



# 2022 ANNUAL YEAR IN REVIEW

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We serve women and children in Zambia, India, & Costa Rica. We come together as friends from all different cultures – we serve, pray & through life together. In 2022, God spoke to us through *John 15:5*, that HE is our source. For every program, child, woman, refugee, & community we seek to help - God has provided through YOU, your giving, your prayers, & your service. WE THANK YOU!

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me & I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

Please let me know how I personally can be praying for you.

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## New Things!

This year, we will go to KENYA to train Eastern Deanery AIDS Relief Program (CDC partner) in the Kenyan version of *Literacy-Free 12 Step Expressive Arts Therapy* to be offered at 14 sites in Nairobi & evaluated by CDC.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM HAS RESTARTED! We welcome social work, psych, fashion & education interns to serve with us in Costa Rica (June) & Zambia (July). Apply here - [CoLaborers.com/Intern](https://CoLaborers.com/Intern)

## INDIA

[CoLaborers.com/Projects/India](https://CoLaborers.com/Projects/India)

We assist a children's home through our sponsorship program, which provides educational & basic needs from elementary school on up.

*In 2022, 11 of our sponsored students went to university through your giving!*

You are changing their lives through education by giving them tools they need to be the leaders in their community! They are pursuing education in medicine, civics, tailoring, engineering, & more. Many have been with us since they were children when we first began in 2009. We have watched them grow up!



*(Note: 2 students are not pictured as they were visiting family at the time of the picture)*

Pastor John and Karuna also do evangelistic work throughout the Hindu & tribal peoples in slum areas. Pray for church plants! Pray for medical camps for people with HIV/AIDS providing antiretroviral medications & spiritual support. Pray for widows who have lost their spouses to AIDS.

**Looking ahead!** In 2024, we plan to send teachers & student teachers to serve alongside our mobile schools in slum areas without access to formal education. Apply here - [CoLaborers.com/Projects/India](https://CoLaborers.com/Projects/India)

## ZAMBIA

CoLaborers.com/Zambia

We focused on children in rural areas at the beginning of this year. 20 children are sponsored so far! We provide solar powered lamps, school supplies, mathematical sets, uniforms, school bags, reusable menstrual pads, & food stuffs for those in boarding school. We do a letter exchange between them & their sponsors. We have 6 more children in need of your help right now! Please visit [CoLaborers.com/child-sponsorship](https://CoLaborers.com/child-sponsorship) to see their faces, read their stories & become a sponsor!

In March, we celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our Zambia branch, formed of local leaders building on efforts to help women & children we've undertaken in Zambia since 2012. It was beautiful seeing NGOs, government groups & faith-based groups coming together for the plight of women & children. We fellowshiped, networked & dreamed together. We now have 5 Zambian staff members. Our Program director, Nanyemba, is full time & in need of missionary support! Please support our commitment to local leadership by scrolling down to give to her here - [CoLaborers.com/donate](https://CoLaborers.com/donate)



In June, we celebrated publishing our clinical study, "*Substance use treatment using cultural arts and 12 steps: Curriculum training and community-led implementation in Zambia*" in peer-reviewed academic journal, Addictive Behaviors Reports - finding our curriculum is evidence-based - decreasing client substance use frequency while increasing client participation & motivation.

We have continued trainings in our drug & alcohol curriculum throughout the year, endorsed by the Ministry of Health, & have made presentations to the Ministry of Education & Drug Enforcement Commission to prepare to train school guidance counselors. Special thanks to Rotary of Chestertown, MD!

## COSTA RICA

CoLaborers.com/Hynsons



We ended 2021 & started 2022 off in Costa Rica - visiting with Frank, Brittany, & their 2 girls, walking with them through the slums of La Carpio. We met the refugee children they help. Within this slum is Las Gradass, an area inaccessible by car & built into the side of a cliff facing a river, named for the 125 steps that are surrounded by makeshift homes.

We filed to form a nonprofit branch with local leadership. We did an online "stairstep-a-thon" in September to raise funds for the Hynsons. Thanks for participating! Missionaries Frank & Brittany serve alongside local leaders providing services to the women & children including basic education, mental wellness groups, counseling services, food, hygiene, crafts activities, & vocational training. This locally-led effort was founded by Marielos, a Costa Rican therapist. Staff members grew up in the community, once in the same place as these children. Brittany helps with managing the center & teaching big group lessons. Frank mentors the children & teaches them about the Bible at their level as a small group leader.

We received our 1st grants for the women's sewing program, tutoring program, first aid supplies, food, & kids' study Bibles. Special thanks to Rotary of Carolina Forest, First Presbyterian of Pottstown, & Operation Mobilization Special Projects!

### TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIVING!

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