the untold story

2015 MINISTRY REPORT
Whether swirled out on a canvas, lifted up in a song, or expressed in a healthy marriage, there is a movement of the Spirit in today’s culture to focus on what is good, true, and beautiful. Some charities celebrate the creative arts, while others are shaping lives by ministering to individuals and families. Meet some of the givers in our network who are creating authentic connections and working to uphold Christ in a troubled world.

**ACTING ON LOVE**

Between auditions and rehearsals, NCF givers Devon Ogden and Jessica Davis (above) are changing the lives of female genocide survivors and orphans in Rwanda. When these young L.A. actresses first volunteered in Rwanda, they knew that they had to do something. So Devon created Safi Life, a ministry that helps give Rwandan girls a chance for life-changing higher education. Recently, Devon and Jessica traveled to Rwanda with a group of filmmakers to begin making a documentary about forgiveness, hope, and progress. Their ministry is named after Safi Umukundwa, who also serves as the organization’s director in Kigali, Rwanda. This brave young woman survived the Rwandan genocide against Tutsi when she was only eight years old. Safi put herself through secondary school, was awarded funding for a university education, and now works with other young women. Devon says, “Safi’s life serves as a powerful reminder of what women can achieve even amidst the most difficult circumstances.”

**SUPPORTING THE FAMILY**

Over 25 years of marriage, Charlie Stinson and his wife, Sheri, have developed a strong Biblical worldview that puts faith and family first, just like one of their favorite ministries. Charlie explains, “When you consider the current state of marriage and the modern parenting challenges we face, it is easy to see why we have a passion for Focus on the Family. From their website, programs, broadcasts, and employees, they are making a positive difference in so many lives.”

Charlie shares this example from a woman that works at his business: “I was exhausted trying to care for my autistic son and two older children. Our family was in financial crisis also and my husband had become addicted to drugs in an attempt to cope. So I called Focus on the Family. The counselor there was sincere and caring. He prayed with me and helped me create a plan of action with counselors in my area and specific resources. I am forever grateful for their ministry.”

**SPEAKING THROUGH ART**

As a painter, NCF giver Laura Pflug (right) hopes to encourage other artists to see their work in another light. Laura explains, “Art speaks to people, so why not see it as another way that God speaks to people?” By donating all of the proceeds from her work, she is also using her talent to further giving in a unique way. “It deeply satisfies me when someone connects with a painting that I’ve created,” Laura says. “And on top of that, they get excited by the idea of partnering with me for generosity.”

Laura’s art has been used to minister in ways that she never imagined. “I pray for God to inspire names for the paintings,” says Laura, “and so often, they have special meaning to the person who ends up with the painting. Telling these stories has allowed me to share the Gospel with friends. It often shocks but always inspires. I love the creativity of God!”

**THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.**

Philippians 4:8

> “There’s nothing more important in today’s culture than preserving families.”

Charlie Stinson

PHOTOS: Left, Actresses Devon Ogden and Jessica Davis shine His light in Hollywood. Below, Laura Pflug shares her works of generosity with the world.

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**1,400 CHARITIES RECEIVED $66 MILLION IN CULTURE GRANTS IN 2014**