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Keeping them *Safe*



Bongani

As another year comes to a close, we once again gratefully reflect on all that God has done through Kerus and the role that you have played in the success of our mission. Together, we share a passion for children who not only live in poverty, but who are doing so without parents. We care about ending the spread of AIDS and the suffering that goes with that disease. And many of us share a love and passion for sharing the hope found in Jesus. Without your support and prayers, this lifesaving work would not get done. We have visited homes, provided food parcels, and served thousands of meals at the orphan care center that gives hurting children a new identity and a loving, stable point in an otherwise dangerous and unpredictable life. We have stood in graveyards and prayed in hospitals and shacks, providing for the tangible and emotional needs of the grannies who are taking multiple grandchildren under their tired wings, helping them hold together the fragile pieces of families torn and tattered by the ever present spectre of illness and death. We have also equipped leaders with training so they can be wiser and more responsible influencers in their schools and churches. We have taught in classrooms, distributed mobile devices and led youth rallies that have reached tens of thousands of youth, encouraging them to develop the character and life skills that will help them stay healthy and live more productive lives and avoid HIV/AIDS. You've blessed us, together we've blessed them and God is honored. Amen!

We help keep them safe!



Bongani has attended the Kerus Go Amogela Orphan Care Center since 2008. He continues to struggle physically, but his "family" gives him the support he needs. He is not alone!



Gantse

Gantse has been at the Kerus Go Amogela Orphan Care Center since she was a small child. At 13, she faces life without her parents or her grandmother to guide her into the future. She, like our many maturing teens, needs a path to adulthood with the guidance, encouragement and education that a family would normally help provide.

2016 AFRICA HIGHLIGHTS

ITC! Rallies



Tzaneen

The ITC! Rally in Tzaneen, Limpopo drew over 800 young people with more than 200 young people coming forward to make a personal commitment to Jesus. The theme of forgiveness continued to bring healing and hope to many broken lives as it has at so many Kerus events.



Soshanguve

A team from CrossRoads church in Norfolk, VA presented leadership workshops and held rallies featuring members of Renaissance Movement, a Christian Rap group, who performed several concerts reaching over 2,500 youth.



ITC! Training

The first *It Takes Courage! Youth Curriculum* training was held in Jimma, Ethiopia in partnership with First Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, VA. We look forward to returning for future training with these wonderful people.



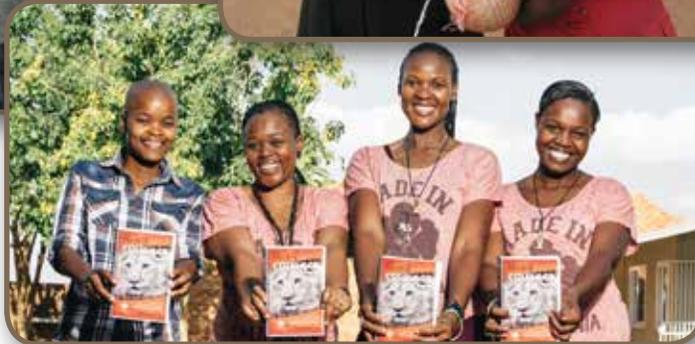
Food Parcels



BBQ Area



Hearts of
Courage Bible
Study Journals



KERUS Go Amogela
ORPHAN CARE CENTER

Orphan Care

The many, many blessings of the year included such things as continued food parcels for the families of our orphans, and a new Hearts of Courage Bible Study Journal graciously donated by friends of Kerus. The newest addition to the Kerus Go Amogela Orphan Care Center is a beautiful outdoor barbeque area that has already been put to good use for community gatherings and celebrations. Besides the food parcels sent home to families, the [Kerus Go Amogela Orphan Care Center](#) has served 28,600 meals throughout the year and made over 1000 home visits to needy families.

Grandma's Village Training

A one-day training for the *Grandmas's Village* Radio Drama Series in partnership with TWR was a reminder of the importance of storytelling and of the powerful stories of character this valuable tool has to share.



Audible®

This small tool holds the entire *Grandma's Village* series as well as a wealth of Bible resources.

Ethiopia



Giving a Gift that Counts!

Whether it's those reaching out or those being reached, the Kerus numbers are expanding . . . and we are thrilled! This Christmas season, honor those you love with a gift given to help "the least of these." It's a gift that will count far beyond the season!

Send your gift in the envelope provided and enclose a note with the name of the person you wish to honor and the address where the card should be sent. To ensure that your card will arrive by Christmas, please send your request to the Kerus office by December 15th.



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Making a Difference in Singapore



In October, Kerus was asked to provide leadership development activities for the Asia Regional Leadership Team of TWR, the world's largest radio ministry and the partner organization that works with Kerus on the *Grandma's Village* Radio Drama Series. The Singapore based team is responsible for sharing the Gospel through media ministry throughout the Asian continent. Using the Birkman Method® Assessment, Marcia and Jennie met individually with leaders and then conducted a two-day seminar with the leadership team. As team members shared insights from their assessments and participated in group activities they began to make valuable connections resulting in significant breakthroughs in team functioning. It was an honor and a privilege to pour into leaders who will raise the level of ministry impact to unreached people groups.

The Greek word *Kerus* means "of the heart" or "to do something with *passion*."

This word *captures* the spirit and vision of Kerus founders Dr. Jennie Cerullo and Dr. Marcia Ball, who share a *common goal*: to offer *hope* and better health through practical, character-based programs. Their *diverse* backgrounds make them uniquely suited for this exciting *outreach*.



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