



2018

# ANNUAL REPORT

**REDEEMING LOVE  
MINISTRIES**

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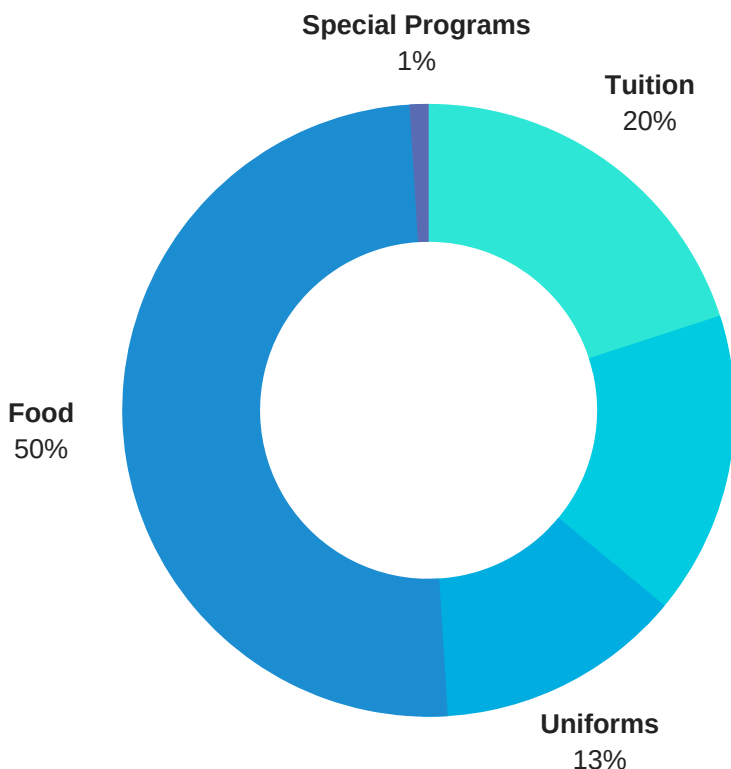
# God's Love Changing Lives



I hope you are excited and looking forward to what God has in store for you this year. Redeeming Love Ministries (RLM) aims to transform the Congo with God's love by nurturing the children of DRC with healthy food, proper medical care, sound schooling, and the Word of God. At the beginning of this month, I was asking God about His plans for us this year and He answered my prayers. We can expect great things for our children and families in the Congo. No more small thinking for us. We serve a BIG God! This year with the grace of God we will take the limits off of our thinking by diligently working together to fulfill the vision for 2019. I want to take a moment to thank all of our partners for blessing the children of the Congo in a way that is hard to explain. God used you mightily to bring so much hope and joy to many families in the Congo. You have demonstrated our Father's love in the lives of these orphans. Thank you so much! Be Blessed,  
Julie Mapatano

## RLM FINANCES

*95 Percent of all Donations went directly to supporting the RLM Kingdom Kids*



## ANNUAL EXPENSES

### Services to RLM Children and Foster Families:

School tuition: **\$15,732**

Medical : **\$13,140**

Uniforms: **\$10,074**

Supplemental food to children & foster families of rice, beans, salt...)  
: **\$40,692**

### Special Programs and Projects:

Vacation Bible School, gardening:  
**\$480**

# 2018 Highlights

## A YEAR OF INCREASE



**57** Students Added

We began the year supporting 204 students and ended it with 261 new RLM kingdom kids. RLM was able to make sure all 261 children and foster families received supplemental food of rice, beans and other provisions to their households.

**67** New Households

In order to support the added children, the number of households increased from 113 to 180. The new foster families were given food and clothing in order to encourage them to keep supporting the kid

**+3** Community Gardens

Three community gardens were added to the previous two allowing the women and children more access to vegetables like carrots, collard greens, spinach, potatoes and cabbage.

# *Upcoming Projects*

## Children's Meal Service Program

**THE NEED:** The war in D. R. Congo left many children abused, orphaned and abandoned. The war added to the devastating poverty and further degraded the unmet basic needs of the children and widows. Over 300 children, including 161 RLM children attend the Elementary Schools in Ludwindja, D. R. Congo without the benefit of any food to eat throughout the school day. These same children ranging in age from 5 to 14 years old attend school six days a week for 6 hours a day. During a recent visit to the school in September 2018, it was witnessed that two children fainted from hunger. Thus we saw the need to provide meals for the children.

**THE PLAN:** Following the leading of the Lord, Redeeming Love Ministries will feed the youngest elementary school children in Ludwindja, D. R. Congo beginning in 2019. We truly believe and know that God will supply more than enough food for all who come there to eat. In order to implement the meal program, we must build a Fellowship Hall with a kitchen and a seating area. The pilot meal service will be evaluated for its effectiveness during the spring of 2019.



## *Transportation Needs*

*This next year RLM is in need of a reliable vehicle to help in transporting bulk food purchases, children for medical care, and team members throughout the year.*

# *Pray*

We covet your prayers. As we step out farther in faith, we find ourselves beyond the realm of human capability—but directly in line with God’s. Please remember us and the children of the Congo:  
Pray for safety as we travel  
Pray for opportunities for us to share the vision of RLM  
Pray for protection for the children we support  
Pray that our children would recognize God’s provision in their lives  
Pray that divine connections would be made both at home and abroad as we continue to move forward in favor



# *Join Our Team!*

Did you know you can support Redeeming Love by volunteering your time and talents? We can always use help in our office, preparing newsletters and answering mail; we occasionally need volunteers during our fundraisers, with planning and service; and we are always interested in you joining us as we travel to Congo delivering aid and ministering to the families we support..