

Global health from a Christian perspective

Christian Connections for International Health promotes global health and wholeness from a Christian perspective. Drawing from our network of approximately 175 Christian member organizations, 35 affiliates and 350 individual members, CCIH is a forum for dialogue, networking, advocacy and fellowship for the spectrum of Christians working in global health.

CONNECTIONS

Fostering Connections and Sharing Best Practices

CCIH is about building networks and forging connections to leverage the strengths of our members and affiliates. A highlight of 2013 was the CCIH Annual Conference in June, which drew global health professionals, students and program managers from 16 nations who gathered to learn, share best practices, make valuable connections and be energized by Christian fellowship.

CCIH was also actively involved in the [Africa Christian Health Associations Platform](#) biennial conference in Zambia, supporting the attendance of health workers and program managers from Christian Health Associations, enabling them to learn and increase their capacity to develop and provide health programs. Additionally, CCIH convened a pre-conference workshop in Zambia, drawing a different audience to engaging presentations from USAID, John Snow Inc., Evidence to Action, FHI 360, and CCIH.

The CCIH Connector, our monthly e-news, as well as social media channels and listservs, share news from the Christian global health field, including member achievements, funding and employment opportunities, and new resources.

ADVOCACY

Being a voice for the vulnerable and advocating to U.S. legislators and the executive branch is a critical part of CCIH's mission. CCIH shares first-hand testimony from people working on the ground in underserved areas, demonstrating that people of faith can and do make a difference, and our work is greatly leveraged by government support, saving countless lives.



Networking with people actively working in international health is what I find most valuable at the CCIH conference. I open myself to the direction of the Spirit and am always amazed by the people I meet and the enduring connections.

Amy Hewitt
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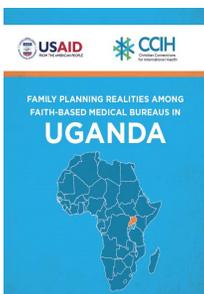


During CCIH's Annual Advocacy Day in June 2013, nearly 40 advocates visited more than 30 Congressional offices on Capitol Hill to express their support for global health programs and the work of Christians in bringing health and healing across the globe. In addition to office meetings on our Annual Advocacy Day, CCIH worked throughout 2013 meeting with Congressional staff, participating in a total of 70 meetings.

Working with partners, the Adventist Development & Relief Agency, Christian Health Association of Malawi, IMA World Health, World Relief, FHI 360 and the United Methodist Church Healthy Families Healthy Planet initiative, CCIH held a briefing on Capitol Hill during Advocacy Day. A second [briefing in December](#) also lifted up the work of faith groups in global health.

CCIH continues to serve as a respected collective voice for the Christian global health community. In October, CCIH mobilized more than 70 faith-based organizations to sign a letter to the U.S. Congress urging passage of the PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013, which was passed the following month, extending the authority of this life-saving program.

RESEARCH



Faith-based organizations provide anywhere from 25 to 40 percent or more of health care in many developing nations, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. Raising awareness that faith communities play a significant role in care and can be leveraged to meet the needs of the underserved is an important part of CCIH's mission.

With support from USAID, CCIH commissioned a quantitative [survey in 2013](#) of faith-based health facilities in Uganda that demonstrated these facilities are already providing family planning services and are well positioned to take on additional family planning service provision, including both counseling and methods.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

CCIH member organizations provide valuable health services to people in need. In order to enhance their capacity, CCIH provided technical assistance in 2013 to help organizations with community health worker training, reviewing health programs and documents, and providing training through workshops.

Legislators need to hear voices from the field. Data is not enough to convince someone of the value of global health programs. Face-to-face interaction is important.

Joy Mukaire, Executive Director
Christian Health Association of South Sudan



A girl receiving an immunization at the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation clinic in Kasese, Uganda. Photo credit: Gregory Wait, courtesy of Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation.

SHARING STORIES

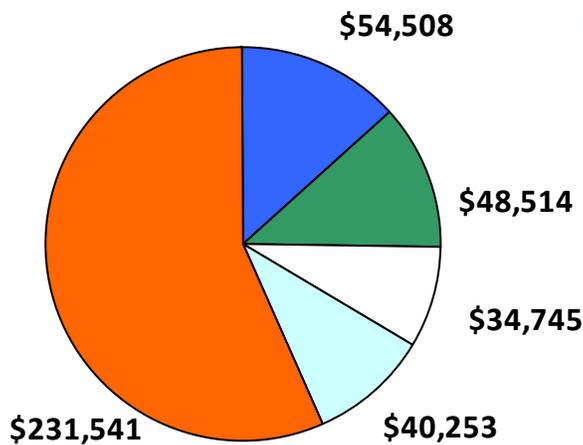
CCIH worked with Christian and mainstream media outlets to lift up the need for global health programs and the work of Christians in global health, receiving coverage in 2013 in widely read publications such as [Sojourners](#), [Christianity Today](#), the [Christian Post](#), the [Boston Globe](#), [Huffington Post](#), the [Guardian](#) and more.

Through written stories and video interviews, CCIH's [Voices from the Global South](#) series shares the successes, innovations, challenges and stories from the field of members working in the Global South to deliver care. In 2013, CCIH produced stories from [South Sudan](#), [Nigeria](#), [Zambia](#) and [Zimbabwe](#).

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2013 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

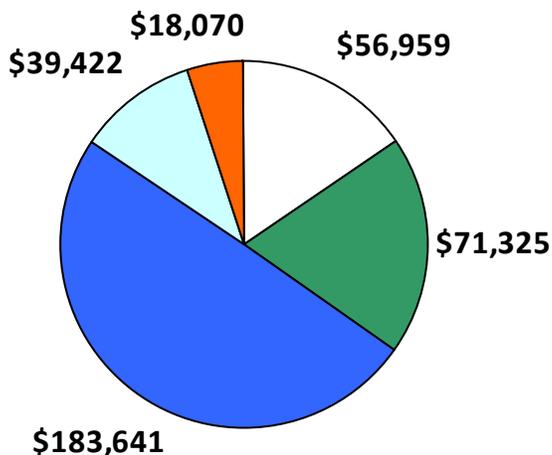


REVENUE

- Membership Dues
- Donations
- Annual Conference
- Government Grants
- Foundation Grants

Total Revenue \$410,632*

*Includes interest income



EXPENSES

- Annual Conference
- Networking/Communication
- Education & Advocacy
- General & Administrative
- Fundraising

Total Expenses \$369,417