

2023

Annual Report



From Rainbow Mike

As we look back on the challenges and blessings of 2023, the words of 2 Corinthians 12:9 resonate deeply within my heart: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Throughout the year, amidst the trials of insecurity in Kotido and the immense joy of welcoming our daughter Lakicha Mikaelia Rainbow, we've witnessed the unwavering presence of God's grace.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude to every individual, family, church, and organization that has walked alongside us. Your prayers and generous contributions have empowered us to touch the lives of over 750 individuals, from providing essential borehole water at Shalom home to laying the foundation for educational opportunities through the establishment of Shalom school.

Blessings in the new year!

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Outreach and Discipleship

Gospel movement and discipleship is the center of our work, however Karamoja needs practical gospel and I say our team has work sacrificially to demonstrate the love of Christ to this poorest and most vulnerable population in Uganda. This year 2023, we included Panyangara secondary school in our outreach/ school evangelism. 80 students joined and attended bible studies on weekly basis, and we receive report of over 30 youth who gave their lives to Christ.

Meanwhile we also started Church at Shalom home and through this fellowship, 24 youth and 3 mothers received Christ into their lives. The one very encouraging story is one of the Agape youth who started to walk with Jesus in 2022 and then witness to his mother who also became the follower of Jesus toward the end of 2023.



“That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Graduates Return to Karamoja

Eleven of Shalom’s current 20 staff members are former beneficiaries! It’s just been so encouraging to see these by then young boys and girls turned into young skillful men and women with the heart to serve their community and give back to the ministry. We have invested in some of these youths for over 18 years and it's so good to see the fruits and impact that they bring both to Shalom and the community in Kotido (Jie people) and Karamoja. (Below, left to right: Abraham, Paul, and Demello)



More youth and children in the sponsorship program

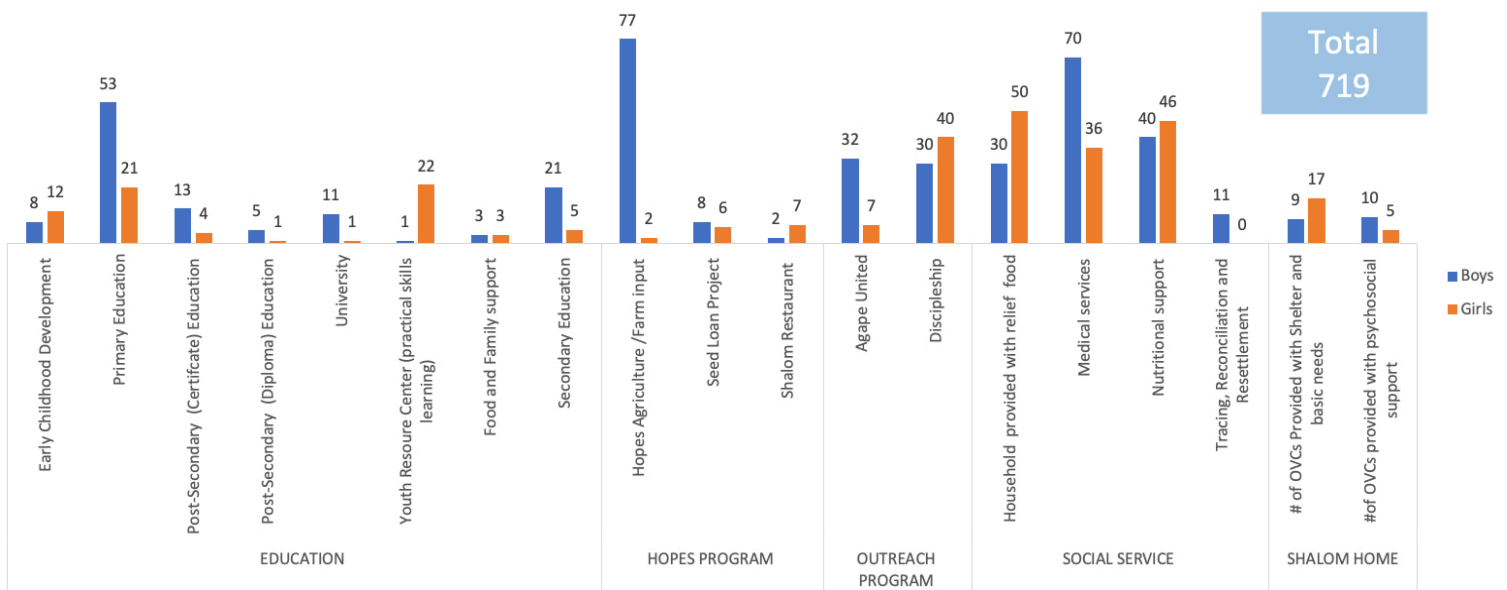
90 children and youth were fully sponsored and 14 partially sponsored at various level of education and 5 graduated in 2023. This is the largest number we have supported in a single school year calendar. By the grace of God, we have walked alongside some of these youth since the beginning of Shalom providing support for education, food, medical, shelter and discipleship.

I like how they describe Shalom as a family not just a place they come to receive materials and financial support and go away.

Sadly, the high number of children and youth who have come to Shalom to request support to go to school greatly increased in 2023. By the end of 2023, we had over 600 requests and put on a waiting list. If the school construction is completed, we can take more children but there will always be a larger need than what Shalom can provide.



Your Impact in 2023



Financial Report

Looking ahead to 2024

As 2024 gets started, we are very excited to see more students graduating from vocational school in the first half of the year, the Beyond the Rainbow School to continue construction, and more ministry to the hearts of the children and youth.

Please pray that we would be faithful to follow God into the various areas of influence and service that He has for SRM, including areas of partnership and advocacy to see needs met over the long term in this land of warrior pastoralists.

In Service,

Rainbow and the SRM team

Support & Revenue	FY 2023
Individual Contributions	\$170,354.76
Organization Contributions (Non-Grant)	\$40,597.39
Grants	\$50,000.00
Various Income (Amazon Smile, etc.)	\$117.58
Total Support and Revenue	\$261,069.73
Functional Expenses	
General Fund	\$146,263.53
Rainbow Family Support	\$0.00
Sponsorship	\$65,761.47
General and Administrative	\$2,421.87
Special Projects	\$45,175.00
International Volunteer Support	\$9,932.05
Total Functional Expenses	\$269,553.92
Change in Net Assets	-\$8,484.19
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$104,531.72



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“Take care of the orphans and the widows in their distress.”

