The measure for accomplishment

2018: In a word, it was GREAT! Great both for the Kellermann Foundation and more important, the Batwa tribe we serve in Bwindi.

This report shares several statistics that demonstrate progress in all of our programs and revenue numbers that surpass any other year for the Kellermann Foundation. You will find those of great interest, I am sure. However, I want to focus in this article on the things that are less tangible but no less important.

The Kellermann Foundation is faith oriented and purpose driven: In 2018, we entered into our 15th year as an incorporated entity. We have walked every step of the way trusting in our Lord and keeping our eyes on His children in Bwindi.

• The quality of life has improved for the many Batwa whose hope had all but vanished and who lived on the brink of disaster.
• The story of Dr. Scott and Carol Kellermann is breathtaking. They have created a safe haven for the Batwa through the love of Christ, the source of all hope.
• Dr. Kellermann was nominated and chosen for the American Medical Association’s Award for International Medicine last April which was no surprise!
• It is heartwarming to hear stories from visitors, usually drawn there to trek the mountain gorillas, who see the needs of the Batwa and get involved—tourists, medical students, or teams of experts (vision, dental, or missionary folks) that serve with a purpose.

The Batwa are humbled by the care and love shown to them. Truly God is working out His purposes because of His love for the Batwa.

The Kellermann Foundation receives great acts of kindness and generosity: We are constantly surprised and excited to receive donations from all over the country, notes of encouragement, and shared stories of wonderful encounters with the Ugandan staff and the Batwa themselves. 2018 was an exceptional year in this regard.

During the KF sponsored trip to Uganda this past fall, I was heartened on several occasions to observe people stepping forward to help in big ways; one couple offered to build a new school while other individuals offered to purchase twenty computers for a new computer lab at one of our schools. Helping others brings out the best in humanity and provides an avenue for showing gratitude for all we have and can share.

Some things cannot be measured except by the depth and consistent care for the people we are called to serve. Certainly, sharing our faith, bringing hope, and loving the Batwa are the gifts from God that bless everyone involved.—Diane Stanton, Executive Director

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28
The Batwa Development Program (BDP), formed to “help the Batwa help themselves,” continues to alleviate poverty, provide hope and health and promote sustainability. Your support to the Kellermann Foundation helped accomplish the following in 2018:

- Supported more than 250 children in education at every level from nursery through secondary school with shoes, clothing, mattresses and other supplies and provided school lunches to all children enrolled in one of our partner schools
- Provided transportation, tuition, and tutoring during breaks for 43 Batwa students at Bishops’ Primary School (boarding school)
- Increased the number of students moving on for secondary school
- Began construction of a new school building at Kitariro
- Constructed 5 Batwa homes and added 7 kitchens and pit latrines to existing homes
- Built worship bandas with water catchments for 4 additional settlements and added kitchens and pit latrines to 2 bandas
- Trained Batwa in all 11 settlements in sustainable agriculture, growing vegetables and animal husbandry; supplied families with chickens, ducks, pigs, goats and rabbits and planted gardens at each school
- Renovated and expanded the Batwa Craft Banda and designed promotional materials for the Batwa Experience
- Expanded savings programs for the artisans of the Mukongoro Women’s Center
- Provided spiritual care in the form of reconciliation training, grief counseling and mentoring

Because of you, I have a future.

Because of you, I have fresh water.
Healthcare Advancements

Your generous support of the Kellermann Foundation in 2018 makes high-quality, low-cost healthcare available to over 280,000 area residents through Bwindi Community Hospital (BCH) and advanced-level nursing education for 385 students at Uganda Nursing School Bwindi (UNSB):

- Constructed a new satellite maternity clinic and treated over 8,000 patients at BCH satellite clinics
- Treated on average 100 inpatients per month and 100 outpatients per day
- Reduced number of home deliveries to 5% compared to 65% in 2000
- Delivered over 1,600 babies with 97.3% resulting in live births and completed 95% of recommended newborn check-ups
- Cared for over 1,000 critically ill children with 97% recovery rate for malnutrition and 98% voluntary participation rate in malnutrition counseling
- Conducted over 16,000 HIV tests, treated nearly 1,000 HIV-positive patients and achieved 99% (highest in district) in viral load monitoring
- Maintained 97% TB treatment completion rate
- Provided over 1,500 surgeries with less than 1% sepsis rate and hosted 3 surgical camps benefiting 86 patients from Bwindi and beyond
- Conducted daily community outreach programs with topics such as domestic violence, alcohol rehabilitation and health education
- Provided dental and eye programs to an average of 80 patients daily
- Collaborated with several US universities
- Maintained rate of 100% of UNSB graduates passing the rigorous national nursing exams, receiving licenses and finding employment

Because of you, I have healthcare.

Revenue

- Contributions 97.8% $1,272,413
- In Kind 0.7% $9,654
- Mission Trips 0.5% $6,903
- Events 0.5% $6,351
- Other 0.5% $5,926
- Total 100% $1,301,247

Expenses

- Programs 84.3% $962,740
- Management 8.4% $95,827
- Fundraising 7.3% $83,915
- Total 100% $1,142,482

The Kellermann Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. In accordance with the IRS reporting requirements, the Kellermann Foundation reserves the right to redirect the use of funds to another beneficiary within the same program.
A Batwa child enjoys time outside on a sunny day. Because of the work of the Kellermann Foundation, the Batwa child mortality rate has dropped to less than 6% over the last 15 years.

Kellermann Foundation trip participant Stephanie Kimbrough shares a world map with Batwa students. School is not free for Ugandan children, and Batwa families, who live on less than $1 per day, need help to pay for school fees.

It’s not all classwork for Batwa children. Learning takes place in and out of the classroom! Playing in the sunshine is part of the curriculum at all KF sponsored schools, and so is growing healthy foods, with the work of Agriculture Officer John Bosco who helped students plant vegetable gardens at each school.

Because of you, I have hope.

Kellermann Foundation trip participant Evelyn Hargrave represents all of our supporters by bringing hugs and laughter to the Batwa. Let us know if you would like to join us on one of our trips and show your support in person.

With your partnership in health, education, spiritual outreach and economic empowerment, the Kellermann Foundation envisions that the Batwa pygmies and surrounding communities will—by the grace of God—achieve life in all its fullness.