



ORCHARD:AFRICA

2018

**ANNUAL REPORT**

A MESSAGE FROM  
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Those we serve often live in darkness; both literal and figurative darkness. For many in the villages, electricity is a luxury. People regularly use candles for light and collect dry wood on which to cook. Generational poverty, apart from the literal darkness it produces, can also produce a darkness of the soul that results in hopelessness.

Yet, it takes but the smallest of lights to penetrate even the deepest of darkness. Jesus, addressing his disciples, said, “You are the light of the world.” He did not say we should try to be a light. He did not say we are like a light. No! He said, we, His disciples are a light. He then went on to encourage us not to hide our light under a basket. Rather, we should let our light shine for all to see. How? “...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Our good deeds make our light shine brightly and allow others to glorify God.

You, our partners, are a light in the darkness of those most vulnerable amongst us. Every day your support, your prayers, your kindness – your good deeds – shine brightly in Southern Africa and every day, those in need whom you have come alongside, give glory to our Father in heaven.

In this annual report you will see the statistics of how much has been accomplished. These numbers represent people; people with lives filled with hopes and dreams, people who have received light into their life - because of you.

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*Frédérique*

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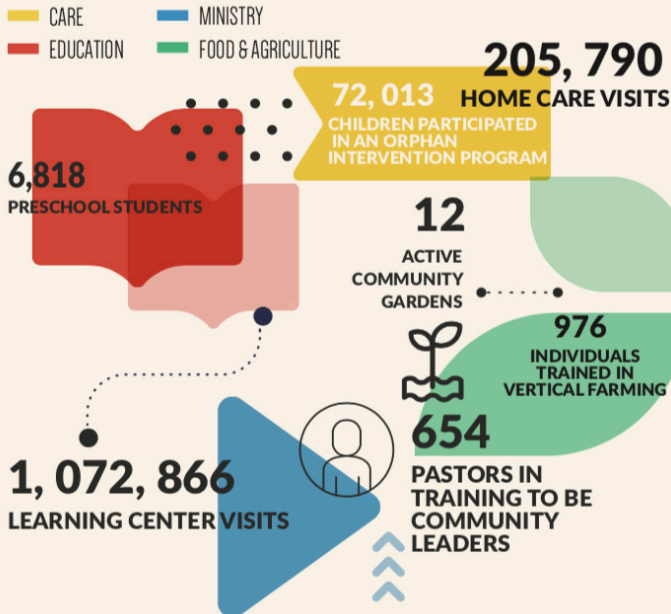
*Matthew 5:16*

ORCHARD: AFRICA EXISTS TO  
EQUIP THE CHURCH TO CARE FOR THE VULNERABLE



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## MEALS SERVED



### 2018 MISSION TRIPS

9 TEAMS WERE SENT

123 INDIVIDUALS  
WENT

166 VILLAGERS  
ATTENDED A TEAM  
RUN COURSE

12 STATES  
REPRESENTED

OLDEST TEAM  
MEMBER: **81**

YOUNGEST TEAM  
MEMBER: **15**

All figures are cumulative

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS AT [ORCHARDAFRICA.ORG](http://ORCHARDAFRICA.ORG)

# WHY WE EQUIP CHURCH LEADERS

Leaders of churches in disadvantaged communities in Africa wake up every day determined to love, serve and minister to the people in their community. But they minister each day with a deep sense of awareness that most of the people have needs that require a pastor to do more than preach and pray. Children are under-nourished, people are sick and dying without care, teenagers and young adults die young because of AIDS, children have limited education opportunities and entire communities live with hopelessness.

The Orchard: Africa Ministry Program equips church leaders to care for these vulnerable people. They are trained to implement Orchard: Africa's programs – Food & Agriculture, Education and Care. These programs become tools in their hands and once they know how to use them, pastors change from being only Sunday preachers into community leaders. Their churches become a place of help and hope. Their village sees and feels the love of God in action. The Bible calls it faith *and* works. (James 2:14-18)

One of our pastors recently shared that for years he would tell people on a Sunday that God provides, but on Monday he would see them with no food, no resources and no hope. He said that since Orchard: Africa came alongside him with program tools, he not only tells people that God provides but he has something in his



hands to show them that God provides.

When a church leader is equipped – we don't feed a child, we feed an entire village of children. When a church leader is equipped – we don't educate a child, we educate an entire pre-school. When a church leader is equipped – care is provided for a village.

Through 28 years of learning and perfecting, Orchard: Africa has gained the credibility and the expertise to reproduce in other leaders what has worked for us. At the end of 2018 we had 654 church leaders in training. We are fully persuaded that as we continue to train, equip and partner with more church leaders:

More meals will be served.

More orphans will be cared for.

More children will be educated.

More sick will be visited in their homes.

More people will be trained to produce their own food.

Thank you for allowing God to use you as a part of his providence that makes it possible for the vulnerable to experience God's love in these ways.

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR ORCHARD: AFRICA

Over the last 28 years, Orchard: Africa has shown compassion to thousands of people in Southern Africa. A generation of children in some of the poorest regions of Africa has grown up with the benefit of daily meals, education, orphan care and a spiritual home within a local church because of your generosity, investment and time. As we look towards the future, we believe that this is just the beginning of our story. Our best days are still ahead of us as we continue to care for the vulnerable of our world and show them the love of Christ.

Specifically in the next five years, we are pursuing three key goals as we fulfill our mission together.

## **EXPAND OUR IMPACT FROM CAPE TOWN**

We have seen great success reaching the vulnerable communities around the city of Cape Town. Through establishing strong partnerships with churches in this region, we have made care available to thousands more families in need. In the next five years, we will build on what God is already doing in Cape Town and use that location as our central hub of ministry to reach new places throughout Southern Africa.

## **EQUIP NEW CHURCHES, IN NEW PLACES**

The impact of Orchard: Africa has multiplied exponentially through a commitment to empowering and equipping hundreds of local church leaders in Southern Africa. In the next five years, we will be putting Orchard's programs in the hands of new African pastors in new locations. With the growth of our network of African pastors we are discovering new connections that will allow us to reach new villages both within South Africa as well as other countries in Southern Africa.

## **MAKE ROOM FOR MORE MISSION TEAMS**

This year we have heard incredible stories of life change from those who participated in mission trips through Orchard. Looking ahead to the 2019 mission season, we are expecting even more people to join us on mission trips. The movement is growing. In the next five years, we will be equipping our mission houses with the resources and staff necessary to operate at full capacity. We will help hundreds of people join the work of sharing the love of Jesus in countless villages and vulnerable communities in Southern Africa.

We are excited about the journey ahead with you. The best is yet to come!

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