

Our 2020 Vision:
Building Capacity for Growth

2020

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Doubling in a Decade

What gives us the confidence to set such an audacious goal? Our opportunities are breathtaking! Free Methodist churches in many parts of the world are in a season of rapid expansion. Together, they include nearly 1.5 million members. Most of these believers live in extreme poverty, yet serve on the front lines of compassionate ministry to children. They have the vision, the passion, the plan and the personnel. All they lack is adequate funding and accountable structures to connect them with the provision that God can provide through us. Our confidence comes from God, who is powerfully at work in this world and invites us to join the adventure! This campaign is an act of faith.

In this spirit, and as a major step of faith, International Child Care Ministries (ICCM) is entering a 3-year campaign to fund capacity-building. With funds given in 2018-2020 (kickstarted in 2017), we plan to invest in three strategic areas:



Developing
our global
team



Leveraging
our
technology



Completing
our capital
projects

A woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a red and purple sari, is sitting on a concrete ledge. She is holding a red pen and writing in a white notebook. The background is a teal wall with a small hole. The text "We envision a world where every child is loved, safe and fulfilling their God-given potential." is overlaid on the left side of the image in white font.

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Our story

In 1965, International Child Care Ministries had its beginnings. From the start, we worked within the culture of each new country we entered, coming alongside to supplement locally available resources.



At first we educated Chinese refugee children in rooftop schools in Hong Kong and began Christian schools in Haiti, a nation with no public education at the time. Now more than half of our sponsored children are served through schools. ICCM operates **99 schools in 10 countries**.


In India, we welcomed orphans and vulnerable children into hostels positioned near public schools. Today, **20 residences in six countries** offer loving care and shelter for children in need of access to educational opportunities.

First practiced in Africa, sponsoring the children of pastors emerged as a source of essential life-giving aid. Currently, in the majority of our 32 countries, children of pastors are sponsored. Many of these families serve in conditions of extreme poverty or harsh opposition to their work. Sponsored children and their families value the financial support and are also encouraged that someone outside their nation loves and prays for them.

When ICCM entered South America and Southeast Asia, we began serving children mainly through child development centers. Where trained staff offer programming to enhance all four aspects of a child's development, transformation takes place. Whole communities benefit as sponsored children are served in the context of their families, schools and churches. Caseworkers look after each child's physical health, educational progress, spiritual growth and relationships, visiting the child's home to strengthen parental ties and skills.

ICCM now serves nearly 20,000 children in 32 countries, thanks to the faithfulness of sponsors. Altogether, **more than 100,000 children have had the life-changing experience of being personally supported and given hope.** Many have grown up to become leaders in their families, churches, communities and societies. **We thank God!**

Although we celebrate what ICCM has already accomplished, the debilitating poverty in which countless children and their families still live compels us to do more. We have a unique organization with a holy responsibility to reach thousands more vulnerable children. In fact, we believe we could double in a decade, from 20,000 to 40,000 children by 2027.

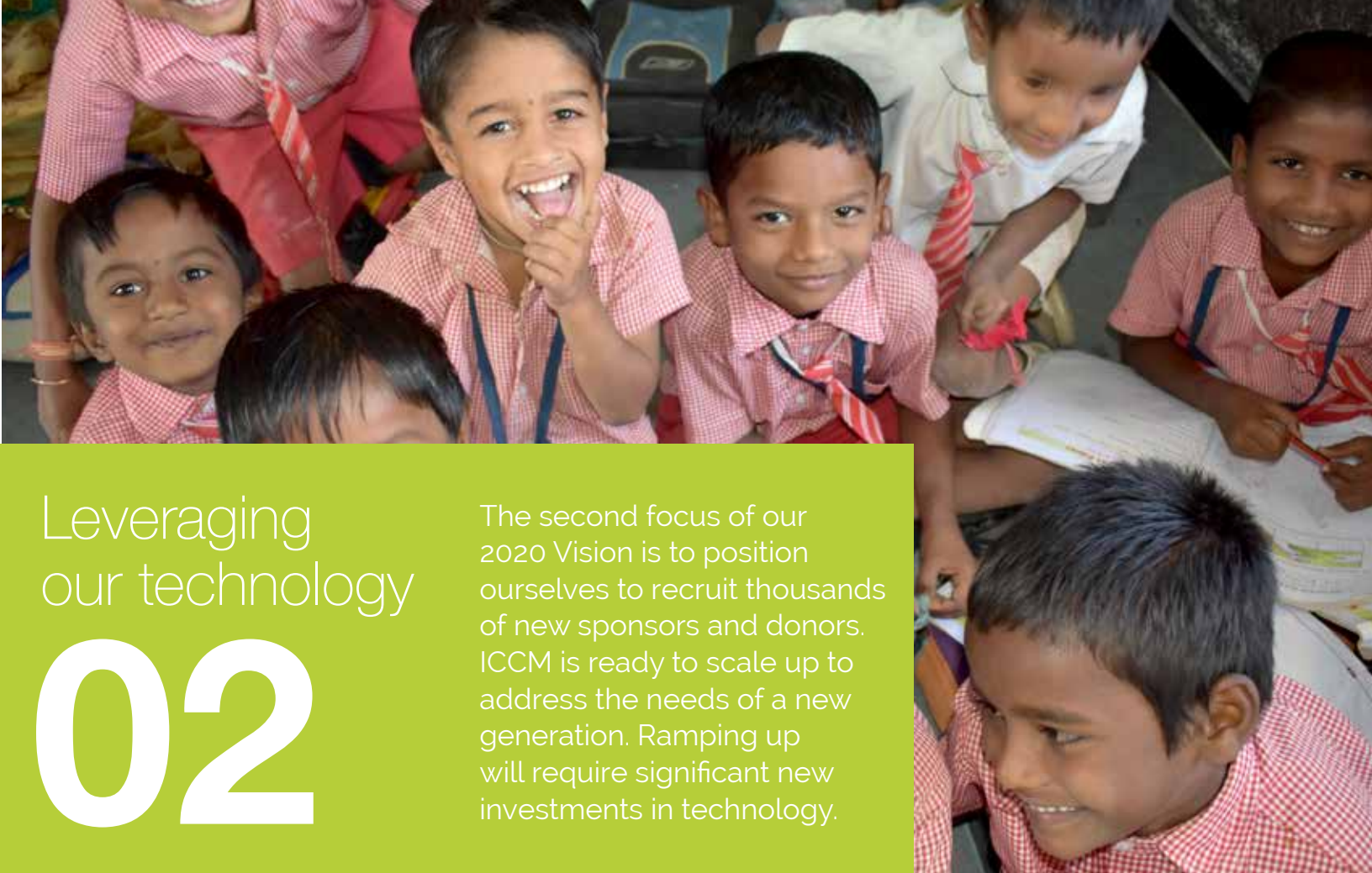


The wisdom of our global team is crucial in shaping ICCM's work to maximize our positive impact. We aim to empower these leaders, unleashing their God-given potential to solve problems and create a better future for the children in their care. Together with you, our essential partners, this team aims to transform children's tomorrows today.

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Developing our global team

The campaign will allow National Coordinators to attend regional gatherings for inspiration, teambuilding and instruction. Our seven Regional Coordinators will also gather for strategic planning. ICCM local staff members will be equipped in education, holistic child development, anti-trafficking and the impact of HIV/AIDS on children. Nothing will benefit children and their families more than wise and loving Christian leaders, bonded together into a community with a cause, casting the vision for children's development and protection.



Leveraging our technology 02

The second focus of our 2020 Vision is to position ourselves to recruit thousands of new sponsors and donors. ICCM is ready to scale up to address the needs of a new generation. Ramping up will require significant new investments in technology.



Website

Our aging website severely limits the public's access to ICCM. We are currently designing a new website that will be integrated with a new database management system. This will create a seamless data flow and will provide a much better user experience for current and potential sponsors and donors.



Videos

We also envision a series of videos for use on our website, on social media, in small groups and in churches, to tell the story of transformed lives in compelling ways. New technology will allow our leaders around the world to upload brief videos and send them to us for editing. We can make these videos widely available online as well as sending them to target audiences.



Global Community Experience

New technology will also streamline communication between ICCM leaders in 32 countries and our central office. We are replacing our 18-year-old database with a new product designed to enhance collaboration among stakeholders — field staff, central office team members and sponsors.

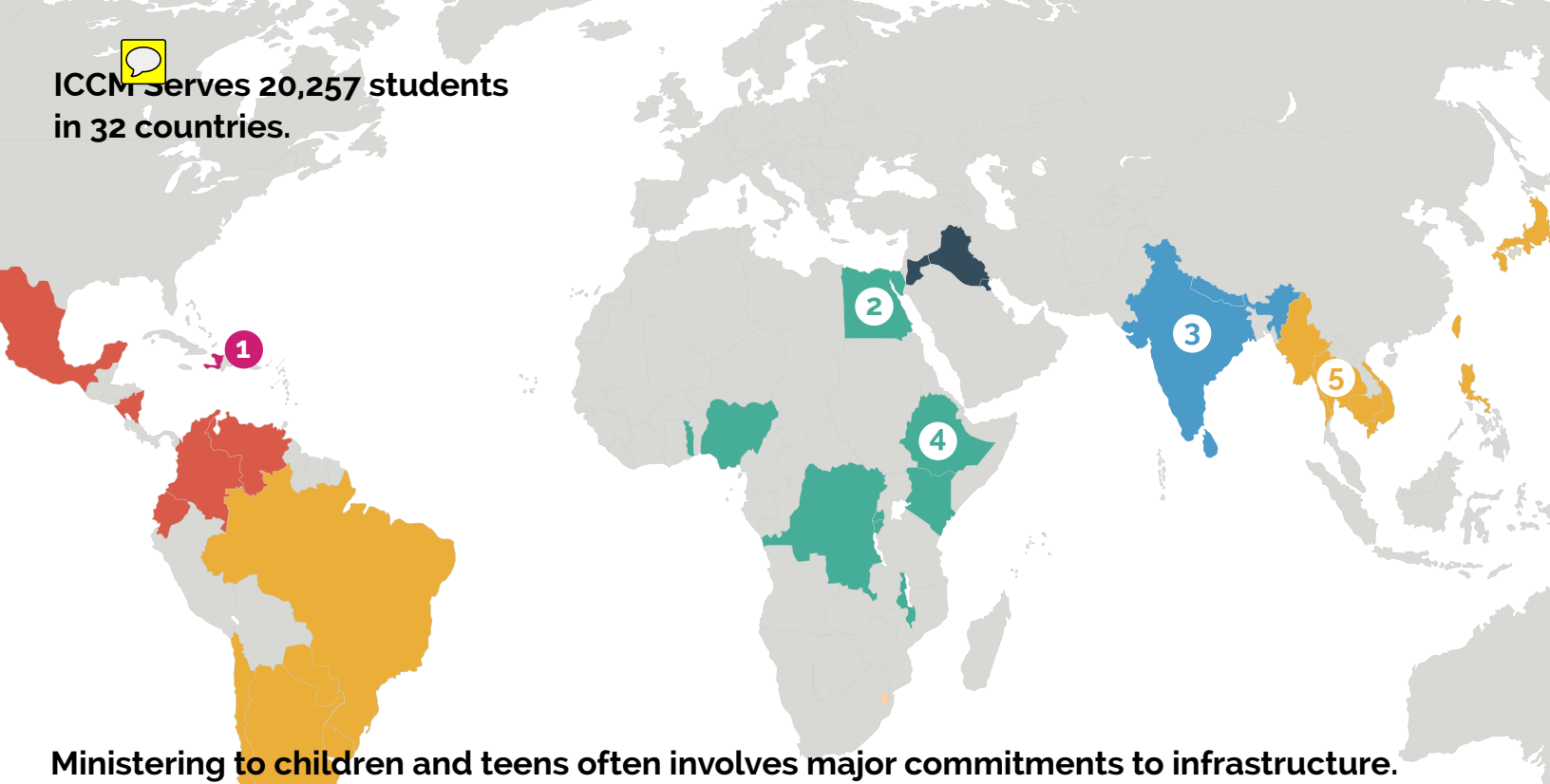


Ambassadors

In the U.S., a few part-time ambassadors currently represent ICCM at local churches. Our 2020 Vision includes expanding this team and pursuing new opportunities for Ambassadors to get our message out. Possible new venues would include Christian concerts where concertgoers can be introduced to the amazing opportunity to sponsor a child through ICCM.

Are you a kickstarter? To jumpstart this vision, visit: www.childcareministries.com/2020

 ICCM Serves 20,257 students
in 32 countries.



Ministering to children and teens often involves major commitments to infrastructure.

Some activities can be carried on outdoors, but many require classrooms, dormitories, cafeterias and offices. Obviously, \$30 a month per child cannot come close to underwriting the real cost of operating programs to benefit children, let alone housing the programs in safe and accommodating structures. Donations to Special Projects are required.

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Completing our capital projects



1 Infrastructure for the Haiti Agricultural Resource and Development Centers.

Students, teachers, farmers and others will see improved yield and expand their capacity to raise animals and grow crops and trees.



2 Alem Tena High School in Ethiopia.

No secondary school exists in this community; when sponsored children complete 8th grade, their formal education usually ends. We have completed Phase 1 of construction and are moving into Phase 2. We expect full occupancy by September 2018.



3 India Hostel Renovations.

Some of our residences for children are in urgent need of repairs and expansion.



4 The Buconyori Boys Boarding School in Kenya

Phases 2 and 3 will complete the campus, providing a Christian residential educational experience for young men in a country with very few secondary schools relative to the population.



5 The Lahu Hostel in Thailand.

This was our first anti-trafficking residence. Now a larger space with separate dorms for teenage boys and girls must be developed.

Are you a kickstarter? In the coming year, you'll learn more about this bold new venture. Immediate gifts will "kickstart" our three years of extraordinary giving and get moving on scaling up our capacity. The campaign goal grand total and a full breakdown of the cost of the components will be coming in early 2018. Meanwhile, all who want to come with us on this major ramp-up, donate now and mark your donation "2020 Vision." The children await!

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jumpstart the 2020 vision:

Give online:
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