



CHALLENGE MINISTRIES
SWAZILAND

The story is changing...the future is bright.



STATE OF THE MINISTRY



Greetings from Challenge Ministries (CMS) in Eswatini, and thank you so much for your partnership with us! 2022 marks our 25th year of ministry and if the past 25 years have taught us anything it's that, "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5)."

Eswatini maintains the highest HIV rate in the world, and the orphan count continues to rise. This is why our programs are designed to meet immediate needs, transform lives, rebuild families, and restore communities. The pages ahead give you a brief glimpse into each program, including **Residential Care (Bulembu), In Community By Community (ICBC), Rehabilitation & Discipleship Centers, and Potter's Wheel Church.**

We believe the nation's story is changing and the future is bright! I hope you are encouraged by what you see and read. Thank you again. Your generosity is truly making a difference.

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Kevin Ward
Executive Chairman, CMS

P.S. use the QR code to learn how you can continue to help, thank you!



STATE OF THE NATION



The Lord is at work changing the story of Eswatini; however, the Swazi people are still suffering. Eswatini maintains the **highest HIV rate in the world**. Rapid inflation combined with mass job loss is causing increased food insecurity for many families. Unemployment continues to surge, especially amongst the young adult population, with a **58% unemployment rate**. And, staggeringly, **71% of children under five are Orphaned or Vulnerable (OVC)**, with a total of 355,000 OVC's in a nation of 1.2 Million people. Possibly most shocking, is the fact that **less than 12% of Swazi children live in homes with both parents**.

As we look at these numbers, we are all-the-more compelled to continue the work of Kingdom Transformation.



RESIDENTIAL CARE

Bulembu, our cornerstone residential care program, has grown to care for **362 children in full-time family-style care**. We operate baby and toddler homes, family homes, young adult homes, a K-12 school, a central kitchen, and, of course, a church. Our **132 incredible caregivers** provide parental oversight of the homes. Beyond Bulembu, we have **two additional residential care sites** that care for 44 children in full-time family care homes.

A key part of our vision for Bulembu is to create a self-sustaining town. Today, **we have six businesses** that reinvest profits into Bulembu – a dairy, bakery, honey business, guest lodge, timber plantation, and an essential oils distillery.

This year we opened a **Special Needs Home** for children with severe mental and physical needs.



COMMUNITY CARE

Through our holistic community development program, which we call “In the Community By the Community” (ICBC), we are training local pastors to establish churches, pre-schools, feeding programs and small businesses in rural communities throughout Eswatini. Our goal is to establish sites **within walking distance of every rural orphaned and vulnerable child** in order to put hope within their reach.

This year, we planted **four new sites**, taking us to a total of 28, with a goal of 60 ICBC sites by 2027. We **plowed 700 fields** for community members to grow their own crops, educated **830 children in our community pre-schools**, and delivered **1.8 million emergency meals**.



RECOVERY & DISCIPLESHIP

Physical and spiritual poverty can lead to desperation and self-destructive behaviors, but we know our Lord came to seek and save the lost. Our men's and women's centers serve as havens of hope for the oppressed. We provide **shelter, counseling and discipleship** in our year-long Teen Challenge centers, before re-launching participants into their new lives in Christ.

Our men and women are also given **job skills training** such as computer literacy, agri-business, and manufacturing cleaning detergents. As of 2022, we have graduated **more than 150 restored individuals**.



POTTER'S WHEEL CHURCH

Potter's Wheel is a **750+ member church** in the capital city, Mbabane. The church is led by CMS Founder Kevin Ward and also serves as the **training and administrative hub for CMS.**

Potter's Wheel is the **only church in Eswatini whose services are broadcast nationwide** each week, which makes it **a prominent voice of biblical truth, discipleship, and leadership training** for the entire nation.

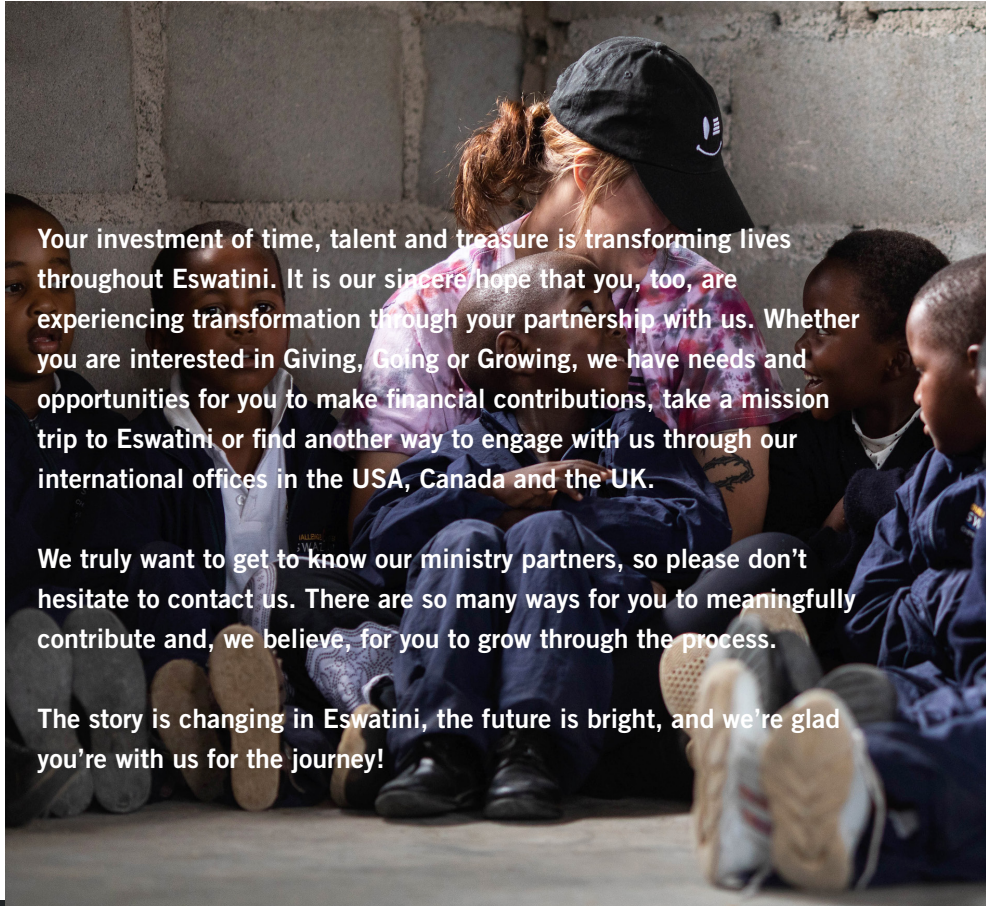
JOURNEYING TOGETHER



Your investment of time, talent and treasure is transforming lives throughout Eswatini. It is our sincere hope that you, too, are experiencing transformation through your partnership with us. Whether you are interested in Giving, Going or Growing, we have needs and opportunities for you to make financial contributions, take a mission trip to Eswatini or find another way to engage with us through our international offices in the USA, Canada and the UK.

We truly want to get to know our ministry partners, so please don't hesitate to contact us. There are so many ways for you to meaningfully contribute and, we believe, for you to grow through the process.

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