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See and hear stories of what God is doing across the globe through your generosity.



DEAR FRIENDS

2016 was year worth celebrating! As a direct result of your support, 1,300 child survivors of war received the care they desperately needed — healing their wounds of trauma AND empowering them to hope again!

Together, we're seeing lives transformed — from child survivors of war to leaders for peace.

On behalf of our team and the wonderful children we get to serve, thank you for your partnership. Your prayers and financial gifts are critical to this ministry's successes and make each child's restoration and empowerment possible!

Enjoy a look into the healing, hope and redemption you are a part of!



Matthew & Bethany Williams

Exile International Leadership Team



er, we are
my lives



HEALING SPIRITS

Art-Focused Trauma Care,
Discipleship & Peace Building



HEALING BODIES

Food, Medical
& Other Basic Needs



HEALING MINDS

Education, Professional Skills
& Leadership Development

OUR MISSION

Restoring and empowering
rescued child soldiers and
children orphaned by war to become
leaders for peace through art therapy
and holistic, rehabilitative care.

Exile also provides education, housing, food, and medical care. Utilizing a three-tier, curricula-based model of (1) art-focused trauma care, (2) peace-building and conflict resolution, and (3) leadership development, EI empowers child survivors of war to become leaders who will transform communities for Christ.

from
RESCUED CHILD SOLDIERS
to
LEADERS FOR PEACE

IMPACT

We saw God bring healing to over 1,300 children in 2016. Because of your support, lives are being transformed!

OUR APPROACH

Rehabilitative Aid

Comprehensive treatment for the children that come into our care

Education

Providing children with a resource that can never be taken from them through local educators

Art Therapy

A safe and easy avenue for children to express and process what they have experienced

Local Leadership Development

Partnering with local counselors & leaders to raise up the next generation of influencers

Advocacy and Awareness

Amplifying the stories of war-affected children to foster action & change

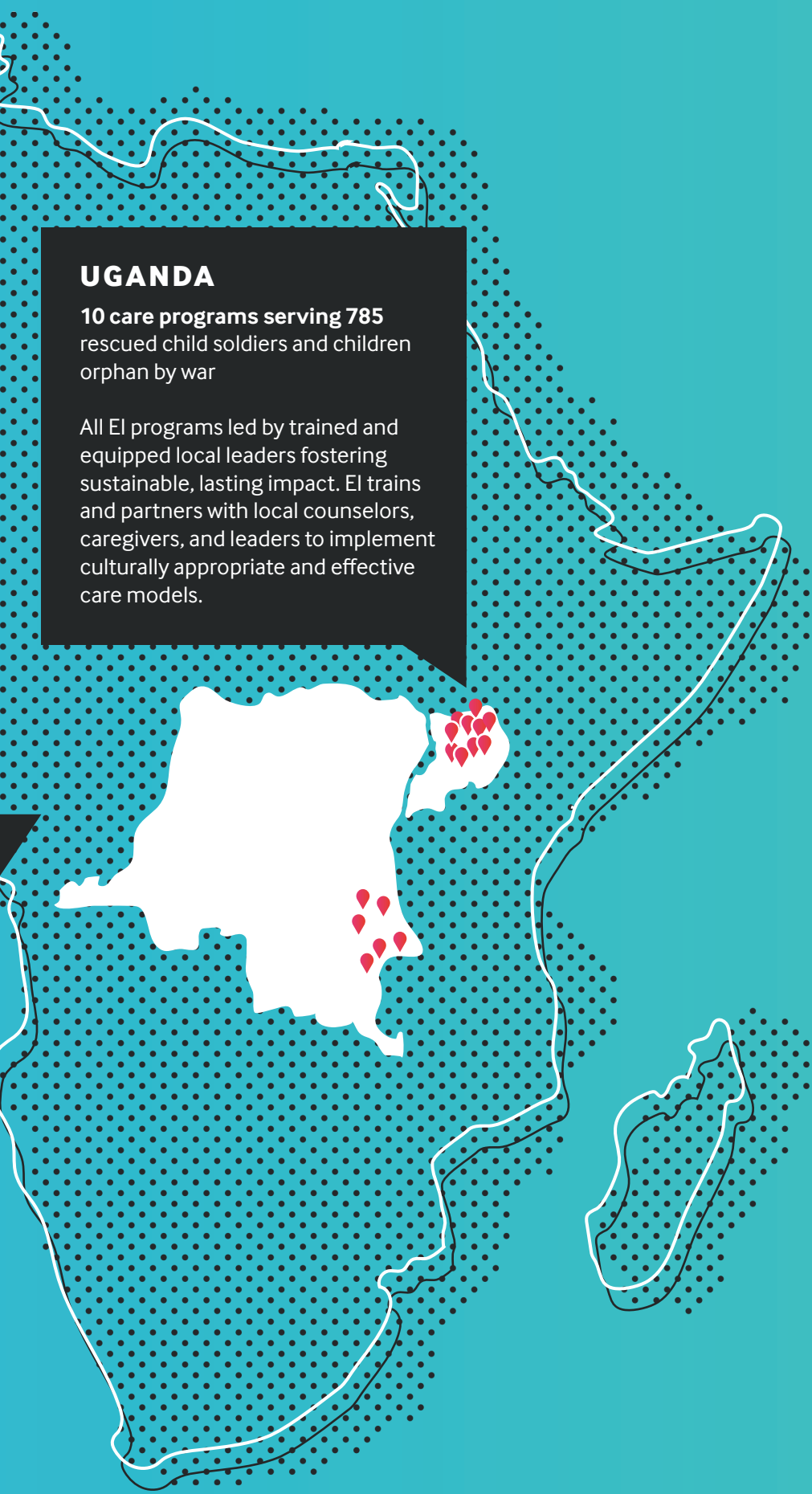


DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

6 care programs serving 522 rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war

Program graduates include university students, teachers, carpenters, administrative professionals, church leaders, and community leaders — some now leading care programs in their own communities.

Bring good news to the poor | Heal the brokenhearted | Proclaim freedom to the captives
Isaiah 61:1



UGANDA

10 care programs serving 785 rescued child soldiers and children orphan by war

All EI programs led by trained and equipped local leaders fostering sustainable, lasting impact. EI trains and partners with local counselors, caregivers, and leaders to implement culturally appropriate and effective care models.



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Care Programs in Uganda and DR Congo

1,300

children being restored and empowered

Your contribution matters to the lives of thousands of rescued child soldiers and children orphaned by war.

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Bahati

BAHATI'S JOURNEY

Abducted twice by two different rebel groups — first at 10 years old, then again at 15 — Bahati was one of the most traumatized young men to have entered into EI's care programs. Due to the severe violence he witnessed and was forced to participate in, he battled nightmares, flashbacks, and other symptoms for years.

Through EI's programs Bahati was restored and empowered to be a leader in his community. In addition to graduating from EI's care program, Bahati has also graduated from secondary school and recently started university.

After returning to his village, Bahati started leading a Bible study with active rebels from one of the very groups that once abducted him!

Additionally, **Bahati and two more EI graduates started a care program** in their village — a village that has been ravaged by years of war, fighting, and rebel activity. For more than a year they have been serving and leading 85 rescued child soldiers utilizing the counseling curriculum that helped them heal their own wounds, leading peace-building and conflict resolution activities, and so much more.

HOLISTIC REHABILITATIVE CARE

From basic needs of any child — food, water, and shelter — to meeting the emotional and psychological needs of children recovering from the deep scars of war, trauma and loss...

EI strives to see each child succeed and excel — not just during their times with EI, but also as they launch into successful lives! This requires long-term investments from caretakers who understand each child's cultural and social dynamics — providing each child with the very best in psychological care, mentoring and discipleship.



1,300

served in 2016 alone — receiving holistic care, healing their wounds and finding hope again

3,800

children have received life-changing care since EI launched in 2008

ROADMAP TO HEALING

“The victims of injustice in our world do not need our spasms of passion; they need our long obedience in the same direction - our legs and lungs of endurance; and we need sturdy stores of joy.” — Gary Haugen

EI care programs are **restoring and empowering** war-affected children through holistic, rehabilitative care — providing **physical, emotional, and spiritual restoration**. EI also provides education, housing, food, and medical care.

Utilizing a **three-tier, curricula-based model** of (1) art-focused trauma care, (2) peace-building and conflict resolution, and (3) leadership development, EI empowers child survivors of war to become leaders who will transform communities for Christ.



ABDUCTION & CAPTIVITY

12 Years Old — average age at abduction
3 Years — average time in captivity



ESCAPE OR RESCUE (often by UN)



3

TRAUMA HEALING

Trauma-informed counseling, art therapy & discipleship

REUNIFICATION & OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE

Established partnerships with local leaders and communities empower each child to establish new lives as leaders for peace and influencers in their communities!

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EDUCATION, PEACE-BUILDING & CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Developing minds and equipping each to become peacemakers

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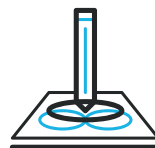
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & MENTORING

ART THERAPY

Art is an empowering medium for children to express and process emotions and experiences they do not yet have the words to share.

Therapeutic 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**.

By communicating their stories with caregivers, mentors and peers, children are able to **rebuild a sense of normalcy** – the knowledge that “I can be understood” – once lost to extreme physical and emotional



78%

decrease in post-traumatic stress reactions and symptoms





LETTER FROM ALEX

"Before I came to Exile International, I couldn't have hope to be in this life. I saw my life to be very dark when I was still a child soldier.

I praise the Lord because, through the programs and caregivers of Exile International, **I am now useful to myself and to my community**, in church and school. I can't be able to quote everyone here who helped me, but in particular I thank Joseph, the coordinator, and Delphin, the counselor, who helped me with the counseling so that I can be healed.

I hope to continue my studies so that I can become **an engineer in computer technology**.

May God bless you for all the support. I'm feeling so healed because I begin helping others at the care center and in the church.

My best regards,

Alex



LETTER FROM JANET

"I was abducted in August on a Saturday at 4 am. **I was just 11 years old.** My friends tried to escape, but they were killed right in front of us using a machete. The rebels made some of us kill them so that we would learn not to escape. We feared them so much and because of that we did not try to escape.

Sometimes we would walk for 2 days and nights without food or rest. Many children died because they were hungry, tired, weak or wounded. Many of the girls were taken and forced to be wives and slaves for the rebels... sometimes becoming pregnant and having children at very young ages.

Today I thank God who brought me out of that situation alive. I know God loves me. I am now able to have safety, food, Bible study, and I am even able to go to school. I am in well-being and I stand because of you.

Thank you for all you do for me and what you continue doing for me.

I am the luckiest girl in the world."

Janet

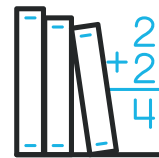
EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Educating the next generation of leaders in Uganda and DR Congo – education and leadership development programs empower youth to reach for their dreams!

Quality primary, secondary and university education programs empower each child to become informed, influential leaders — contributing to the strength and development of communities in Uganda and DR Congo.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

— Nelson Mandela



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youth in school (150 more than last year)

30

program graduates attending university and volunteering at EI care programs — mentoring the next generation

RESTORE PARTNERS

Become a Restore Partner — giving monthly to ensure every child receives the care they need.

Restore Partners are EI's key partners in ensuring the long success of each child from victim to survivor to leaders for peace! By giving monthly, Restore Partners support the long-term, holistic care of war-affected children. Monthly, committed support empowers the restoration and transformation of lives... from rescued child soldiers to future leaders for peace!



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Professional Skills &
Leadership Development

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS

Providing education, food, healthcare, trauma counseling, peace building/leadership development, and spiritual care

100% of child sponsor donations go directly towards transforming the lives of children. And... sponsorships empower! EI's sponsorship program tracks each child until they are self-sustaining — meaning each child will be empowered to take care of themselves physically, emotionally and economically!



361

youth in school (150 more than last year)

95%

of beneficiaries completing their education

**that's 4 times the averages in Uganda & DRC*



JOSEPH

DR Congo

"I no longer have trauma. I want to be an engineer and I want to promote peace and love."

Though once a child soldier, Joseph's life has been through a radical transformation. Through healing & hope fostered in EI care programs, Joseph has found hope for his future & opportunities to achieve his dreams.



GLORIA

Uganda

When Gloria was only 2 years old, the LRA army murdered her father & abducted her mother — leaving her and her siblings behind. In 2013, she and her siblings came into EI's sponsorship program — where they are not only receiving an education, but the care and guardianship of loving caregivers.



JOSHUA

DR Congo

After being rescued by the UN, Joshua faced a difficult road towards healing — persistently plagued by illness & nightmares from his time in captivity. Today, Joshua is healthy — physically, emotionally & spiritually — and leads a discipleship group for 30 rescued child soldiers in his village... a group he started and leads all on his own!

BUDGET

Thanks to you, programs are expanding and meeting more children's needs every year! In other words — more children are healing from the wounds of trauma and more child survivors are being empowered to thrive!

To continue providing a high level of care for these and more children in 2017, consider participating in the Restore Campaign.

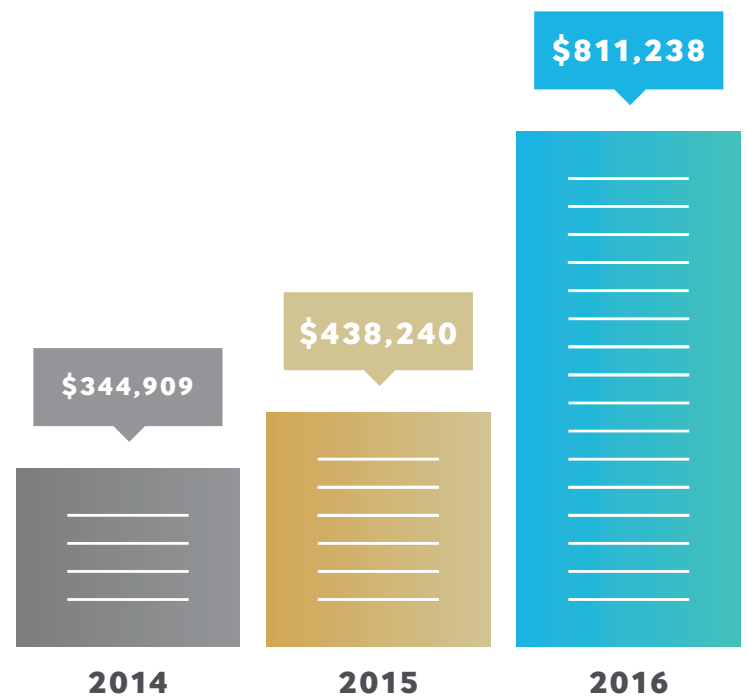
2017 RESTORE CAMPAIGN GOALS

- \$110,000 in new funding for capital expenses for programs & facilities
- \$10,000 per month from Restore Partners (committed monthly donors)
- 200 new child sponsorships
- Caregiver Fund ~ \$85,000/year
- Esther Fund ~ \$100,000/year
- Food & Nutrition ~ \$46,000/year
- Child Medical Fund ~ \$28,000/year

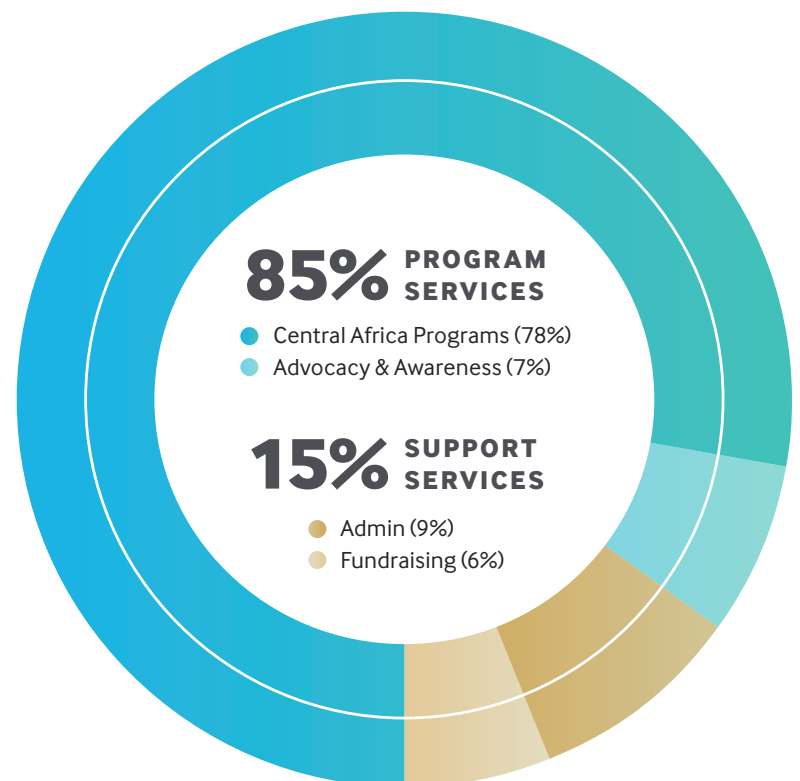
Your donations transform lives!

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ANNUAL EXPENSES



BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



IMPACT

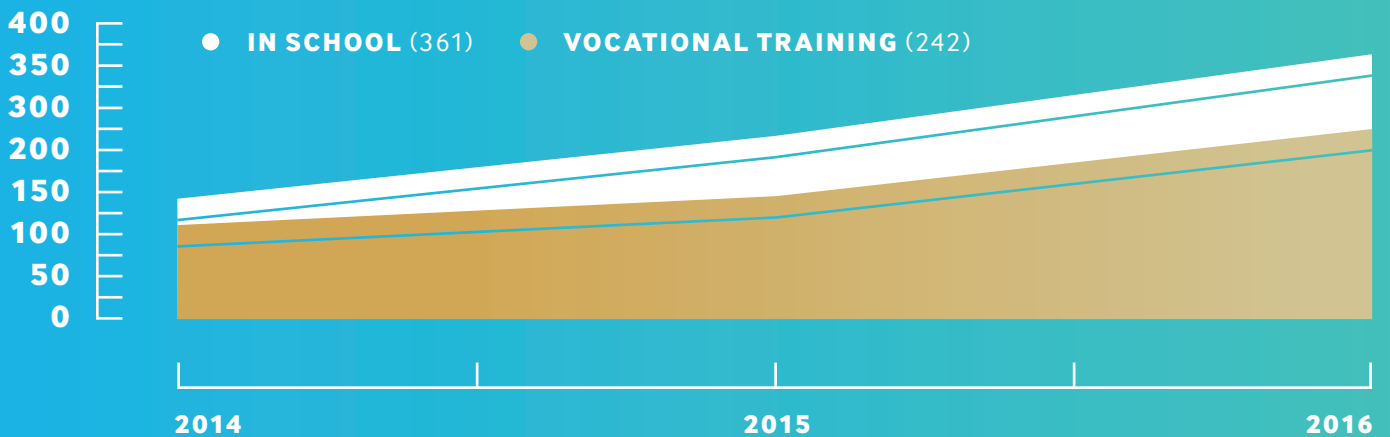
98%

of sponsorship program beneficiaries complete primary school — **exponentially exceeding averages** in Uganda (24.8%) and DR Congo (54.5%)

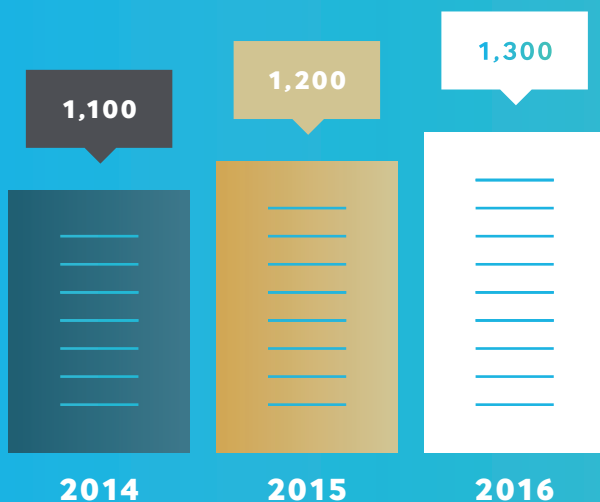
95%

of sponsorship programs beneficiaries complete their educational journey. That's **3 & 4 times higher** than averages in Uganda (17.5%) and DR Congo (31.7%)

MORE YOUTH BEING EDUCATED YEAR-OVER-YEAR



RESTORING MORE LIVES EACH YEAR



78%

decrease in post-traumatic stress and emotional wounded-ness

Trauma recovery and progress for youth is measured using the CRIES Test — a trauma severity test designed for use with children. Post-tests show a 78% decrease in post-traumatic stress reactions and symptoms. And that's just Phase 1 of EI's care program!

LOOKING FORWARD

With your partnership, here are things we plan to accomplish in 2017.

200 MORE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Providing each child with an education and a hopeful future

MORE AND EVEN BETTER CARE

Hiring and training more counselors, social workers and caregivers so that more child survivors will have access to the care they need.

CARE FACILITIES

Facilities and capital needs, including a multipurpose building, girls dorm, clean water systems and other essential facilities

While 2016 was a remarkable year, many children still remain unserved. Your support can and will bring transformation to child survivors — providing healing, restoration and hope for a better future.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE

[EXILEINTL.ORG/GIVE](https://exileintl.org/give)

BECOME A RESTORE PARTNER

[EXILEINTL.ORG/GIVE/#RESTORE](https://exileintl.org/give/#restore)

SPONSOR A CHILD

[EXILEINTL.ORG/SPONSOR](https://exileintl.org/sponsor)

A young boy with a slight smile, wearing a bright red, short-sleeved button-down shirt. The shirt has the words "Thank you" written in white, cursive script across the chest. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a light sky.

*Thank
you*

**YOUR SUPPORT IS
RESTORING THE LIVES OF
WAR-AFFECTED CHILDREN
AND OFFERING THEM
A NEW START!**



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