

# ORGANIZATIONAL FACT SHEET

ECHO is an international, Christian organization that exists to reduce hunger and improve lives through agricultural training and resources. ECHO promotes sustainable farming techniques, nutritional plants, and appropriate technologies that help small-scale farmers improve productivity and feed their families. ECHO shares these proven resources with others through the internet, printed materials and training events. ECHO also saves and distributes seeds of highly-beneficial, under-utilized plants.

Through ECHOcommunity.org and ECHO's Regional Impact Centers in East Africa, West Africa, and Asia, ECHO has become a trusted information hub for development practitioners. Through partnerships with academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, mission agencies, and the global church, ECHO has developed a vibrant network which extends to over 180 countries worldwide. These efforts are focused on one vision: *Honoring God by empowering the undernourished with sustainable hunger solutions.*

## MISSION

Following Jesus by reducing hunger and improving lives worldwide through partnerships that equip people with agricultural resources and skills.

## VISION

Honoring God by empowering the undernourished with sustainable hunger solutions.

## CORE VALUES

- We are followers of Jesus and want our behavior, beliefs, motivations, and attitudes to reflect him and bring him honor and glory.
- We are stewards of the resources God gives us.
- We see all people as made in the image of God and deserving of dignity and respect.
- We believe all people we encounter can add value as they share their efforts, knowledge, and experience.
- We are people who value others and give them practical priority in our work and interactions.
- We are partners as we join with other individuals and organizations to accomplish our mission.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Douglas Carlson, Chairman of the Board  
David Erickson, President/CEO  
Tim Albright, COO

For more information about ECHO's team, please visit:  
[www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

## AT A GLANCE

**Founded:** 1973  
**Total Worldwide Employees:** 80+  
**2021-2022 Operating Budget:** \$4,600,000

**Websites:**  
[www.ECHOnet.org](http://www.ECHOnet.org)  
[www.ECHOcommunity.org](http://www.ECHOcommunity.org)  
[www.ECHObooks.net](http://www.ECHObooks.net)

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**Regional Training Centers serving**  
West Africa, East Africa, and  
Southeast Asia.



# ADDENDUM

**Each Staff Member at ECHO is asked to sign ECHO's Statement of Faith or the Apostle's Creed.**

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only reliable, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity and humanity of Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His present rule as Head of the Church.
- We believe in the salvation through God's grace of all who repent and put their faith in Jesus Christ alone.
- We believe in the indwelling presence and transforming power of the Holy Spirit, by which the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the future personal return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of both the repentant and unrepentant who will be judged by Jesus with justice and mercy; for those who are repentant unto the resurrection of eternal life and those who are unrepentant unto eternal condemnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ with equality across racial, gender and class differences.

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

Amen