

**EMPOWERING
CHILDREN OF WAR
TO BECOME
LEADERS FOR PEACE**



exile international!

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Child Soldiers & War-affected Children

In DR Congo and Uganda, armed forces and rebels have **abducted more than 60,000 children**. Children as young as **7** are **kidnapped and forced to fight** in rebel armies. Many are psychologically tortured and brainwashed — **forced to commit atrocities** against their own families and communities. Young girls are abducted and abused, becoming victims of rape and **sexual violence**.

If these children finally escape or are released, they are **left with deep and lasting emotional scars** from what they've seen and been forced to do. **Many are unable to return home** because they have lost all family members and/or because of stigmatization for atrocities they were forced to commit in their communities.

Restoration: The Reason Exile Int'l Exists

Restoring former child soldiers and war-affected children to become leaders for peace through art therapy and rehabilitative care.



Exile International - 2013 YEAR-END REVIEW



In 2013, we saw God bring healing to **over 1,000 former child soldiers and war-affected children!** With your help, we have had the privilege of bringing **restoration to children of war** — **empowering them to become leaders for peace!**

As you turn these pages, we hope you enjoy seeing how your support impacted the lives of children like Augustin and Judith. May it bring you as much joy as it does us.

As a team and on behalf of those served: Thank you for your continued giving and prayers! Together, we are changing lives — restoring children of war to become leaders for peace.

— *Bethany Haley, Founder & Executive Director*

THE MISSION **Restoring former child soldiers and war-affected children to become leaders for peace through art therapy and rehabilitative care**

Restoring and Empowering Child Survivors Through:

Comprehensive, rehabilitative care - physical, emotional, spiritual care, education & leadership development

Training and partnering with local counselors, caregivers & leaders

Advocacy and awareness - amplifying their voices to promote action & change

Child-sponsorships - education, housing, food, medical & rehabilitative care

DR CONGO

While violence and war remain a constant in DR Congo, we see hope. Namely, a generation of child survivors being restored (physically, emotionally & spiritually). This generation has potential to transform their communities.

Hundreds are being restored... healing past wounds, being educated and developing as leaders. Many are already serving their communities — testament to comprehensive programs, great local-leaders and the potential of these wonderful youth! Praise God!

UGANDA

In schools and villages of Northern Uganda, “Peace Clubs” are providing art therapy, rehabilitative care and leadership development to LRA child survivors.

Peace Clubs are providing a place for war-affected children to learn they are not alone... they have peers and caregivers who have experienced similar traumas... peers who understand their heartaches and care for them. It is a safe place for healing and restoration in the context of relationships founded on hope and unconditional love.

1000+

war-affected children, former child soldiers and those orphaned in DR Congo and Uganda received art therapy and rehabilitative care — healing wounds and restoring hope

450

war-affected children receiving comprehensive, rehabilitative care: physical care, emotional care, spiritual care, education and leadership development in DR Congo and Uganda

130

LRA child survivors participating in weekly “Peace Clubs” — healing from trauma and developing into leaders for peace

87

EI’s Rehabilitative Care Center in Goma, DRC increased capacity by 50% — providing comprehensive care and a launching pad for 87 orphans and former child soldiers

60

children are now sponsored through EI — empowering children through education, food, housing, counseling and medical care



medical care



education



poverty/hunger



psychological care



spiritual care



destigmatization



mentoring



art therapy

46

national leaders and caregivers trained to facilitate quality, trauma care programs

5

former child soldiers were reintegrated into their communities AND each is starting a “peace club” in their own village

4

program graduates attending university AND volunteering at EI’s Peace Lives Center — mentoring/influencing the next generation

1

Clean water system completed for Peace Lives Center – decreasing water-borne illnesses and increasing overall health for 87 children and teens

DOZENS

of “Young Peace Makers” are leading peace/reconciliation presentations and service projects in their communities

MANY

Answered prayers: One of those — M23, a rebel army that displaced and violated hundreds of thousands of people surrendered their arms in November. Thousands are returning home!

With your partnership, here are things we plan to accomplish in 2014:

We have to turn away kids every month, so we're expanding our reach — buying land, building facilities & training staff **to restore more children than ever before**

50% more child survivors receiving comprehensive care (physical, emotional and spiritual care, education and leadership development) — **restoring and empowering children** of war to become leaders for peace

Pioneering programs to serve more children in DR Congo — Specifically, we aim to serve war-affected children in areas where M23, a powerful rebel army, recently laid down arms and released over 1000 child soldiers

Doubling child sponsorships – providing an education and a hopeful future to 120 children in 2014: Join us! <http://exileinternational.org/sponsor/>

Exile International's programs are restoring children of war to become leaders for peace through comprehensive care models.

While it has been a remarkable year, many more children remain unserved. There's much to be done and we want your help to do it.

How Can You Help?

Partner with us —

provide rehabilitation to war-affected children... make healing and hope possible.

Donate Now: <http://exileinternational.org/donate/>

Become a Restore Partner

Give monthly, taking an active role in restoring war-affected children to become leaders for peace.

More Info: <http://exileinternational.org/restorepartner/>

Sponsor a Child —

\$38/month to provide a child with education, food, housing, counseling and medical care.

Sponsor Now: <http://exileinternational.org/sponsor/>

Changing Lives: Augustin

At 15, Augustin's home, family and village were violently attacked by a rebel army. That day he was **taken from his home and forced to become a child soldier...** forced to see and engage in acts of destruction... forced to witness countless acts of murder and rape.

After 3 years, he finally had an opportunity to escape. After escaping, Augustin found help and was soon brought to EI's newly launched rehabilitation program in DR Congo (The Peace Lives Center). There, Augustin received the comprehensive care necessary to begin **healing deep emotional and spiritual traumas.**

Last year, Augustin became one of the first young men to graduate from the PLC program and **began university where he is studying engineering!**

Augustin's **smile says much about his joy and compassion.** He excels as a **student and leader** — leading the children's program of his local church. Augustin remains a part of Peace Lives Center, where he now volunteers as a **mentor to a younger generation of child survivors.**



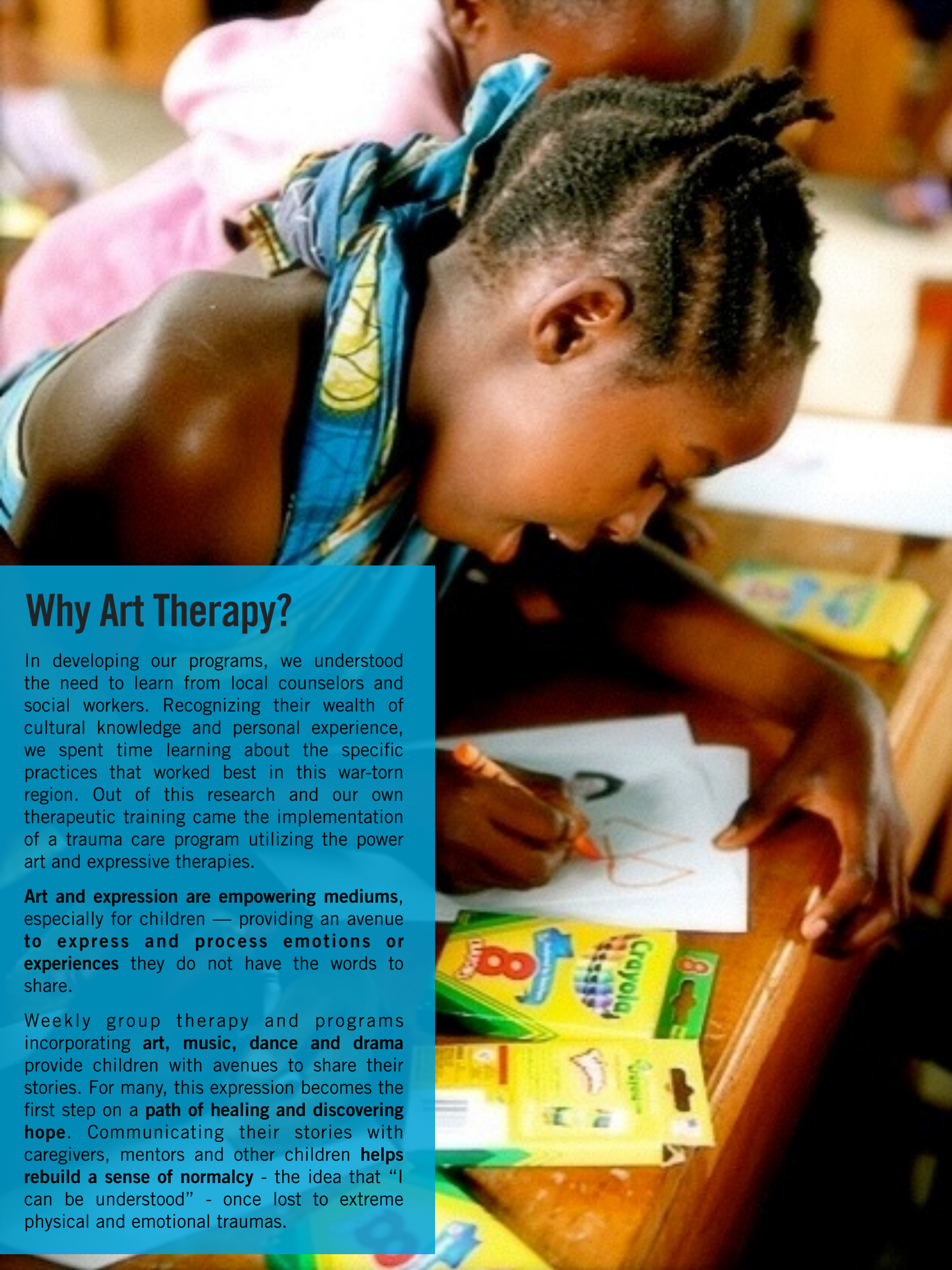


Comprehensive Rehabilitative Care

Exile International provides **holistic care**. Simply said: basic needs, like food and water, must first be met before meeting emotional and psychological needs — **recovering from war, trauma and loss**.

Like any good parent, we want to see our **children succeed and excel**. We believe in each child's potential not only to survive, but **to make their communities better places**. EI provides Christ-centered programs for rehabilitating and discipling young men and women **to become leaders... leaders for peace**.

5 categories summarize Exile International's model: physical, emotional, spiritual care, education and leadership development.

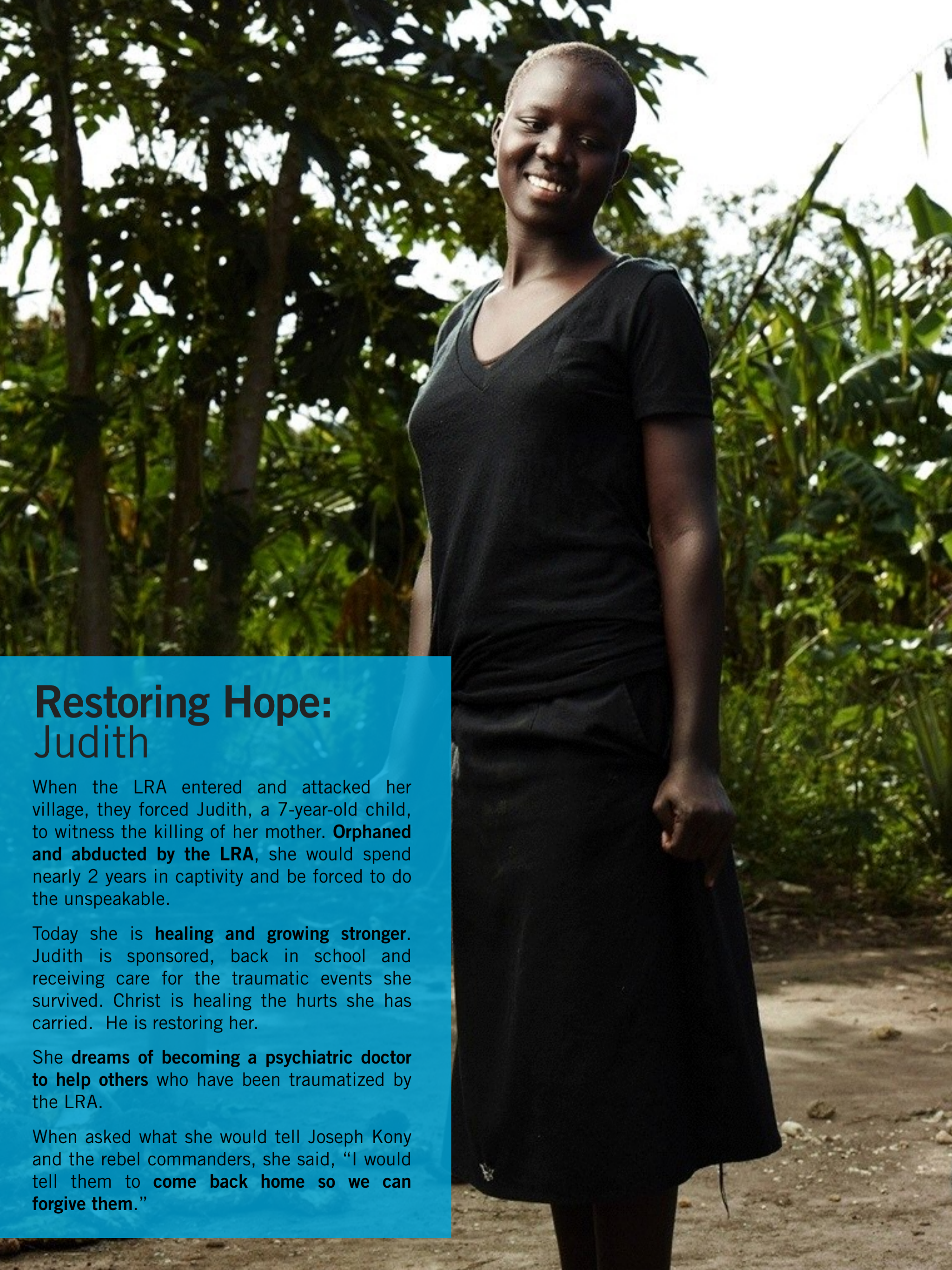


Why Art Therapy?

In developing our programs, we understood the need to learn from local counselors and social workers. Recognizing their wealth of cultural knowledge and personal experience, we spent time learning about the specific practices that worked best in this war-torn region. Out of this research and our own therapeutic training came the implementation of a trauma care program utilizing the power art and expressive therapies.

Art and expression are empowering mediums, especially for children — providing an avenue **to express and process emotions or experiences** they do not have the words to share.

Weekly group therapy and programs incorporating **art, music, dance and drama** provide children with avenues to share their stories. For many, this expression becomes the first step on a **path of healing and discovering hope**. Communicating their stories with caregivers, mentors and other children **helps rebuild a sense of normalcy** - the idea that “I can be understood” - once lost to extreme physical and emotional traumas.



Restoring Hope: Judith

When the LRA entered and attacked her village, they forced Judith, a 7-year-old child, to witness the killing of her mother. **Orphaned and abducted by the LRA**, she would spend nearly 2 years in captivity and be forced to do the unspeakable.

Today she is **healing and growing stronger**. Judith is sponsored, back in school and receiving care for the traumatic events she survived. Christ is healing the hurts she has carried. He is restoring her.

She **dreams of becoming a psychiatric doctor to help others** who have been traumatized by the LRA.

When asked what she would tell Joseph Kony and the rebel commanders, she said, “I would tell them to **come back home so we can forgive them.**”

Training & Partnering with Local Staff

By partnering with local counselors, caregivers and leaders in DR Congo and Uganda, we are able to implement **culturally appropriate counseling and care practices**. Many men and women in these areas are already helping others heal and looking for more ways to grow and **strengthen their communities**. Trainings in trauma therapy/rehabilitative care models utilized by our programs further empower them to do just that - equipping local leaders to **help restore and bring hope to war-affected children in their own communities**.





Passionate Leaders: Delphin

Delphin is one of the most beautifully spirited men one could ever met. He joined EI's program as a young counselor, volunteering his services to counsel war-affected children and former child soldiers in Goma, DRC.

His **deep compassion coupled with wisdom and work ethic** made him an indispensable part of the team.

In 2012, he received further training in EI's care model and joined the full-time team. He has been investing in the **restoration and rehabilitation of the children** he cares so deeply for.

We are honored to serve alongside local leaders and caregivers like Delphin — endowed with wisdom, compassion and a vision to affect life change and to transform their communities.



Child Sponsorships

100% of child sponsor donations go directly to the field... directly toward transforming the life of a child.

Child Sponsorships empower children by meeting basic needs AND providing them with opportunities to develop a **positive future**. Sponsorships provide children with **education, food, housing, medical and rehabilitative care** (physical/emotional/spiritual). Each child participates in programs providing **art therapy, rehabilitative care, peace building and leadership development**.

After surviving and/or having been forced to fight with rebel groups in these wars, many children do not have a home or family to return to — a community to grow and launch them. But... **Your sponsorships are keeping children off the streets and empowering them to create a brighter future for themselves.**



Advocacy & Awareness

Since **delivering over 200 letters written by children orphaned by the LRA to the White House** in November 2012, some big things have happened. The collaborative efforts of many organizations and individuals, writing, calling, praying, advocating for the rights of children in armed conflict led to **Congress passing the Rewards for Justice expansion bill — strengthening LRA disarmament efforts in Central Africa!** In 2013, the continued advocacy efforts of EI and many others remain have led to sustained support making safety of children a priority.

In 2013, EI launched *The Poza Project* – using art and film to **amplify the voices of former child soldiers** with the help of world-renowned artist, Jeremy Cowart. This project is raising awareness and support for rehabilitative care programs restoring hope to LRA-affected children.

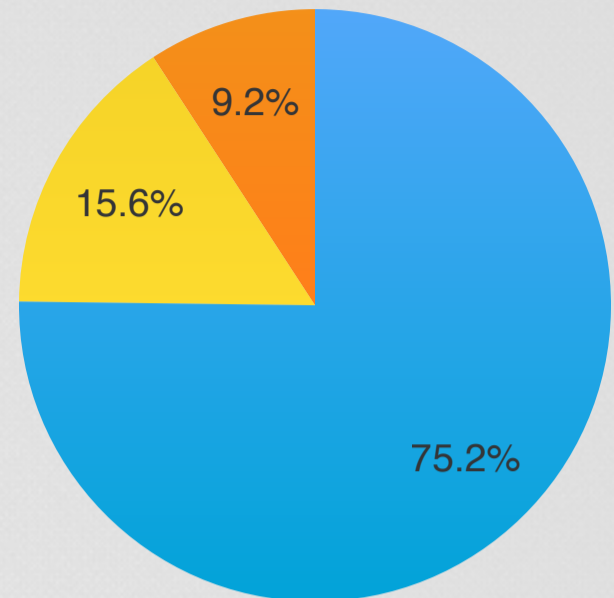
EI is dedicated to **amplifying their voices** and committed to **raising awareness for war-affected children**, child soldiering, and those oppressed in Africa. We know that **telling their stories to a broader audience will affect positive change.**

2013 Financial Overview

Revenue & Support

Individuals	\$192,892
Churches	\$23,675
Foundations	\$56,815
Businesses	\$7,455
Other Income	\$19,624

Total Revenue & Support = \$300,461



Expenses

Programs Services = \$216,771 (75.2%)

Rehabilitative Care Programs	\$177,905
Advocacy & Awareness	\$38,866

Support Services = \$71,686 (24.8%)

Fund Development	\$26,462
General & Administrative	\$45,224

Total Expenses = \$288,457

- Programs Services
- General & Administrative
- Fund Development

Programs Services — \$216,771

Program Services include rehabilitative care programs, education, food, shelter, medical care, trainings for counselors & caregivers, program staff compensation, program facilities, emergency response services and advocacy/awareness initiatives.

Support Services — \$71,686

Support service expenses include information technology, communications, public relations, general office management, digital and print resources, admin compensation, taxes and fundraising.

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