

Mercy Ministries International

Equipping people to impact a needy world

2020 Annual Report



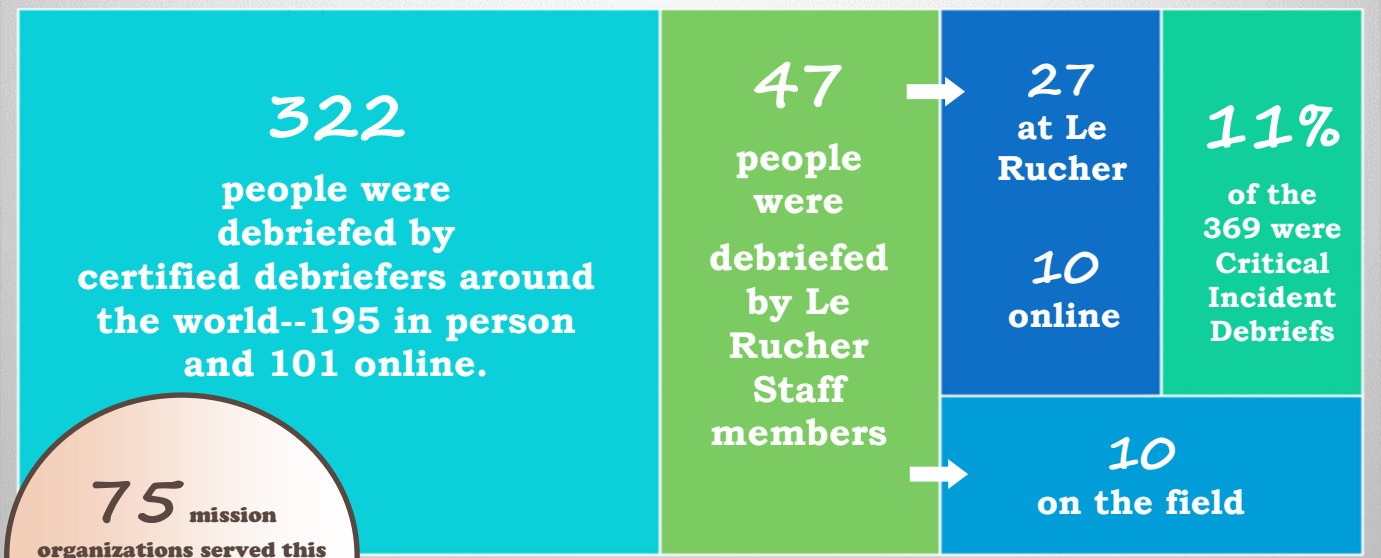
We began the year full-steam with a critical incident debrief in North Africa, 2 training programs in Ethiopia and Chili and a debriefing retreat at Le Rucher.

And then came COVID-19. . .

Trips and trainings were cancelled, ministry and meetings went on-line, our new building construction began and once-again God proved Himself faithful in all ways.

Routine & Critical Incident Debriefing

369 cross cultural workers debriefed this year by 42 certified debriefers and staff members



In addition, teams of Ethiopian and Kenyan debriefers trained by Le Rucher debriefed an additional 343 people, bringing the grand total debriefed with the Le Rucher Model to

712!

Training

67 people were trained in the Le Rucher Model of debriefing on the field and 12 more were trained in Crisis & Trauma Response at Le Rucher.

Community Development & Reconciliation Projects

We serve locally-run projects by raising finances, assisting in writing proposals, making donor reports, facilitating strategic planning sessions, doing debriefing and a wide range of training or consulting.

Eastern Congo (OEIL) Reconciliation, peace-building, community development. While living with the threat of Ebola, Covid-19, civil unrest and erupting volcanoes, this project has directly impacted hundreds of thousands, seeing them healed physically, emotionally and spiritually. Over 7,000 local intercessors are mobilized to do the work of reconciliation and restoration in their local villages and towns.



Goma, Congo (Africa Restoring Bridges Initiative) Reconciliation, community development, servant leadership. With all the same challenges as OEIL, this project is active primarily in the region of Goma. They have empowered nearly 1,000 leaders in the region to work toward development and reconciliation and have taught reconciliation principles in many village schools.

Kenya (Way Of Peace) Healing & Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace and Development. Using a workshop called "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict" this team has helped entire communities become whole again, bridging tribal suspicions and enabling them to maintain peace even in the onslaught of ongoing political turmoil. In addition, they have developed a debriefing ministry, serving other reconciliation teams around the region, as well as pastors and other Christian workers within Kenya. During Covid-19 they used television and radio to broadcast the debriefing tools with personal follow-up by telephone.



Rwanda (Rabagirana Ministries) Reconciliation and Community Transformation. This is the core team, providing inspiration to the other reconciliation teams in the region. They use workshops, radio messages, song, paintings, and training seminars to train pastors and youth to become agents of Biblical transformation in their communities. During this year of lockdown they converted much of their ministry on-line and developed a variety of tools to reach not only Rwanda, but around the world. Covid-19 became an opportunity to increase their community development ministry in the local neighborhood and develop a new marriage counselling ministry (a necessity brought on by families being locked down with no outside input).

Rwanda (Shalom Community Organization) Reconciliation and Community Transformation. Using self-help groups, youth camps, workshops and a training center, this team has empowered thousands to live in peace and learn how to work together to develop their communities.



South East Asia (YWAM) Integrated Rural Development (Micro-enterprise). This team seeks to improve community quality of life through training in animal husbandry, nutrition, and running family businesses. Cooperatives are encouraged and micro-credit is provided.

Zimbabwe (Fountain of Hope) Orphan and Community Empowerment Initiative. After successfully discipling one community, this team is now working in Makamure, which is slowly becoming a role model for others, especially in moving from ancestral worship to trusting in Jesus. The community is working together to build a clinic, repairing roads, growing trees to reduce climate change, caring for widows and orphans, and working at the schools so their children can attend. Their bore holes have miraculously produced water even in the midst of drought all around them.



New Construction at Le Rucher



A new wing is being added at Le Rucher to increase our debriefing and training capacity. The 1st floor includes 2 apartments for staff and/or guests. The 2nd floor includes offices, debriefing rooms and a bigger meeting room. The basement will contain a full garage with laundry, toilet and storage facilities.



A view from the field at the back with the new construction on the left