small groups of volunteers and the many donations they brought
- Inspired & blessed by an amazing mission team from Fellowship Church in Kyle, Texas - Naivasha and Likoni, Kenya
- Spent much more than expected on baby formula! 
- Fully funded the Feeding Program; exceeding our goal
- Broke down a record number of times (TZ) during home visits in the old 1996 Isuzu truck,  but also saw it plow through all kinds of mud when it was working! 
- Continued partnering with PWA High School in Kenya & sent an additional 4 students to the school
- Began the year with 49 babies in Maisha Matters; 79 new babies were enrolled; total enrollment since we opened: 128
- Increased number of babies receiving milk weekly to 71 
- God provided \$83,000 through His people during the MATCH challenge fundraiser
- Increased our Tanzania team to 3 social workers (from 2)
- Forever Projects, Australia increased their support of Maisha Matters which meant we never turned a baby away in 2023! 
- Received a large donation within TZ from a young businessman (\$1,900 for formula) with a pledge to repeat it every 6 months! 264 cans!
- A Texas team provided a special retreat & dinner for staff in TZ
- Joint training of Kenya and Tanzania staff in Dar es Salaam *Retreat*
- A Life Group from God's Tribe Church (Dar) visited to do a prayer walk.
- Jaime Stanfill provided in-depth training on strategic planning for our Executive Director, both Country Directors, and our USA Board resulting in a much better Strategic Plan for 2024 and beyond.
- Media reports from radio & newspaper after attending Maisha Matters

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**Kulea**  
CHILDCARE VILLAGES

**Thank YOU for making possible all these happy moments!**

Thank you for helping us do so much for families and children in 2023. In 2024, join our work with a donation now. Note: Our Annual MATCH CHALLENGE helps to sustain this work. It begins April 15, 2024 and ends May 25th.

**DONATE NOW**

To give by credit card, click the link above.

To give by check, write it to Kulea Villages and mail to:

**P.O. Box 333, Atkinson, NH 03811**

To give specifically to Child Sponsorship, Maisha Matters or the Feeding Program, please visit our website at [www.kuleavillages.org](http://www.kuleavillages.org)