

Celebrating a decade of success: How it all began



WAVS founder Martha Reynolds (pictured here) and her husband, Herb, worked alongside community leaders in Guinea-Bissau to start construction on the WAVS School more than a decade ago. The school opened in October 2006 with a handful of auto mechanics students and has since served more than 800 students.



"The school is helping many people in Canchungo. People can **go to the school** and pay just a **small tuition fee** and learn. I thank God because of the school."

Batica, director of a primary school and graduate of the WAVS School's computer course

A Joyful Graduation

More than 60 students graduated from the WAVS School in January 2016. Since 2006, the school has served more than 800 students and enrollment has steadily increased each year.



Giving New Entrepreneurs the Tools to Succeed

When students graduate from the WAVS School, they leave with the skills they need to succeed in life. But what they lack is something simple: tools. This year, WAVS launched the New Entrepreneurs Program and provided durable, quality tools and equipment to more than 30 students at affordable prices.



"When I heard that WAVS had tools available, **I was thankful** and I came to purchase them. **I am now working as a mechanic** in Canchungo and I use the tools every day to repair cars."

Orlando, graduate of the WAVS School's auto mechanics program and a participant in the New Entrepreneurs Program

In December, WAVS donors **gave \$10,800** to expand the New Entrepreneurs Program and will **serve 80 students** in 2017!
Thank you!



"In this region, there is no other school like it. The school helps many people envision a **better future**. They can gain skills that help them **make a living**."

Joao, local pastor and WAVS English student

WAVS 2016 Income & Expenses

Income	
Individuals & Fundraisers	\$241,533
Churches, Businesses & Organizations	\$24,909
Endowment Fund	\$23,199
Grants	\$17,054
Other	\$242
Total Income	\$306,937
Expenses	
Salaries & Benefits (Guinea-Bissau Support)	\$58,550
Salaries & Benefits (Admin & Development)	\$60,914
Teacher Sponsorship Funds for WAVS School	\$55,649
Equipment & Supplies for WAVS School	\$3,381
Housing, Vehicle, Other in Guinea-Bissau	\$8,227
U.S. Office Rent & Supplies	\$12,131
Travel & Airfare	\$12,543
Fundraising: Events, Supplies, Printing	\$10,596
Bank, Card Transactions, Wire Fees	\$4,492
Insurance, Membership, Professional Fees, Other	\$1,859
Total Expenses	\$228,342

Celebrating a decade of success!

We've come so far.

Ten years ago, the WAVS School opened its doors with a handful of auto mechanics students. It was the first school in the dusty town of Canchungo, Guinea-Bissau, to provide job-skills courses for young women and men in the community. Even though the school had no reliable electricity and few tools at the time, its dedicated Guinean staff and a small group of supporters in the U.S. believed it would grow.

And it did. The school soon added courses in computers, sewing, welding, English and French. Now, the WAVS School serves more than 250 students each year, all while sharing God's love through word and deed. Its graduates have used their skills to launch careers, provide for their families, and start their own businesses.

Today, the school's 16 Guinean staff are backed by a committed U.S. staff, board members, and you - one of the 300 donors and volunteers in 2016 who made this work possible!

Meanwhile, we are moving forward with plans for a new campus that will be 10 times the size of the current one. The campus, located in the capital city, Bissau, will train up to 1,000 students each year, literally transforming the country from the inside-out!

Thanks to your partnership, WAVS has experienced incredible growth in its first decade. The coming decade is even more promising - and we want to start it off right. In 2017, we will expand a new initiative called the New Entrepreneurs Program, which provides quality tools to graduates at affordable prices; we will train more than 200 students; and we will start building the new campus in Bissau.

None of this would be possible without you. Thank you for being a part of this exciting journey!

Sincerely,



Chris Collins
WAVS Executive Director

2016 WAVS Annual Report & Donor Contribution Statement

Thank you for your partnership with WAVS!



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Highlights from 2016



Celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the WAVS School in October.



Equipped more than 800 students with life-changing job skills since 2006.



Provided more than 30 graduates with affordable tools through the WAVS New Entrepreneurs Program.



Nearly 500 guests and volunteers raised \$112,000 at the 4th annual *Dine & Discover West Africa Dinner Banquet* held October 7th.



300 DONORS

More than 300 donors invested in the vision of WAVS this year.



"For me, the first thing I want to do is **read and write** and speak English. By the grace of God, this **school is here** in Canchungo."

Natividade,
WAVS English student