

Mercy Beyond Borders
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A MESSAGE FROM MBB'S LEADERS

Dear Friends,

Moving girls from displacement to diplomas. Moving women from exile to entrepreneurship. That's what YOU are accomplishing in devastatingly difficult parts of the world, and you should feel very good about it.

2017 was MBB's 10th anniversary. YOU made it a great one! YOU lifted lives in refugee camps, rural villages, and mountain hamlets in Haiti, South Sudan, and Uganda. YOU provided education and empowerment to hundreds of women and girls struggling with extreme poverty. And YOU positioned MBB for public recognition as a great nonprofit.

How can we thank you enough? Perhaps Christine, a 12th grader in South Sudan says it best:

"My mother died when I was in 5th grade; my father moved away to marry another woman. Nothing was easy. I worked to earn money for my school fees. By 8th grade I told my sister I would have to drop out; but she said if I did that, she will die just like our mother. Then in 2015, MBB awarded me a scholarship to high school! That truly settled my mind at peace. MBB totally changed my life. Now I am like a student who has parents...."

"If it was not because of you, MBB, I would be in the village, digging in the farm and being forced to marry an old man. Instead my life is going well. Everything is possible: books are here in the library and there is nothing I am thinking about apart from studying hard.... Thank you, MBB."

Here's to our next decade, walking with marginalized females who are learning, connecting, and leading!

With grateful hearts,



Mark Stevens
MBB Board Chair



Sister Marilyn Lacey
Executive Director



Cover Photo: MBB entrepreneurs in Boroli refugee camp, Uganda

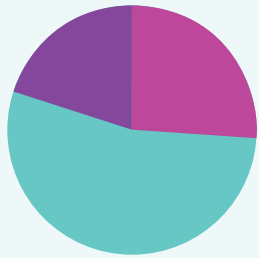


SNAPSHOT: MBB PROGRAM ACTIVITY DURING CY 2017



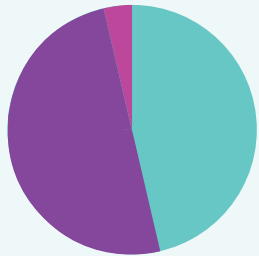
- 90** | Businesses started by South Sudanese women in refugee camps
- 1,399** | Girls supported in two all-girls primary schools in Haiti and South Sudan
- 388** | Girls now on high school scholarships in Haiti, South Sudan, Uganda and Kenya
- 41** | Young South Sudanese women now on college or university scholarships
- 311** | Girls learning computer skills weekly in Haiti and South Sudan
- 398** | Scholars housed and fed in MBB boarding lodges (Haiti) & school dorms (E. Africa)
- 650** | Primary school girls in Haiti provided with modern toilets on their campus
- 657** | South Sudanese girls served by MBB School Nurse at St Bakhita Primary School
- 40** | Haitian Scholars participating in English Language Immersion Summer Camp
- 109** | Scholars participating in annual Leadership Camps in Haiti, South Sudan, and Uganda
- 84** | Adult women learning literacy in Haiti and South Sudan
- 38** | Adult women acquiring sewing or baking skills in Haiti
- 98** | Haitian women and girls screened at MBB's Health Advice Clinic in its first 3 months
- 6,580** | Hours of volunteer service by MBB Scholars in their local communities

ONGOING EDUCATION IMPACT



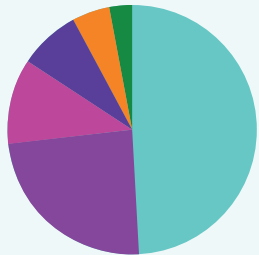
505 Scholars Awarded High School Scholarships in South Sudan and Haiti

- 132 Already Graduated (26%)
- 338 Still in High School (55%)
- 97 Dropped due to war, illness, forced marriage, academic failure



81 High School Grads Awarded Higher Education Scholarships in South Sudan

- 37 Already Graduated from College or University (46%)
- 40 Still in Higher Education (50%)
- 4 Dropped (4%) due to war, illness, forced marriage, migration



37 MBB Alumnae from Higher Education in South Sudan *(with hundreds more in the pipeline)*

- 49% Nurses/Midwives/Auxiliary Nurses
- 24% Business women
- 11% Agronomists
- 8% Computer Info Technicians
- 5% Teachers
- 3% Logistician



Do these numbers seem small to you? Well, in the year MBB started (2008) only 11 girls graduated from high school in the entire country. Females simply weren't deemed worthy of schooling; education was for boys only. Given that context, MBB is promoting dramatic change by enabling women and girls to learn, connect and lead.

By providing nearly 100% of the operating budget of St Bakhita Girls Primary School in South Sudan every year for the past 10 years, MBB has directly funded over 6,500 years of primary education. That's GIRL-YEARS, of course!



FROM DISPLACEMENT TO DIPLOMA

Moriku Agnes & Atapkwo Grace have come a long way. Both have pursued healthcare careers with remarkable determination, emerging finally from displacements to diplomas.



Moriku was born in a refugee camp.

Soon orphaned, she was sent to live with relatives and abused as a child. Despite all that she thought of only one thing: education. Every day she toiled long before dawn on other people's farms to put herself through primary school. Every year she was #1 in her class. Through dogged persistence she obtained a scholarship to high school, but lost it when the sponsoring agency pulled out of the refugee camp. Ultimately she talked the Principal into letting her finish high school without paying tuition (unheard of in Africa). Still, she dreamed of more: nursing. YOU gave her that chance through an MBB full scholarship. She now works as resident school nurse for the 659 girls at St Bakhita's. Besides tending normal knee scrapes, infections and chest colds, Moriku has already saved a number of students' lives by recognizing and quickly treating cholera, appendicitis and severe malaria.

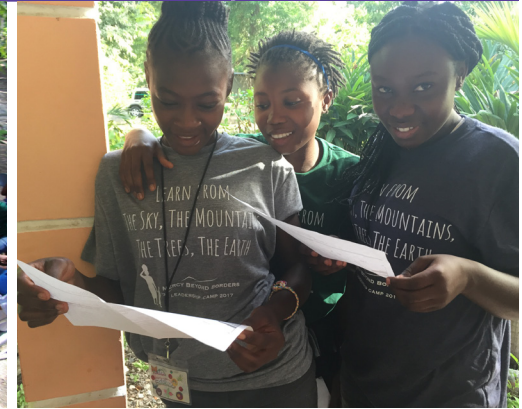
Atapkwo is also an MBB scholarship alumna.

She's an auxiliary nurse currently working at the United Nations clinic in Pagirinya refugee camp in northern Uganda. There she does everything from interpreting for doctors to managing intakes and screening patients. In the evenings she cares for her ill mother who is herself a refugee.

Prior to receiving their MBB scholarships, both Moriku and Atapkwo volunteered for an entire year in the remote Kuron village clinic. Their dedication convinced MBB to invest in them. We're very proud of the strong, compassionate, professional women they've become.

FROM MOUNTAINS TO MID-TERMS





Haitian women, on average, have had only two years of education. Most girls in Haiti today will never complete primary school. Families are simply too poor to pay. If they have a bit of cash, preference goes to the sons, not the daughters.

MBB awards high school scholarships to girls from over 20 feeder schools, most of them scattered in the steep hillsides surrounding Gros Morne town. Their mountain homes have no plumbing or electricity. They work small farms. They haul water from streams. They walk great distances and ford shallow but swift rivers to get to school.

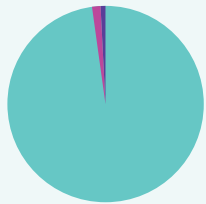
They're motivated to learn! Those without means to stay in school will end up as vendors in the local markets, eking out a living day by day like this charcoal seller and her mother. Christella (red-checked blouse) is one of the lucky ones: she's an MBB Scholar.

MBB Scholars benefit from safe lodging in town, computer classes, English language immersion camp and leadership workshops. That's in addition, of course, to their academic scholarships!



ONGOING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT

188 Women living in South Sudan and in Ugandan refugee camps received business training and micro-enterprise loans from MBB:

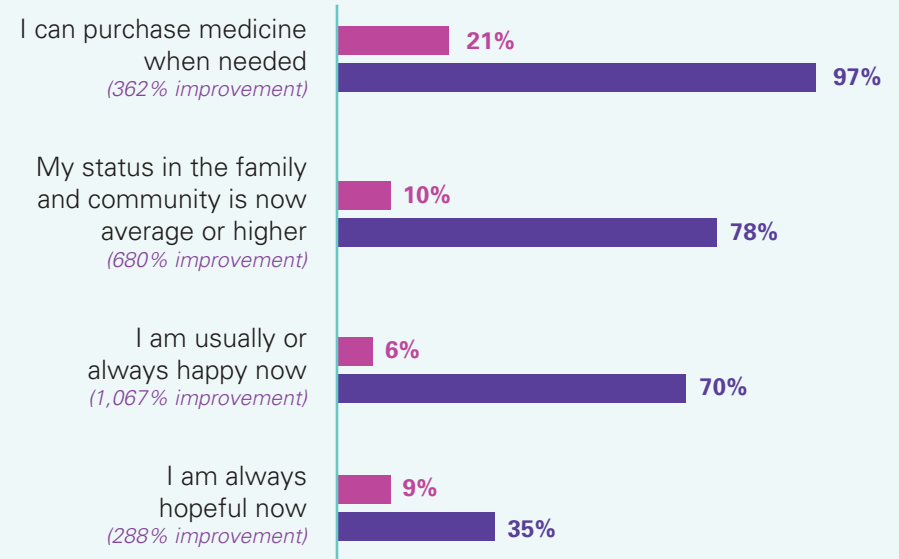
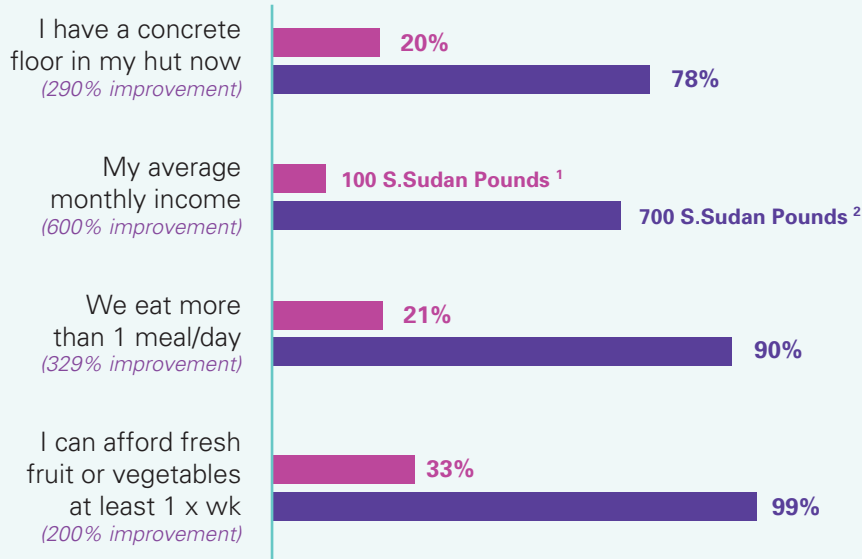


- **186** Small businesses successfully launched, each with a \$200 loan
- **1** Woman died of illness
- **2** Women had loan money stolen by their husbands

Note: Assuming an average family size of 6, these 186 successful women raised the standard of living of an estimated 1,116 individuals previously mired in extreme poverty.



Micro-enterprise impact as self-reported by 89 loan recipients in 6 South Sudan villages:



■ Before joining MBB ■ 1 year after joining MBB

¹ approx. \$4 USD ² approx. \$28 USD

FROM EXILE TO ENTREPRENEUR



Amuor is not the kind of person who gives up.

She had been a cattle-keeper in South Sudan until the day her village was attacked by rebels. The soldiers shot her in the leg. To save her life, members of the community carried her “on a bed of sticks” for 30 km (20 miles) to a clinic. By that time her leg was almost rotting and she feared it would be amputated. Out of the blue a Good Samaritan paid to transport her all the way to Juba Hospital where she was treated properly for the bone fragments and shrapnel removal. She still lives with pain and will never be able to bend her leg – but she can walk.

“After healing,” she says, “I couldn’t cope with the violence in Juba. My children and I decided to cross over into the refugee camps in Uganda. It took me a long time to earn transport money to the border. Now here in Adjumani refugee camp, I am ok. MBB came at a crucial time when UNHCR had cut our food rations by two-thirds. Their micro-enterprise program has totally changed my life and I am able now to send my children to school with profits from my business.”

With her first loan from MBB, Amuor created a business baking and selling mandazi (biscuits) in the refugee camp; she pooled her second loan with a small group of other women to open a soap-making factory in the camp.



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"What I appreciate most from MBB is that they taught me about volunteering. I never knew about that before. I love going to Maison Bon Samaritain [home for neglected elderly] to talk with the residents and fix their hair."

–Valencia (above), MBB Scholar in HAITI



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—Megan, Donor in U.S.





“Being in this class with the other women makes me happy. I can write my name now, and do numbers, too!”

—Terese, Adult Literacy Learner in Haiti



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"Now I am sending my daughter to school. I place her in your hands, because she can have the future that I never had due to early marriage."

—South Sudanese mother who was pulled from St Bakhita School in 7th grade into a forced marriage

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MMB [scholarships]."

-Vina Ileyo, clinical nurse in South Sudan



"I began communicating with Marilyn a number of years ago after hearing about her through a teacher friend who had seen her speak at her school here in Australia. I was curious and was very interested in supporting young women and girls in South Sudan. I ended up travelling to South Sudan with Marilyn and [taught] Violence Against Women workshops with the students. I love what MBB does and am very proud to have had a small involvement and to maintain my involvement through a monthly donation."

—Felicity, Donor in New Zealand



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"Our family is poor; my mother sells charcoal. Without MBB my education would have stopped at 6th grade. With this great scholarship now, I plan to become a nurse."

—Evena, Scholar in Haiti

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Don & Kitty Speranza
Shirley Tamoria
Steven Wade
Maureen Webster

Remembering Duane & Dorie Liffriq

Sheila Liffriq & David Hoffman

Remembering Gregory Lewis

Mary Jeanne Lewis

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Remembering Marian Olson

Kris & Jim Cannon
Edna & Ray Conti
Patricia Cretan
Benson & Clarice Fong
Bonnie & Frank Pagliaro
Stoesser Enterprises LLC
Priscilla Wong

Remembering Adelaide Carroll Brothers

Adelaide Palmer

Remembering Jan S. Robertson

Paul Robertson

Remembering Larry Sova

Nancy Jones, RSM

IN HONOR OF

Honoring Patricia Conlin

Anonymous

Honoring Sherri Coats' Birthday

Claire Starry Whybourn

Honoring MBB for its Work

Raquel Holt

Julie Brown

Judith Donaldson

Liz & Al Dossa

1st Presbyterian Church of Livermore

Maureen Brown Parton

Margaret Turk, RSM

Honoring Family at Christmas

Colette Baldwin

Honoring Mr. & Mrs. CJ Collins

Jay & Virginia Bains

Honoring Easter

Joy Nabi

Honoring Family & Friends

Margaret Donohue

Honoring Marilyn Gottemoeller

Elizabeth Bartelme

Honoring a Friend on Her 80th Birthday

Marilyn Gottemoeller

Honoring Ellen FitzGerald, RSM

John FitzGerald

Honoring My Mom

Beth Garriott

Honoring My Mom

Jo Marie Guastello

Honoring Doris & Marilyn Gottemoeller, RSM

Martha Smydra

Honoring Uncle George

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Jean Sitter & RSM Cmty

Honoring Phyllis Hughes, RSM

Terry Hughes

Van Mason & Sharon Lavender

Honoring Nancy Jones, RSM

Elaine Sova

Honoring Marilyn Lacey

Maureen Webster

Mary Lou Simmermacher

Honoring Carrie Murawski

Maureen Webster

Honoring Bette O'Donnell

Joseph O'Donnell

Honoring Our 33rd Wedding Anniversary

Edie & Denny Lott

Chris White

Honoring Mercy WMW Jubilarians

Marianne Bennet, RSM

Margot Schueneman RSM

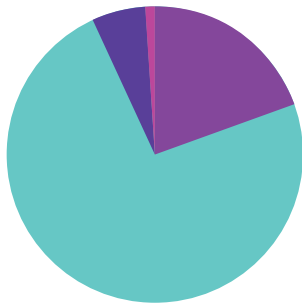


"May everyone be safe.
Such heroes dedicated to
the women and girls...
Blessings"

—Margaret, Donor in U.S.

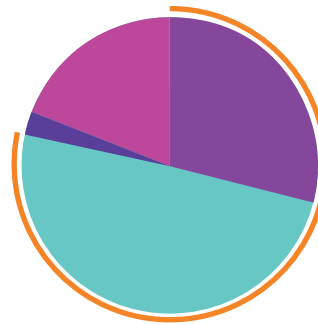


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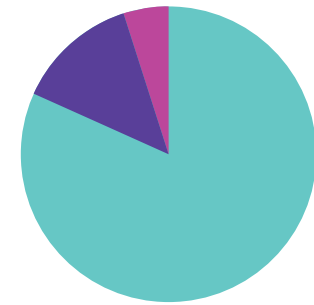
CY 2017 REVENUE: \$1,827,586

■ Foundations	73%
■ Individuals	20%
■ Bequests	6%
■ Corporations	1%



CY 2017 EXPENSES: \$729,481

— Overseas Programs	78%
■ East Africa	49%
■ Haiti	29%
■ General Admin	19%
■ Fundraising	3%



CY 2017 OVERSEAS PROGRAM EXPENSES BY TYPE: \$570,598

■ Education	81%
■ Women's Econ Dev	14%
■ Maternal/Child Health	5%

ASSETS

Cash	\$1,522,734
Stock	\$11,424
Deposits / Prepaid Expenses (2018 Gala)	\$3,603

Total Assets **\$1,537,761**

LIABILITIES

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EQUITY

Unreserved & Unrestricted Net Assets	\$611,320
Working Capital Reserve	\$100,000
Scholarship Reserve	\$650,000

Total Unrestricted Net Assets **\$1,361,320**

Restricted Net Assets	\$176,441
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Total Equity **\$1,537,761**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Anna Chan
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 George Lula
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Being rich or famous was never a goal for MBB founder and executive director, Sr Marilyn Lacey. But as MBB's 10th year wound down in relative anonymity, the universe decided otherwise. The Opus Prize Foundation, in collaboration with Regis University in Denver, conducted a global search for a leader motivated by faith to do amazing work. In 2017 they chose Marilyn. Suddenly the question became "Who wants to be a millionaire?" and on behalf of MBB, Marilyn was thrilled to accept the Foundation's \$1 million cash award. The Opus Prize Foundation's director, Don Neureuther, described its own mission later at MBB's annual gala: "We are always looking for the next Mother Teresa."



Before the year ended, AARP selected Marilyn as one of 10 Purpose Prize fellows in the U.S. This honor goes to individuals of, ahem, "a certain age" who are "using their life experience to make a better future for all". The fellowship brought \$5,000 to MBB along with marvelous opportunities for networking and pro bono consultation.

MBB does not seek accolades, but we're deeply grateful for these affirmations because of the resources they've brought us for furthering our mission. We pass along this affirmation to YOU whose wonderful support boosted MBB to this point. YOU deserve all the thanks.

WHEN WOMEN LEARN,
WOMEN MATTER.

THEN EVERYTHING
CHANGES!

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