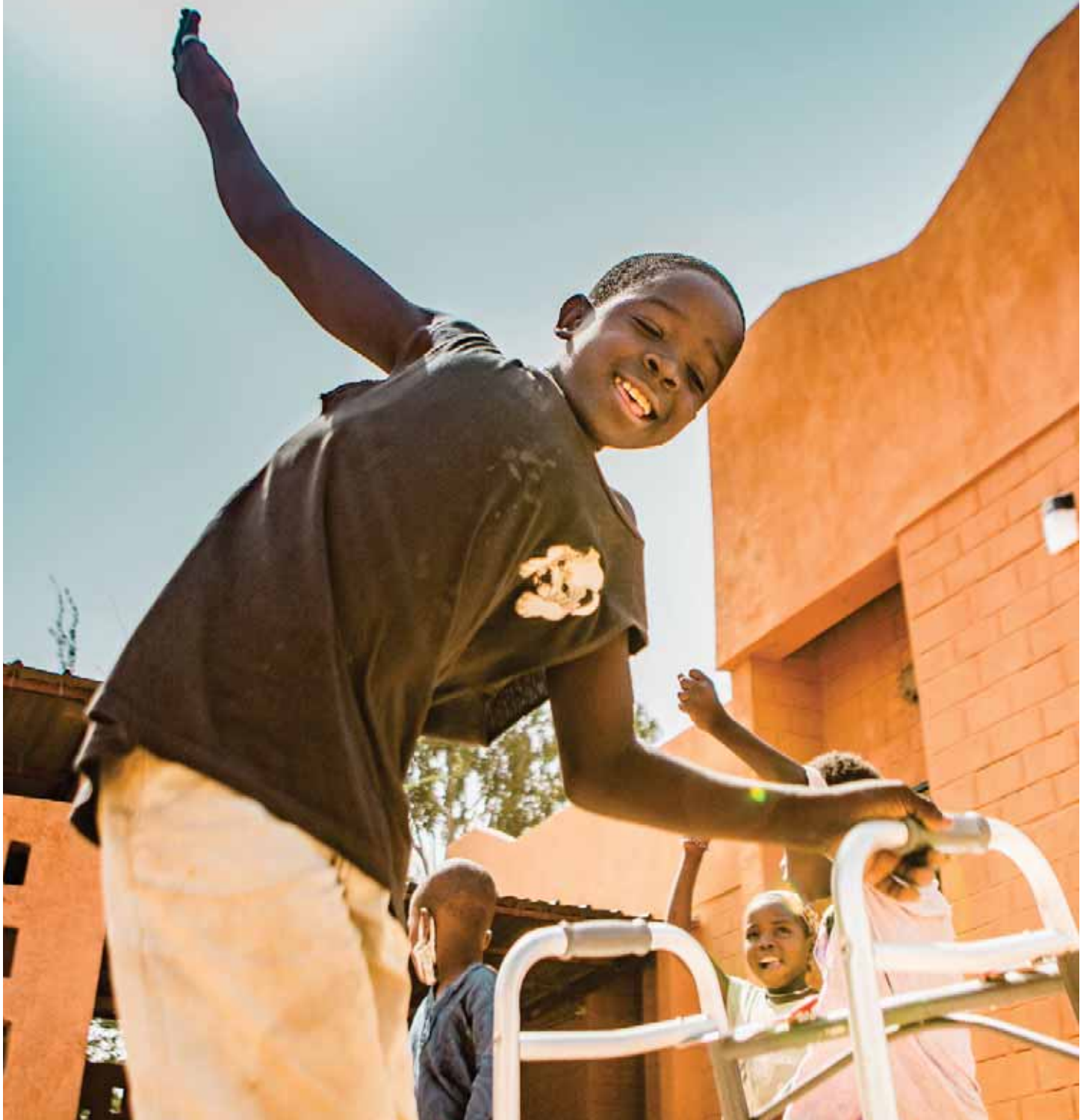


# TRIMEDX FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT

CURE INTERNATIONAL

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## **OUR MISSION:** HEALING THE SICK AND PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus sought out the broken and marginalized, and He healed them. He told His followers to do the same thing.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear TriMedx Foundation, thank you for your partnership and for your critical support in helping CURE International serve children with disabilities and their families through specialized surgical and medical care. You have been instrumental in equipping CURE's hospitals with the necessary biomedical support, equipment, and training to ensure the long-term sustainability, stewardship, and efficiency of CURE's hospital equipment. Your expertise and commitment continues to be a tremendous blessing to our staff, our patients, their caregivers, and the communities we serve.

### **PROVISION OF CRITICAL BIOMEDICAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING**

The TriMedx Foundation generously conducted biomedical support visits to several CURE hospitals and to CURE's Mission Support Center. This support includes diagnostic evaluation, preventative maintenance, repairs, and staff training that has yielded drastic improvements to keep hospital equipment in proper working condition. Thanks to the TriMedX Foundation, CURE's hospitals are now equipped with the technical expertise and support needed to proactively plan and execute the maintenance of their medical equipment. This has directly improved our hospitals' efficiency by reducing the downtime of malfunctioning equipment. Your investment has also strengthened CURE's biomedical capacity in-country which has equipped the network to face the COVID-19 pandemic and maintain hospital equipment even in the midst of lock downs and border closures making international travel impossible.

Having served tens of thousands of children over the course of 20 years, CURE's hospitals face ongoing equipment needs and deferred maintenance costs as equipment ages. The TriMedx Foundation's technical and professional expertise has yielded drastic improvements for the CURE Network. We have made significant progress moving from a reactionary maintenance system to a regularly scheduled, preventative maintenance system, thanks to your investment.



## BEIT CURE INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL

Beit CURE International Hospital (CURE Malawi), located in Blantyre, Malawi, was the beneficiary of a TriMedx Foundation mission trip in May 2019. CURE Malawi is a 58-bed teaching hospital that specializes in treating a wide range of orthopedic conditions including clubfoot, burn contractures, osteomyelitis, and other acquired or congenital conditions, in addition to the provision of physiotherapy services. Last fiscal year, CURE Malawi conducted 7,850 patient visits, performed 1,290 procedures, and reached 10,526 with the good news of Jesus Christ. The TriMedX team visited CURE Malawi to set up new equipment in the laboratory, fixed Malawi's digital X-ray, the theater equipment, the physiotherapy equipment, and provided support on the Custom Maintenance Software. While doing this, they also trained local staff on how they can do this on their own going forward. All of these activities improve the efficiency and quality of maintenance and equipment use at the hospital. Ultimately, the TriMedx Foundation is increasing the quality of care that we can give to the hundreds of children we serve each year.



***Pictured above left:*** Eli from TriMedx Foundation working with Mark from CURE International to repair equipment for CURE Malawi's physiotherapy department.



***Pictured above right:*** Eli and Mark teach Anthony, CURE Malawi's Radiographer, in the process.



## CURE HÔPITAL DES ENFANTS AU NIGER

In January 2020, a team from TriMedX and the CURE MSC biomedical team traveled to CURE Niger for a site visit to conduct scheduled preventative maintenance, inspect and install several pieces of equipment shipped in a container including a new digital X-ray system and surgical lights (pictured above) for the operating room. CURE Niger serves in one of the most difficult contexts in the world. The CURE hospital in Niger is located in the capital city of Niamey, and serves patients from across the country and from neighboring countries as well. Niger is ranked 189th out of 189 countries in the 2018 United Nations Human Development Index and 172nd out of 172 countries in Save the Children's 2017 "End of Childhood" Index. The CURE hospital is critical to the region's capacity to provide medical care for children with treatable disabilities and works to strengthen the country's overall health system.



**Pictured above left:** TriMedx Foundation team members Danny, Greg, and John and CURE International's Jim posing with the surgical lights at CURE Niger.



**Pictured above right:** Installing the new CONMED Electrosurgical Unit in the OR.

## BEIT CURE INTERNATIONAL HOSPITAL

CURE Zambia was also visited by engineers Khai, John, and Suresh from TriMedx Foundation in March 2020. During their one-week stay, they helped with some routine maintenance and inspections of our medical equipment and electrical installations in collaboration with our local team. The team also loved on our patients and provided goodies to the children during their hospital stay. The CURE International hospital in Zambia is located in the city of Lusaka, and is the only hospital of its size that is able to adequately address the diverse surgical and ENT needs of children with treatable disabilities. Zambia is home to a total population of nearly 16.6 million people, 8.6 million of whom are children. CURE estimates that there are 450,000 children with treatable disabilities in Zambia. Through your expert biomedical support and training, CURE Zambia is better equipped to meet the needs of these children as we work to reduce the population of children suffering needlessly from treatable disabilities.



***Pictured top left:*** TriMedx Foundation team member leading worship and making our patients smile.

***Pictured top right:*** Passing out a gift to a parent in the Children's Ward.

***Pictured bottom left:*** Installing the new surgical lights in the OR.

***Pictured bottom right:*** The TriMedx team passing out goodies to our excited CUREkids.



These are just a few of the examples of the tremendous impact the TriMedx Foundation has made on CURE's hospitals this year. We're also thankful for your mission trips to CURE Ethiopia and CURE's Mission Support Center. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, your expertise saved our staff hours of time and allowed them to focus on other urgent matters. The TriMedX Foundation team tested and prepared essential medical equipment including a spot sign vital monitors, electrical surgical units, an automated external defibrillator, a GE anesthesia machine and training, and helped stage equipment for shipping overseas. Your assistance is more important now than ever as we support our hospitals from a distance.

## THANK YOU.

We greatly appreciate your partnership in supporting CURE's equipment and biomedical support needs. Your investment has helped ensure that our patients never have to experience safety concerns or lack of access to our services that could arise in the absence of working equipment or adequate and safe facilities. On behalf of the thousands of children and families who have received care at CURE hospitals supported and mentored by TriMedx Foundation, thank you. Since opening our first hospital in 1998, CURE has ministered to the needs of patients and families during more than 5 million patient visits and 290,200 surgical procedures. Each of these activities has blessed CURE's staff with the opportunity to reach more than 1.2 million people with the gospel and witness more than 210,300 expressions of faith in Jesus Christ. Your support is essential to CURE's ability to continue to carry out our mission.