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## From our Director

With great pleasure we present this 2008 Annual Report. The joy comes not only from a year of incredible growth but more from the joy that serving Nashville's refugee community brings to our board, our gracious volunteers, and to myself.

These young lives pictured at the left are just a few of the many refugees who were recently resettled in Nashville. Now, their eyes are filled with hope, for the opportunity of a bright future awaits. We are committed to joining hands with refugee families and walking with them as they pursue the American dream.

In 2008, NATIONS MINISTRY CENTER joined hands with over 130 volunteers and 150 refugees as we facilitated 3,150 hours of volunteer service through our five programs: English classes for adults, kindergarten readiness, Nations Academy, refugee services, and ESL consulting. The lives of many newcomers have benefited and been enriched by your partnership with us.

We have been delighted to partner with six local churches, three foundations, and 81 individual donors that have generously funded our outreaches. We are very thankful for your partnership with us in meeting the needs of Nashville's refugee community.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Director



**EDUCATION** is the key to success for every American, refugees included. Through education refugees will be able to become genuinely self-



sufficient. Our kindergarten readiness program, which served 17 children in 2008, not only prepared preschool refugee children for school but also made sure two children were registered for kindergarten and three children registered for HeadStart.

While the little ones were learning the ABC's, their moms were studying English in our English Language Center. Thanks to our volunteer

teachers, 14 women from three African countries improved their English skills. Our English classes at Glenciff Presbyterian served many as well. We also worked extensively with two men who earned their GED and one passed the Certified Nurse Assistant state exam. He now has a better job and is on the path to achieving the American dream. We are also delighted that three of our students—Eoffie, Breselda, and Sorie—became US citizens this year!

Nations Academy, our program for school-aged children, served 70 children from three nations this past summer. Twenty-two benefited from the transportation we provided to attend English Language Learner Summer School. Fifteen joined us for our summer reading program.

When school began, we tutored 15 middle school students from Burundi and Somalia. We offered homework assistance and math tutoring to children who are substantially behind their new peers.

By encouraging achievement in education, we hope to inspire refugees to achieve their dreams.

**ACTS OF COMPASSION**, like an ice cream on a muggy summer afternoon, exemplify the spirit of kindness NATIONS MINISTRY CENTER, in partnership with generous volunteers, seeks to share with many of Nashville's most vulnerable newcomers. Whether it's providing more than 2,300 clothing items to newly-arrived refugees, offering healthy snacks at our after-school

tutoring, or arranging prenatal visits and transportation for a refugee mother-to-be, these many quiet kindnesses given liberally throughout the year resonate with a spirit of compassion few refugees have ever experienced. By coordinating this much-needed assistance, we enable refugees to begin building their new lives with the knowledge that there are friends with them on their journey to self-sufficiency.



**ADVOCACY** on behalf of refugees, who have been invited to come to here by the U.S. government, means they are able to receive the same services available to Americans. But since refugees often aren't aware that such services exist, they often don't receive this important helping hand. NMC has helped refugees receive vision exams, tax preparation assistance, and other vital services. By being involved in their lives and in connecting them to community resources, NMC empowers refugees to become productive citizens of their new home.

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# Financials

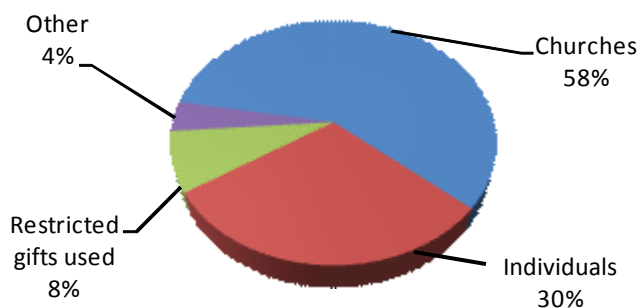
## 2008 Operating Activities:

Cash receipts	\$ 88,452
Cash disbursements	<u>84,666</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	<u>\$ 3,786</u>

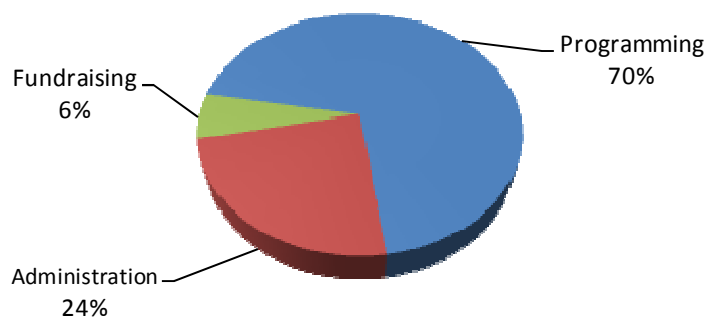
## Cash and in-transit pledges as of

December 31, 2008	<u>\$45,551</u>
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### Where Our Money Comes From



### Where Our Money Goes



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# Joining Hands in 2008

NATIONS MINISTRY CENTER thanks all those who joined hands with us in 2008 through volunteer service, financial gifts, and gifts-in-kind. We thank our financial donors listed here, and any we may have overlooked, for your generosity toward Nashville's refugee and immigrant community.

## Foundations and Organizations

Belmont University Service Learning  
Frist Foundation  
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## Churches

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