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A LITTLE HISTORY, A LOT OF HEART – OUR GHANA STORY

To tell the story of CWI and the work in Ghana, Africa, you have to start at the beginning. Towards the end of 2010, Tyson and Jenny Ray were approached by an industrious young man, Michael Hoffman, who had passion for helping others. Mike had a friend in Ghana who was a Catholic brother named Brother Bosco. Mike, a teacher, had gone on an independent mission trip to Ghana and had worked with Bosco over the past four years on educational and medical mission projects. In 2010, Brother Bosco started a widow's group - ULLO Widows Association in Development - with the vision of "creating an environment free from poverty, diseases and to promote the education of orphans with respect to human dignity." His plan had many phases including digging a well, growing vegetables, processing shay nuts, baking bread and building a preschool for the children of the widows. All this was in an effort to assist these families in becoming self-sufficient.

Mike Hoffman, whom many of you have come to know as a board member and proponent of CWI, sought out Tyson and Jenny in an effort to gain some insights and advice regarding raising funds to support Bosco's projects in Ghana. Mike's enthusiasm and commitment were evident to

the foundation members, who unanimously agreed to help. In the years since, CWI has worked to provide the funds needed for each phase of Bosco's plan, and then some.

The well was dug. A water filtration and packaging machine was installed. Vegetable gardens have flourished. The shay nut processing machine was put in place. An industrial bread oven was purchased and a preschool was built. CWI also purchased vehicles and an ambulance, as transportation in this poor and remote area is difficult. We knew the whole effort was a success when the government of Ghana built a bank near the development - a sign of recognition and success.



Brother Bosco

In 2017, CWI and Mike Hoffman were again in conversation with Bosco about the possibility of replicating the project in another area. Unfortunately, those plans were put on hold when we learned that Brother Bosco had been

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ULLO members working to process shay nuts in to butter



An ULLO widow and her child watering crops

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diagnosed with ALS – Lou Gehrig’s disease. Sadly, we received word in December 2017 that Bosco had passed away. The CWI board felt, with Bosco’s passing, the plans for any more projects in Ghana had effectually ended as there was no infrastructure to continue the partnership. This was a sad and difficult transition as we still felt the connection to Bosco’s people.

Happily, this past summer, Mike Hoffman was contacted by Bosco’s brother, Felix. Felix has been able to transition into the leadership of ULLO and he is seeking to pick up and continue the work. With some seed funds from CWI, he has repaired the electrical transformer and the water bagging machine and paid some bills that were in arrears. He has also started connecting with widows in the surrounding communities to help them assess their resources and design some strategies for improvement.

CWI is encouraging Felix to continue the work in Ghana, following in his brother’s footsteps

to create an environment free from poverty, disease and promoting the education of orphans. One possibility may include micro-financing projects like animal rearing, gardening, bee keeping, and tilapia farming.

On Felix’s wish list is a motorcycle which would allow him to travel from village to village much more quickly than walking. For a man who lives in a rustic home without running water, this will be a huge impact. Currently, his only source of income is from operating a roadside drink bar (which is very common in Ghana). He has a small refrigerator and a few plastic tables and chairs where people can stop and get a cold soda or beer as they travel.

Children’s World Impact is hoping to make Felix’s wish come true this Christmas by providing a motorcycle. Our goal is to support this man of humble means and strong commitment and to encourage him as he picks up the momentum begun by his brother, Bosco. Will you help? ■

GOALS FOR 2019 – WITH YOUR HELP

As we look ahead into the new year, we are committed to continued support of the people in Haiti and to the possibility of more projects in Ghana.

We know we want to raise the funds to purchase some equipment for Felix at the ULLO Widows Project. This project would be benefited by having a computer with a printer and a modem. If he had a small motorcycle, Felix would have better access to the communities around the ULLO project which will enable him to facilitate growing the opportunities. We would like to raise \$8,000, which would also allow for some seed funds to start small micro-financing loans to the widows who are now becoming more entrepreneurial.

We also know that the new medical clinic in Mirebalais, Haiti should have a fence constructed around it to help keep it safe. The building contains valuable equipment and a small pharmacy. Keeping those resources protected is important. The estimate is about \$12,000 for building a strong fence structure.

With your generous year-end donations, we will complete both these goals and lay the foundation for even more impact. Please consider CWI and the ability you have to change the world. Thank you for your support. ■

RAYMOND JAMES CELEBRATES CWI

FORM Wealth Advisors, founded by Tyson Ray and his partner, Luke Kuchenberg, is affiliated with Raymond James Financial Services as the broker/dealer/backroom processor for the business. Raymond James is a large financial services company that serves clients through about 7,700 financial advisors around the world. They hold an annual conference for professional development that brings together over 5,000 people for education and networking purposes. The theme of the conference is ELEVATE - with the purpose of elevating the industry, the business and its affiliates in as many ways as possible.

As preparations were being made for the 2018 ELEVATE conference, we learned that Children's World Impact had been selected to be part of the opening and closing celebrations. A professional film crew was sent to interview Tyson and Jenny Ray, as well as other board members. They produced a beautiful film highlighting the work that CWI has done, raising funds and providing resources around the world to help break the cycle of poverty. The film is a celebration of passion and commitment to helping others.

This was an incredible honor - to be selected out of all the advisors who do good deeds - and it's been incredibly humbling to hear from those in attendance who were moved by the information. Since the video aired, Tyson has been contacted by a number of people who have been inspired to move out of their comfort zones and search out ways to give back to their communities and beyond. ■

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THE CLINIC IS OPEN!

Last year we announced to you that CWI had made a commitment to raise funds to build a medical clinic in Mirebalais, Haiti and we asked for your support. We are very pleased to report that the clinic is open and seeing patients. Over the course of 2018 we were able to watch the progress of the building and on August 30, 2018, the new clinic was dedicated. On September 3rd, the clinic opened to patients and over 150 were seen and treated on that day alone.

Haiti continues to rank as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, with close to 60% of the population living under the national poverty line. In addition, the country reports some of the world's worst health indicators, which continue to inhibit the country's development. Haiti has struggled with poor health outcomes for generations, but the January 2010 earthquake that hit the country further complicated healthcare issues. The quake demolished 50 health centers, a large part of Haiti's main teaching hospital, as well as the Ministry of Health. Approximately 40% of this Caribbean country lacks access to basic, essential health and nutrition services. Not quite half of

all children aged 12-23 months are fully vaccinated. Additionally, 22% of Haitian children under the age of 5 are stunted in their growth.

The Mirebalais clinic is a welcome addition to this community and will have a tremendous impact on the people for miles around. CWI is pleased that the construction of the clinic was done by local native Haitians, which provided income for these families which helps break the cycle of poverty.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause. We can't begin to know how deeply the Haitian people appreciate this act of mercy and love. But we do know that this is what we are called to do and to be - a caring community who sees a need and responds. Thank you for being part of our community. ■





GOLF OUTING SUCCESS

The CWI Annual Golf Outing was held on August 20 and raised \$46,500 toward the clinic project developing in Mirebalais, Haiti. 140 golfers and volunteers dodged the rain and celebrated the successes of the day and CWI's goals for the future. Everyone was all smiles during registration and enjoyed catching up during breakfast before the outing. There were different levels of competitiveness apparent throughout the day. None more evident than on the betting hole with Jenny Ray, Founder and CWI Board Member. Foursomes stepped up to take a chance on whom could come closest to the pin. The pressure was on as folks bet on one another, and sometimes themselves, to make their best shot. All things considered, even those shots gone awry were award worthy as the proceeds benefited Children's World Impact. Sponsorship support was overwhelming and graciously appreciated. A special thanks for their generosity:



Tyson Ray, CFP® and FORM Wealth Advisors continue their support of the Children's World Impact Foundation. After completing the round of golf, Tyson provided an overview of the clinic construction and showed the immediate impact of the golf outing proceeds at work. Overall, it was a terrific day of fun, fellowship and philanthropy. Please save the date and plan to join us in 2019. ■

SAVE THE DATE:

August 12, 2019

@ Geneva National

"I believe every human is hardwired to care for others. I know no greater satisfaction than improving the lives of widows and orphans. I desire everyone to know how it feels to be a part of this impact we are making at CWI."

Tyson Ray



Breaking the cycle of poverty!

OUR MISSION

At Children's World Impact we commit to looking after orphans and widows in their distress, and to make a significant impact on the lives of the neglected.

OUR VISION

Children's World Impact seeks to break the cycle of poverty through care and community development.

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