2019 DAVID CALEB COOK FOUNDATION

MISSION REPORT

Transforming children to transform their world
We have all heard the story of how God used Gideon to conquer the Midianites. With trumpets, clay jars, and torches, Gideon's small group of brave and faithful men defeated the powerful Midianite army and claimed victory for God. This story is a powerful testimony to the fact that God accomplishes great things against all odds to care for His people and bring glory to His name.

However, this story also teaches us that God gives us an important place in His work. God strengthened Gideon's faith and equipped him with wisdom and leadership skills to claim great victories in His name. When the small army blew their trumpets, smashed their clay jars, and called out, “For the Lord and for Gideon,” they affirmed Gideon's place in God's work. God called Gideon, Gideon responded in faith, and great things happened.

We're grateful that you responded to God's call by supporting the David Caleb Cook Foundation this year. Thanks to your faithfulness, great things have happened! Please join us in celebrating what God has done through your gifts in 2019.

Gratefully,

Gary Hopwood
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
The David Caleb Cook Foundation
For nearly 150 years, God has been using David Caleb Cook’s ministry to transform children to transform their world. The David Caleb Cook Foundation now carries on that legacy, equipping church partners around the globe with evangelism, Bible engagement, and discipleship resources to see the children in their ministries transformed by God’s love.
IN 2019, YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS PROVIDED NEARLY 2 MILLION COPIES OF *THE STORY OF JESUS* IN 9 LANGUAGES, INTRODUCING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD TO JESUS AND HIS LOVE.
Leonid was used to the teasing from children at his school in a small Russian village. His family struggled to make ends meet, so his shoes often had holes in them and his jacket was often too threadbare to keep out the cold. Leonid's classmates often pointed at him and laughed, so he hardened his heart and kept his distance.

When a mission team from a nearby church visited the school to pass out copies of *The Story of Jesus*, Leonid read about Jesus’ love for all people ... even him! For the first time, Leonid realized that no matter what others thought of him, he was loved completely by his heavenly Father.

“PEOPLE SAID BAD THINGS ABOUT JESUS, TOO... AND HE IS GOD'S SON! KNOWING THAT HE LOVES ME MAKES ME FEEL BETTER—NO MATTER WHAT OTHER PEOPLE SAY. HE KNOWS HOW I FEEL!”

Ministry leaders all over the world are using *The Story of Jesus* to share the gospel message. Your gifts have helped reach children like Leonid with God's love, transforming their lives for eternity.
IN 2019, YOUR GENEROSITY HELPED TO PROVIDE PRINT AND VIDEO VERSIONS OF *THE ACTION BIBLE* IN 8 LANGUAGES AND MORE THAN 15 COUNTRIES.
Alile didn't like prayer time. So while the other first-graders in her children's church in Malawi bowed their heads and sat quietly in prayer, Alile would tap her foot and think about other things.

“Must we pray?” she asked her teacher one day after class.

Her teacher smiled, opened up The Action Bible to the story of Jesus teaching His disciples to pray, and handed it to Alile. “This is why we pray,” she said gently.

The young girl looked at the pictures and then began to read ... and continued to read until she reached the end of the book.

“So when I pray, I'm actually talking to God?” she asked.

Her teacher smiled and nodded. Then Alile and her teacher prayed together.

Now prayer time is Alile’s favorite part of class. She often opens up The Action Bible to share a story with her classmates, and it’s not unusual to see her with her head bowed and hands folded praying with her friends.

“I NEVER KNEW THAT PRAYING MEANT I WAS ACTUALLY TALKING TO GOD! NOW I WANT TO DO IT ALL THE TIME!”

For Alile, a patient and caring teacher and an introduction to The Action Bible opened a doorway to growing faith. Your generous gifts give children like Alile opportunities to engage with God’s Word and develop personal relationships with Him.
In 2019, your generous gifts provided the Life on Life Discipleship program in 17 languages in 40 countries, allowing children all over the world to learn what it means to become more like Jesus in every area of life.
Seven-year-old Juan was often restless and frustrated in class, and his Sunday school teacher at their small church in Mexico was losing patience with him. His disruptions often kept her from finishing the lesson, and the way he treated the other children was beginning to cause frustration.

A resource article from the *Life on Life* curriculum helped her to understand that Juan wasn’t a bad child—he was in need of extra help. As a result of his family’s poverty and his mother’s long-term illness, Juan was suffering from trauma. This insecurity affected every area of his life, so behaving well in Sunday school was the least of Juan’s concerns.

Juan’s teacher began paying more attention to him and noticed small changes in his behavior ... until one day, during a lesson on healthy emotions, Juan began to cry. Hearing that God loves him and cares about his feelings touched Juan’s heart. He now treats his classmates with kindness and is learning to express his emotions in healthy ways.

“GOD KNOWS ME AND LOVES ME, EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES I DON’T DO THE RIGHT THINGS. HIS LOVE IS BIGGER THAN ALL OF MY MISTAKES!”

God is using the *Life on Life* discipleship program all over the world to share His love and to bring peace and healing to children like Juan. Your generosity allows ministry leaders to see amazing transformations in the lives of the children they serve.
IN 2019, YOUR GIFTS PROVIDED TRAINING IN 11 LANGUAGES AND 17 COUNTRIES, EQUIPPING THOUSANDS OF MINISTRY LEADERS TO EFFECTIVELY DISCIPLE THE CHILDREN THEY SERVE.
When Prisha attended the training about children's ministry, she didn't know what to expect. At only 24 years old, she had very little experience working with children. But her church just outside of a large city in India needed a teacher for primary-aged children, and Prisha had been chosen. Though she was not looking forward to her new role, she wanted to do it well.

Prisha listened intently as she learned about how much God values children, how children learn best, and how to work with children who have experienced trauma. She and the other trainees participated in activities, discussed what they were learning, and prayed together. This was unlike anything Prisha had ever experienced.

Prisha returned to her church excited about children's ministry. In fact, she was so excited that she planned a training at her own church to equip the other teachers with the information and skills she had learned.

“GOD TELLS US THAT CHILDREN ARE PRECIOUS, AND HE WANTS US TO TEACH THEM IN WAYS THAT SHOW THEM HOW LOVED AND VALUABLE THEY ARE.”

Thousands of ministry leaders like Prisha are being trained through the David Caleb Cook Foundation’s training program, equipping them to effectively serve the children in their ministries and train others to do the same. Your generous gifts are being used by God to help ministry leaders around the world confidently guide the children in their care to grow in faith.
Celebrate the great things God has done.