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To our donors, volunteers, and prayer partners, **we sincerely thank you** for your continued support.

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Letter From Our Leadership

Dear Friend,

It has been a terrific year! Serving the CURE Network, it has been a privilege to see the impact CURE is having across the 14 countries where we operate, bringing hope and healing to some of the most marginalised people in the world.

CURE has grown from our humble beginnings of just one physician and one patient to serving over 360 million people! Since inception, CURE has performed 277,000 surgical procedures, and trained countless people on surgical, spiritual, and support services. This is faith in action.

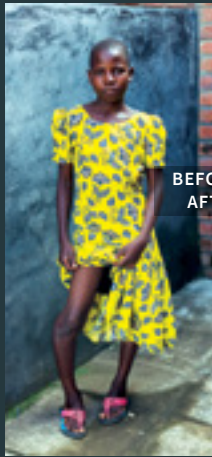
Every day, our 1,600 CURE coworkers evaluate an average of 1,000 patients and perform 65 surgical procedures. Another 11 life-changing neurosurgical procedures are performed across our 16 CURE Neuro locations.

We are excited to see where our path leads next. With your prayers and support, we have the opportunity of moving forward to reach more, serve more, and transform more lives.

Thank you for joining us in caring for CURE's children around the world!

Yours,

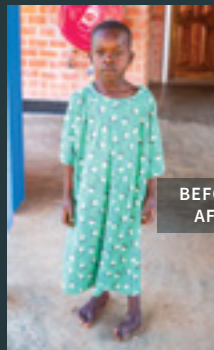
Flora Gibbons
Chief Executive



THE Need

We estimate that there are **more than 20 million children** in the countries that we serve suffering needlessly from treatable conditions, **without access to care.**

Many of these children face discrimination and social stigmatization. It is common for people in their community, and sometimes their own family, to view them as cursed by God.



OUR Mission

Together with our donors, we work to transform the lives of children with correctable disabilities through hope and healing.

Here's how:

1.

In some of the most under-resourced areas of the world, we treat children with correctable disabilities through orthopaedic, reconstructive, and neurosurgical care.

2.

CURE's Christian ethos is integrated into our work, where we aim to bring physical and emotional healing to those in our care, so we may bear witness to holistic healing.

3.

We work toward a sustainable future for both our own hospitals and the countries in which we serve by developing training programmes for local medical practitioners, pastors, and ministry partners.

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Whom We Serve

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

In 2019, our hospitals and paediatric specialty programmes operated in 14 countries around the world, providing charitable medical and surgical care to patients regardless of gender, ethnic background, and/or religious affiliation.



Hospital Location



FY19 Clinic Locations*



FY19 NEW Clinic Locations



CURE Neuro Programme Country



Volunteer Church Partners (number)**

* Mobile Clinics help us identify new patients and follow up with existing patients. They are held periodically at partner facilities.

** CURE partners with local church pastors in each country where we have an established hospital presence, enabling ongoing ministry to patients when they return home.

UAE**ETHIOPIA**

80

KENYA

188

UGANDA

60

TANZANIA**ANGOLA****ZAMBIA**

57

MALAWI

241

BANGLADESH



Whom We Serve

SOUTH & SOUTHEAST ASIA

VIETNAM



PHILIPPINES



180

INDONESIA



Hospital Location



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NETWORK HIGHLIGHTS

What We Do

Our goal is to provide both hope and healing to our patients and their families.

EVERY DAY at CURE hospitals an average of **65 life-changing medical procedures** are performed and **1,224 patients are seen** by a medical professional.

2019 CURE network accomplishments:

PROCEDURES

18,979

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

4,544

PATIENT VISITS

402,234

CURE NEURO SURGERIES

2,868

MOBILE CLINICS

297

PEOPLE EMPLOYED

1,659

CURE ETHIOPIA

celebrated its 10th anniversary, performing 17,498 procedures over the past ten years!

CURE KENYA

trained 335 medical professionals through 15 training events increasing access to care for children with disabilities.

CURE MALAWI

distributed 4,000 CURE Care Kits to Cyclone Idai victims to aid in physical and spiritual healing.

CURE NIGER

installed a solar energy system to make use of natural resources and save money.

CURE PHILIPPINES

expanded by 17 beds, resulting in a 17.7% increase in admissions and a 21.6% increase in procedures.

CURE UGANDA

performed a record number of procedures resulting in a 15.6% increase over last year.

CURE ZAMBIA

constructed a 50,000-litre capacity water tank. Along with meeting CURE Zambia's needs, this also gives the hospital capacity to supply water to neighbouring communities who don't have running water in their homes.

CURE NEURO

trained five neurosurgeons from four countries, increasing access to care for children with neurosurgical conditions.

KANAD HOSPITAL (FORMERLY OASIS)

is becoming the largest maternal and children's hospital in the city of Al Ain.



How We Do It

CURE HOSPITALS



Since opening our first hospital in 1998, CURE has ministered to the needs of patients and families through **more than 4.8 million patient visits** and **277,600 procedures** around the world.

OUR HOSPITALS ARE THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO.

Life-changing healing for the poorest of the poor takes place in CURE hospitals around the world on a daily basis. Children who had little hope for the future are transformed into children who can run, play, and smile. Families who endured being called cursed for having a disabled child are set free from social stigma.

Our hospitals provide specialised, charitable medical care to children with correctable disabilities such as clubfoot, hydrocephalus, burn contractures, cleft lips/palates, and others, regardless of gender, ethnic background, or religious affiliation. Through this compassionate care, we give children and their families dignity, inclusion, healing, food, and protection.

By providing the highest quality medical and surgical care to those with correctable conditions, we bring healing and hope to children and families in every country where we serve.

CURE Hospitals are also the launchpads for our mobile clinic programmes, aimed at reaching children with correctable disabilities who would find travel to CURE hospitals difficult due to financial constraint and geographical distance. Staffed by doctors, physiotherapists and counsellors, the mobile clinics treat new patients, follow-up with existing ones, educate communities about disability and the work of CURE, and help alleviate travel for families.

CURE has grown significantly since opening our first hospital in Kenya in 1998. We currently have 8 hospitals in places where care is most needed and often least available.



"Children get mad, but they easily forgive - a child just wants to be loved." —Salamatou, CURE Niger Child Mentor

How We Do It

CURE NEURO

CURE Neuro has trained 38 surgeons from 22 countries and performed more than 15,000 surgeries. Every day, 11 surgeries are being performed on infants with neurosurgical disabilities at one of our treatment locations.

The CURE Neuro programme exists to help children with neurosurgical conditions survive and thrive. In many places around the world, access to care for children with these disabilities is severely limited. The CURE Neuro programme operates out of the CURE Uganda hospital, where neurosurgeons from around the world visit and train under some of the world's most experienced neurosurgeons treating hydrocephalus and spina bifida, learning advanced procedures using updated technology, and being sent home with the equipment needed to bring the highest level of care to their regions.

THIS YEAR, DR FRANK BOAKYE AND SAMUEL ADDY, who were instrumental in the newly formed partnership between CURE Neuro and a teaching hospital in Kumasi, Ghana, went through CURE Neuro training at CURE Uganda. Dr Boakye is now one of more than 35 surgeons who have been trained through CURE Neuro, and are helping to build capacity and strengthen health systems to serve children with hydrocephalus and spina bifida across the world.

When we asked Dr Boakye what he learned from his time at CURE Uganda and the CURE Neuro programme, he did not hesitate in his response. "Teamwork!" he exclaimed. "At CURE Neuro, people don't say to the surgeon 'your patient,' instead, they say 'our patient.' Everyone here is deeply invested in the care of the patients and feels a sense of responsibility toward them."

Dr Boakye was also impacted by how CURE brings faith into so many pieces of the surgical process. "I love how the nurses pray with families before they bring the child

to surgery. I know that parents are nervous at that time, and it makes a big difference. I plan to begin praying directly with my patients and their families before their surgeries."

Samuel was trained as a Care Coordinator, which serves as an extension of the neurosurgical team in Ghana. Through this multi-dimensional role, Samuel provides patient follow-up, education, counselling, and spiritual care. "I have seen what goes into educating parents, addressing their needs, and counselling the broken. I have so much compassion to help children in need." Samuel's role as Care Coordinator is far more than a job for him. "God has called me to be a bridge to restoring hope to the downtrodden and to share the Gospel with the families of these patients," Samuel told us.

Both Samuel and Dr Boakye are passionate about the potential of transforming the lives of patients and families impacted by hydrocephalus and spina bifida. With these two passionate people equipped for care, we anticipate great things ahead!

How We Do It

TRAINING

Each CURE hospital and specialty programme is dedicated to training national medical practitioners. Since inception, CURE has trained thousands of medical professionals.

CURE's commitment to training is exemplified through the orthopaedic training programme at CURE Kenya. The programme is certified by the College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSA), and is widely recognized as one of the leading orthopaedic surgical training programmes in East Africa. Doctors participating in the residency programme spend five years training at CURE Kenya, the Kijabe Medical Center, and, whenever possible, CURE hospitals in other African countries. Upon completion of the programme, the orthopaedic surgeons continue to work at hospitals in Africa, including CURE hospitals, for an additional length of time. In addition to the

residency CURE Ethiopia, CURE Malawi, CURE Uganda, and CURE Zambia are all accredited COSECSA training hospitals.

Training is also an integral component of CURE Neuro. The programme's training center is located at CURE Uganda, where surgeons participate in a three-month fellowship to be trained in the comprehensive treatment of hydrocephalus, including the innovative ETV/CPC procedure.

The training programme has established a legacy of leaders at CURE Uganda and its effects are reaching far beyond Sub-Saharan Africa. Paediatric neurosurgeons from leading centers in North America and around the world have come to CURE Uganda to receive training from our experienced team of neurosurgeons, all of whom hail from Uganda.



In FY19, the CURE Network trained 4,544 healthcare workers.

How We Do It

ONE FAMILY'S EXPERIENCE OF HOPE, HEALING AND FAITH

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD EVANCE is Dorothy's seventh child and has bilateral neglected clubfoot. With his condition, walking became very painful and travelling to school became a problem. Thankfully, Dorothy found CURE Malawi!

"He was born with the condition. We went to many clinics and hospitals over the years, but no one could help. After every visit, I went home with all hope lost," said Dorothy. **"The moment I stepped into CURE; I knew there was an answer!"**

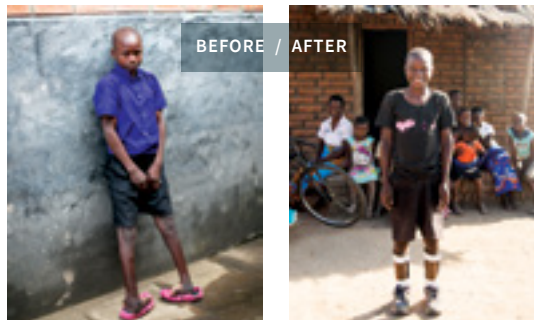
Dorothy had to take on farming jobs to provide the transportation money needed to get to the hospital. "I am working hard and long hours to get us here, but I know healing is coming and am thankful to God," Dorothy proclaimed. "I have trust that the operation will go well and pray that we should not leave here the same!"

When Evance arrived at the hospital, his gentle personality and kind soul instantly captivated our

hearts. **Evance went through four procedures at CURE Malawi**, and had two frames placed on each foot. Recovery was painful, but he was determined to walk again.

Before treatment, Evance struggled to walk even short distances and was in constant pain. But, months later, when we visited Evance at his home, we were delighted to see him walking around his village, and his community in awe of his story of healing. His story even inspired another boy in the village who was suffering with neglected clubfoot, who is now receiving treatment at CURE Malawi.

Evance's mother told us that she thanks God for her son's healing. **Today, he is pain-free, and for his mother and his community, that is nothing short of a miracle!**





Join Us

YOU CAN PARTICIPATE in restoring hope and healing to children with treatable disabilities in some of the most under-served areas of the world.

By partnering with CURE, children and families can find healing and return home physically and emotionally transformed.

- **VOLUNTEER** or serve with us at a CURE hospital: visit uk.cure.org/volunteer
- **GIVE** hope and healing to a child today at uk.cure.org/donate

Your support is key to reaching more children in need in 2020.

Thank you for supporting our mission to transform the lives of children with correctable disabilities through hope and healing.



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