ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Dear RecycloCraftz Partners and Friends,

20/20 is a term often used to describe the ability to see things clearly. Well, the year 2020 has hardly been that for people all around the globe. Yet in my heart and energies I have not lost sight of the good work God began in the RecycloCraftz ministry over a decade ago.

For years I have prayed for God's showers of blessings to descend upon this ministry. With hope in my heart and jealously in my spirit I looked upon other mature ministries with envy. "Why have you not opened the flood gates over RecycloCraftz?" I wrestled with God continually.

The following pages reflect joyfully the answers to years of never-ceasing prayers on behalf of this ministry and the people of Zambia. In 2020 God HAS mercifully opened the flood gates of heaven and the showers of blessing have begun. Where we have been walking by faith we have begun to walk in sight. With this, the first ever Annual Report, a pillar of stones, has been erected. From this point we will be able to look back in years to come and see all the good things the Lord has done to make an educational, economic and eternal difference in the lives of those we serve. Together with your prayers and support we will continue to open up new possibilities that bring hope for a better tomorrow in Zambia.

Continuing to Serve Him,
Tracy Murray

COVID 19 RESPONSE

2020 was a year of pain and strife. Our staff and artisans were by no means excluded. Though trials abounded, we were not going to stand by and do nothing.

Our Artisans and Pastors

Thankfully, none of our members got seriously ill. However, much of the informal sector in Zambia was forced to close.

Our Response

Because of your generous donations were were able to give over $3,000 in COVID relief funds.

What is the informal sector?

This is how the majority of our artisans make a living outside of RecycloCraftz. They consist of all the vendors you see lining the side of the road in Zambia (and many other countries) selling vegetables, fruits, clothes, you name it.

$3,000
Dollars

28 artisans
2 Pastors

Idah Sinkala

Idah had been admitted to the hospital with severely swollen legs. The money she received helped her pay for medical bills and buy neccessary medication. She told us she had no idea what would have happened without the help.

Beatrice Banda

Beatrice was stranded and had no idea how she was going to manage when COVID hit. When the money came, she bought fertilizer for her maize field, it is now doing very well. She explained that she knew this help was sent from God.

Mary Daka

Mary used her funds to buy yarn she uses to knit. She is hoping that that business will increase as they enter their cold season. "God alone sends help at the right time",

Skills at Work

In addition, many of our artisans were able to make extra funds using their sewing skills to make masks!

WHO WE ARE

HOLISTIC APPROACH

There are so many factors that go into the problem of poverty. We look at the WHOLE person. We center our ministry around these 7 areas:

MISSION

We are making an educational, economic, and eternal difference in the lives of the impoverished, widowed, unemployed, and orphaned women, men, and youth in Zambia through literacy development, vocational training, and discipleship.

VISION

We believe that by teaching and nurturing hands-on trade skills, academic learning and a Biblical based relationship with Jesus Christ, that leadership skills will develop and transformational life changes will take place in the lives of those we serve.

EVELYN GARAKARA

What a privilege it is to share Evelyn's story. She passed away this year, a faithful member for over 12 years.

"Evelyn was a women well acquainted with grief and yet filled with the utmost joy."

Evelyn knew the grief of losing two husbands, one from a tragic accident and the other from high blood pressure. She gave birth to 8 children and lost two of them at the ages of 22 and 30, one from AIDS and the other from food poisoning. Evelyn had an illness that kept her housebound for most of her life.

BUT, Evelyn found joy in the midst of grief. She learned how to crochet and make hand crafts and began teaching at a local community center. It was here that she heard of RecycloCraftz. She joined the ministry in 2009 and eventually brought along her two daughters.

TRANSFORMATION

She owned her own home, which she built, complete with 4 bedrooms a kitchen and a sitting room. She had electricity installed in her home, however could not afford running water. It may not sound like much, but Evelyn provided for and loved her family joyfully!

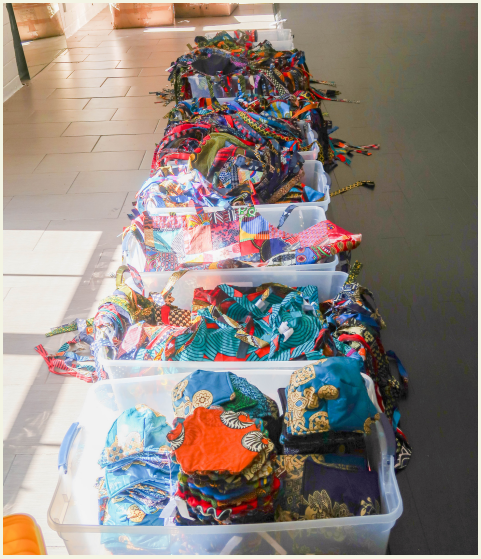
Evelyn Passed away at age 69, surpassing the average life expectancy in Zambia of 63. Evelyn's smiling face will be missed in our group of artisans, we're honored to have known her and to tell her story.

BRICK AND MORTAR STORE

Who opens a store in the middle of a global pandemic? We do! Our brick and mortar store opened its doors at the Mellwood Art Center on July, 10 2020

With a new store opening, we were able to add on two new members of our staff! A Director of Sales and Marketing and a Director of Operations

We placed our biggest order yet, sending over $2,000 to our artisans in Zambia!



40+ VOLUNTEERS

5 DAYS

1000+ PRODUCTS

BIGGEST ORDER YET

MICRO-LOANS: Kelvin

Kelvin Mwansa and his team make all of our wire figurines and beautiful nativities. He has been with RCZ since the start.

He owns a studio where he teaches younger artists, orphans in particular. This doubles as a successful tourist based craft boutique. A few years ago Barnabas, our project manager, began discipling Kelvin with hopes that he would come to know the Lord. It is now so evident that Kelvin has adopted a biblical worldview.

$580 micro-loan

Kelvin had so many young students asking him for help and lessons, however his space was just too small, so he had to turn away many students.

Through our micro-loan program he was able to move into a much larger and central location. Now his business is booming and he's able to teach more kiddos!

"Thank you God for your light nd ur gift of my art talent, I know I have an influence on the young people nd this is the reason I pray that help me influence these beautiful lives in a positive way nd lead them to u as the most high artist. nd this is why we now start with prayer in our every art lesson nd study the word of God. My boys nd girls are improving in their sketches. I know one day in the future even when am no more, they still thanks to God for me and my team too. Its not easy but God is on our side."

-Kelvin

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Since 2007 only 1/4 of our books have been available at our ministry center for the community, while the rest (about 1000) were used in other areas.

However, renovations were just completed in our second 40' shipping container that allowed for another 1500 books to move on site! Making our Biblical studies library fully operational for local pastors, teachers, and students!

With this, phase 1 is complete! Including: a strong awning, a door, security bars, a fan, and electricity!

Now we're raising funds for phase 2: installing insulation, particleboard walls, the rest of the books, and furnishings.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020

Here's just a few highlights from our year!

35

artisans, staff, and pastors involved

+ $500,000

in sales generated since 2008

$8,000

given to artisans and pastors

1,500

products made

Barnabas accepted into seminary

1st

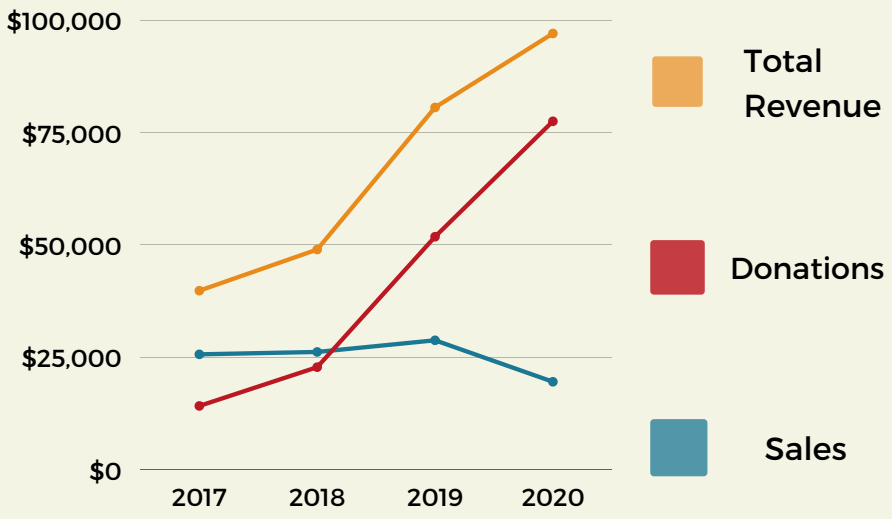
Intern on staff

Brick and Mortar Boutique opened

$77,000

donations received

FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Donations and Sales	**$97,057**
Sales	$19,544
Donations	$77,513

Expenses	**$65,898**
U.S. Admin Expenses	$43,651
Zambian Admin Expenses	$8,636
Projects	$5,525
Artisan Earnings	$8,086

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