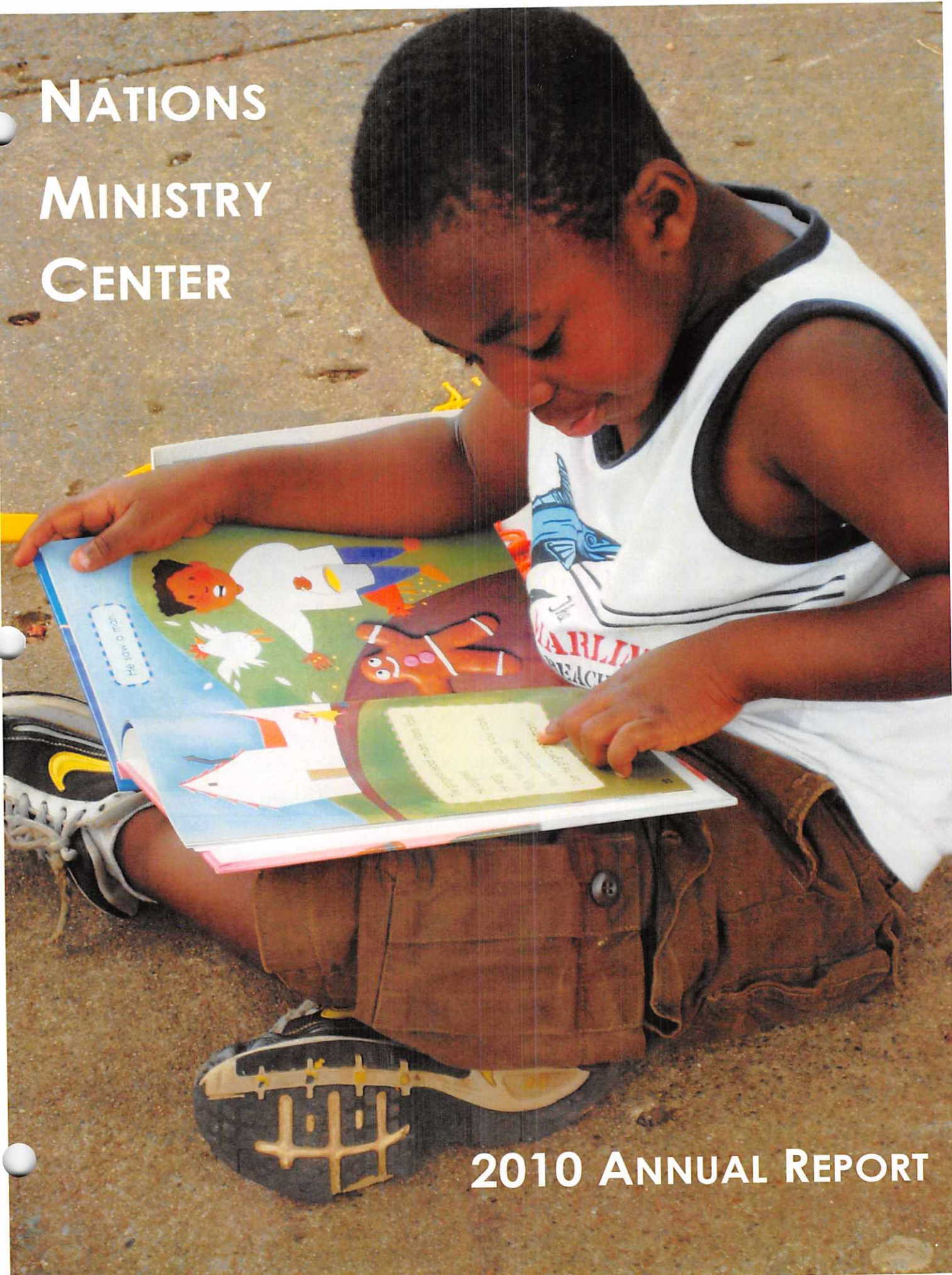
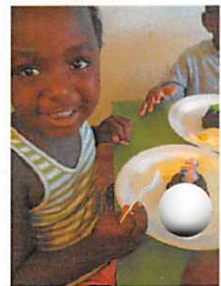


# NATIONS MINISTRY CENTER



2010 ANNUAL REPORT





## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear friends:

In 2010, Nations Ministry Center celebrated numerous achievements for the well-being of refugee clients. We supported twelve refugee families in applying for Habitat for Humanity houses and celebrated as they moved into their new homes. We assisted a young man from Togo in becoming a certified nurse assistant and now he has a full-time job with a bright future.

Our education programs for refugee youth, Nations Academy, served over 50 children through English Summer School, summer camp transportation, and our after-school program at LEAD Academy.

\$32,000 in in-kind gifts were donated in 2010. Vehicle donations opened doors for three refugee families as they now can travel about the city with greater freedom. A Congolese family of ten who had nothing but metal folding chairs and mattresses received a bounty of generous gifts including furniture, clothing, kitchen supplies, household items, and a washer and dryer. What generous friends we have!

275 volunteers gave 3,447 volunteer hours in four programs: kindergarten readiness, Nations Academy education programs for youth, English Language Mentoring for adults, and social services. Refugee clients benefited from 366 consultations as Nations Ministry staff provided assistance on everything from school registrations to completing census forms and job applications.

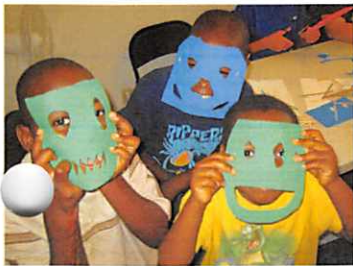
We continue to value our relationship with Nashville's faith communities and remain a validated mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Thank you for your partnership and we look forward to another year of service!

Sincerely,

*Chris Lovingood*





## 2010 IN REVIEW

**JANUARY** Two Lipscomb students began semester-long internship

**FEBRUARY** SES tutoring for 11 elementary school students began

**MARCH** Started serving Iraqi and Congolese refugees, English Language Mentoring enrollment doubled, began assisting families with Habitat for Humanity applications

**APRIL** SIFE offered employment workshops for 15 Burundi high school students

**MAY** Assisted refugees who lost jobs during the flood

**JUNE** English Summer School with Nashville Teaching Fellows began

**JULY** Completed registrations for Head Start and concluded 674 English Summer School instructional hours for 20 refugee youth

**AUGUST** 10 Burundi students began a new year at LEAD Academy

**SEPTEMBER** Launched our after-school program at LEAD's west campus

**OCTOBER** Last of 12 Burundi families moved into Habitat for Humanity homes

**NOVEMBER** Furnished the apartment of a Congolese family of 10 who had almost nothing and had fallen through the safety net, registered their children for school and provided other support

**DECEMBER** Began Saturday Reading Parties

**YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS:** Kindergarten Readiness (Monday-Thursday), Nations Academy (Monday-Thursday), English Language Mentoring (Monday, Wednesday, and other times), and social services (by appointment)





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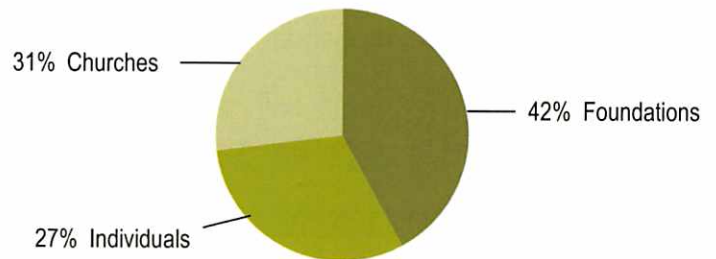
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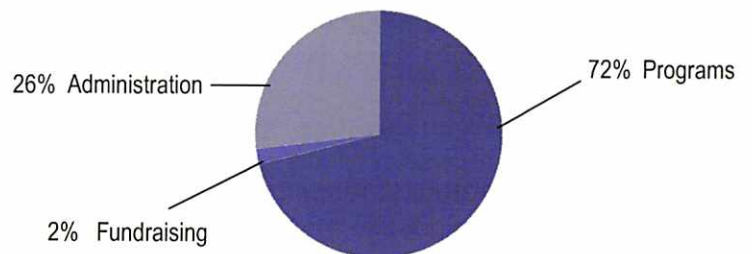
### 2010 Operating Activities:

Operating revenue	\$160,393
Operating expenses	108,948
Net income (loss)	<u>\$51,445</u>
Cash	\$31,681
In-transit pledges as of December 31, 2010	<u>56,495</u>
Total	<u>\$88,176</u>

### Where Our Money Comes From



### Where Our Money Goes



## Our Mission

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# Joining Hands

Spring 2010

JOYFULLY SERVING NASHVILLE'S IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

## Spring Brings Opportunity



As Middle Tennessee came to life with spring rains, Nations Ministry Center truly blossomed with new clients, new programs and services, and more volunteers as we advance genuine self-sufficiency through education opportunity.

This spring, our staff grew to include two Lipscomb University interns. Katie McClung (adult ESL) and Katelyn Schindel (social services) greatly enhanced the services we provide refugee clients.

We also welcomed new clients including two Congolese families who arrived in the US in February. We began serving 5 Iraqi refugees and two families from Togo. Some families received in-kind donations—thanks to your generous donations—to furnish their apartments. Several began survival English classes, and others received job coaching. We assisted a Togolese young man working at a supermarket in enrolling in a nurse assistant training program, and



Three LEAD Academy students showing off African fashions.

he has completed his clinicals and is looking for a new job. Currently serving clients from Burundi, Congo, Iraq, Sudan, and Togo, Nations Ministry Center is creating education opportunity for more than 70 clients.

Another vital addition to our programs is a vehicle donation program. We've recently donated cars to three families. These families for the first time are not dependent on very limited public transportation. One recipient was able to apply for a better job because he can now manage his schedule more easily.

In addition to creating opportunity through our vehicle donation program, we've begun GED tutoring with a Sudanese refugee and we look forward to creating more education opportunity for others. Two more children have been accepted to LEAD Academy.



Learning from each other is the best!

Thanks to the wonderful work of Habitat for Humanity, we have begun supporting refugee families as they apply for Habitat homes. Eight families have already been approved and others are applying. We are excited to be a part of making the American dream come true for some of Nashville's newest citizens. Thank you for your enduring support of our programs to serve Nashville's newcomers.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IN-KIND DONATIONS THIS YEAR. SO FAR, OVER \$10,000 WORTH OF GOODS HAVE BEEN GIVEN. THANK YOU!**





# Spring Highlights

- ★ Thanks to First Presbyterian Church for their generous support of our book drive.
- ★ A Students in Free Enterprise chapter at Lipscomb University hosted a series of workshops on interviewing skills and job application completion for refugee high school students.
- ★ Monday and Friday afternoons we facilitate No Child Left Behind-funded tutoring for elementary school children. It's exciting to hear children who knew no English when they first came to America reading in English.



A Harpeth Hall group visited the kindergarten readiness program recently

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*All gifts are very appreciated and tax deductible.*



Katelyn Schindel, a Lipscomb University social work senior and pictured here with one of our preschoolers, recently completed a semester-long placement with Nations Ministry Center. During her internship, she created an assessment tool for tracking the progress the children are making in our kindergarten readiness program. She also registered several children for HeadStart and worked with several families in completing their Habitat for Humanity applications.



A special thanks to the Nashville Predators Foundation for selecting Nations Ministry Center as a recipient for a community grant. This grant funds learning materials for our Summer Academy.



A refugee from Congo studies English in our Computer Center



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# Joining Hands

Summer 2010

JOYFULLY SERVING NASHVILLE'S IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

## A SUMMER OF LEARNING!



In addition to regular programming, this summer Nations Ministry Center facilitated a broad swath of learning and enrichment activities. Seventy-two volunteers and eleven community partners have given 471 volunteer hours to provide or facilitate 2,119 hours of additional enrichment. Four weeks of summer school, pool parties, a field day, sports camp, a Sounds game, reading



tutoring, Computer Lab time, a sports camp, a Vacation Bible School, and other activities better for more than 40 refugee children from

Burundi, Congo, Iraq, Sudan, and Togo.

Nations Ministry Center also partnered with the Nashville Teaching Fellows to offer four weeks of English Language Learner Summer School for high school and middle school students. Twenty-two refugee children participated and improved their English skills! High school students learned to read a bus schedule and learned driving vocabulary while middle school students wrote mini autobiographies and descriptive essays. Read in the next column what one Burundi refugee child wrote about her life in America:

### *My Autobiography* By Jeannette

*My name is Jeannette. I have one brother. When I was 4 years old I went to school. At school I didn't know who here I didn't know English. When I started school here I went on the bus. The English students cussed me out at school. I didn't eat the food because I didn't like the food. The school was not good for me but I liked the teacher. When I started coming to Nations Ministry my English I improved. When I went back to school the teacher gave me a book to read. I didn't know how to do 1+10; 1+20 and 6X3 but I can now.*

Your partnership with us has made a difference in Jeannette's life and the lives of many others.



Antoinette, from Burundi, and Diana and Lilian, from Iraq, enjoying their English class

SUMMER COMMUNITY PARTNERS: First Presbyterian Church youth, Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church youth mission team, Trinity Presbyterian Church youth, Westminster Presbyterian Church youth, Nashville Teaching Fellows, Tutoring Unlimited, YMCA Day Camp, and many volunteers who planned activities and provided transportation.



Below is a letter, without editing, from a client to Karen Richardson, an NMC board member, who assisted in his becoming a Certified Nurse Assistant. Bosco now works at Bordeaux Nursing Home.

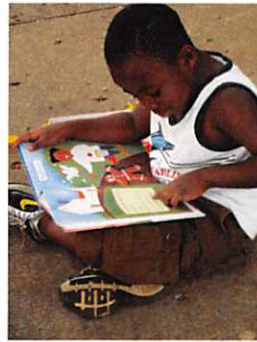
*"..... I was selected with others Burundians to partner with habitat for humanity: we will start building our houses this July and then we may move to the new neighborhood in September. This was happened because The Nations Ministry was involved. Eleven Burundians families will live in Timberwood neighborhood.*

*My second daughter will join her big sister in Lead Academy this August, once again The Nations Ministry helped me to get that place for her. Thank you very much for your time."*

—Jean Bosco Munyaneza



Bosco's daughter Bellamie (right) pictured here with Adeline at one of our summer swim parties



Enjoying a Sounds game



### Summer Fun



### Nations Ministry Center is delighted to have supported the applications of 13 Burundi families to receive Habitat for Humanity mortgages.



Pictured at the left is one family receiving their mortgage after many hours of sweat equity. We answered questions, assisted in compiling the substantial application package, and provided encouragement to see it through to the end.

### Flood Update

Many refugee families we serve were affected by the May floods. Most were out of work for a week or more and two who were employed at Opryland Hotel lost their jobs. We assisted both in applying for unemployment. Another client lost his taxi.

Fortunately, Nations Ministry Center did not suffer any losses. Our spring Annual Fund campaign mailer, though, was mailed just before the rains began. We have been blessed thus far to receive gifts from 35 donors, but by the same time last year, we had received gifts from more than 60 donors. Please consider joining hands with us and the refugees we serve by making a generous gift. Your gift is an investment in some of Nashville's most vulnerable.

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