

## CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF FREEDOM THROUGH MICAH

Micah Lwindi participated in her first RiverCross Workshop in May 2014 in Lusaka, Zambia. She returned for a second workshop in 2016.

A certified teacher and counselor, Micah has built a team and is conducting RiverCross Workshops, leading Freedom Clubs, and using the RiverCross program in counseling sessions with children who have experienced abuse.

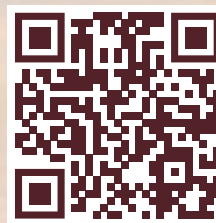
*"We started gathering children and adults little by little in smaller groups. The groups would meet for a few hours and in these hours, we would play the RiverCross drama. We saw huge results through and through. The women being trained started spreading the program across many villages to others."*

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Simba Technologies, Micah participated in the 2023 RiverCross Summit in Kenya and is on her way to becoming a RiverCross Trainer.

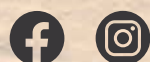
We celebrate the ten years of work God has done through Micah, and so many others, to set vulnerable children in Zambia **free from trauma and free to thrive.**



Visit our website to learn more and consider how you can partner with RiverCross to set the world's vulnerable children **free to thrive.**



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# Free to THRIVE





# Who We Are

RiverCross **transforms compassion** for the world's vulnerable children **into action** through our story-based training program and tools which **unite evidence-based practices** of trauma-informed care **with the love of Christ**.

## MISSION

Equip local leaders to set vulnerable children free from trauma and free to thrive.

## VISION

We seek a world in which every vulnerable child is set free to thrive.

## VALUES

### TREASURE CHILDREN

Jesus treasures children and so we treasure children, particularly the most vulnerable.

### PURSUE EXCELLENCE

Our love of God compels us to do good works that effectively display his love.

### ADVANCE TEAM

As God's fellow workers, we seek to collaborate with others and view others as God's workmanship.

### HONOR CULTURE

We honor the cultures of all peoples looking forward to the day when we are gathered around the throne of God.

### TRUST CHRIST

We cultivate our relationship with Christ seeking his direction, following his guidance, and trusting that he will establish the work of our hands.

## PROVEN PROCESS

Training + Audio Dramas = Champions Who Set Vulnerable Children Free to Thrive

***Because no child should be defined by trauma.***

# What We Do

We train people to be champions who use our audio dramas to set the world's vulnerable children free from trauma and free to thrive.

## OUR TRAINING PROGRAM HAS THREE LEVELS:

### Engage Groups

Through discussion groups, we use our audio dramas to raise awareness of the effects of trauma in the lives of vulnerable children resulting in increased compassion, collaborative understanding, and intentional action.

**TARGET** – Those who have a heart for vulnerable children

### Equip Workshops

Through workshops anchored by our audio dramas, we train people in evidence-based essentials of trauma care and resiliency. They are equipped to use our audio dramas with their teams and the children they serve.

**TARGET** – Those who are working with vulnerable children

### Empower Partnerships

Through partnerships with aligned organizations, we use our audio dramas to train trainers and coach leaders to lead workshops and activate trauma-informed strategies that empower people to set vulnerable children free to thrive.

**TARGET** – Those who lead people working with vulnerable children



# Year-In-Review

## 2023 MILESTONES

### New Audio Drama

After ten years of using our flagship program, *Holding Esther*, the time had come for a new audio drama. We learned much from our African partners about the real issues they face, as well as how they use the program and ways we could improve it. *Bridge to Freedom* is the result of ten years of experience, research, and an \$87,000 investment from key stakeholders.

### RiverCross Summit in Uganda and Kenya

114 leaders from 7 countries representing 32 organizations gathered for two 3-day workshops anchored by *Bridge to Freedom*. Six weeks after the RiverCross Summit, 92% of the participants reported that they have been able to use what they learned in their work and lives.

### Bridge to Freedom in Shona

Shona is the preferred language across Zimbabwe. Through a grant from Harvard University and in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe, *Bridge to Freedom* was produced in Shona.

This program will anchor a RiverCross teacher training program set to impact the lives of 4,000 students in Zimbabwe government schools. Measurement and evaluation of the effectiveness of this program is being conducted by Harvard University.

## 2023 FREEDOM NUMBERS

Participants Trained

**301**

Organizations Participating

**72**

Children Impacted

**4,424**

# Ten Years of Impact

|           | Participants Trained | Organizations Participating | Children Impacted |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2014-2015 | 145                  | 11                          | 320               |
| 2016-2017 | 282                  | 14                          | 1,257             |
| 2018-2019 | 387                  | 54                          | 2,310             |
| 2020-2021 | 551                  | 94                          | 4,075             |
| 2022-2023 | 581                  | 139                         | 6,502             |



## In Our 10-Year History:

Participants Trained

**1,946**

Organizations Participating

**312**

Children Impacted

**14,464**



## Where RiverCross Champions are Working



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
177 PRIVATE DONORS!**

## How We Maximize Impact

### **WE HARNESS THE POWER OF STORY AND THE STRENGTH OF PARTNERSHIP TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT.**

We produce world-class audio dramas embedded with evidenced-based and gospel-saturated content, written by award-winning writers, dramatized by professional actors, and produced by professional composers and engineers.

We partner with organizations equipping them to use our audio dramas with their teams, in their churches, schools, and communities, and with the children they serve.

## Financials

### **TOTAL REVENUE IN THE PAST FISCAL YEAR– \$349,000**

**\$280,000** in individual donations

**\$25,000** in training fees

**\$44,000** in grants and contributions

### **IN 2023, WE INVESTED – \$334,000**

**\$100,000** to produce *Bridge to Freedom*

**\$191,000** to fund programs and personnel

**\$33,000** to support fundraising

**\$10,000** to support administration

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*This year was a fantastic year where RiverCross was able to advance its mission to set the world's vulnerable children free from trauma. This would not have been possible without the generous support of our champions over the past 10 years of ministry, and particularly in 2023. We truly thank you for your financial and prayerful support of the ministry of RiverCross.*

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### **CHRISTOPHER HODGES**

RiverCross Board Chairman

Redeeming Development Group, Co-founder and Managing Partner

