



Greetings from the School for the Blind

Through our network of community partners and the vital support of our donors, we provide hope and a brighter future for thousands of children around the world.

Child Impact empowers children to pursue education as an avenue to break the cycle of generational poverty. Thousands of individuals have chosen to support these children through our global sponsorship program. After decades of sponsoring children, it is exciting to hear the stories of graduates who have accomplished their professional goals and returned to their local communities to inspire the next generation.

In many Child Impact locations publicly sharing the gospel is difficult. One of the most valuable outcomes of sponsoring a child at a Christian school is that they have the opportunity to be introduced to Jesus and His deep love for them. It is remarkable to show children who have experienced so much pain that there is a God who cares for them. These children will often share their new love for the Lord with their family, friends, and community. The hope that Jesus offers is extended beyond the one child who is sponsored!

A few years ago, Child Impact initiated a project called, "Operation Child Rescue." The goal is to develop solutions that give exploited children an opportunity to heal and chase their dreams. Our global rescue operations focus on solutions for abandoned babies, child marriage, female genital mutilation, sexual exploitation, forced begging, gang recruitment, orphans with disabilities, forced child labor, and child trauma.



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GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO

Greetings Friends and Supporters of Child Impact,

Our team is so grateful for your generosity that has extended our reach to thousands of impoverished and vulnerable children. At the end of 2022, our team voted on our top five accomplishments. The next few pages offer greater context for why they were significant to us. The last half of this magazine focuses on new and expanded projects we envision this year.

As we begin the life-transforming work of Child Impact in 2023, we want to align ourselves with God's leading and direction. A fascinating passage in scripture when it comes to following God's leading is found in Acts 16: 6-10:

"Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them."

II Corinthians 2:12 adds further insight to the Macedonian call, "When I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel...a door was opened to me by the Lord."

The concept of God closing and opening doors is a biblical one. At Child Impact, many times we are overwhelmed by the need. Which requests do we respond to? How can we make the biggest impact for the most children? Every morning, we gather for worship as a team and bring our requests and praises to God. We ask for wisdom and for His direction.

During 2023, I would like to request that you make the ministry of Child Impact part of your daily prayers. We are excited for the doors that God has already clearly opened. We desire to be in tune with his leading as opportunities and needs arise. We want to look back on 2023 and be able to say, "doors were opened to us by the Lord."

Thank you for making a difference!

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO





#1 PROJECT SAFE PASSAGE

On February 24, 2022 the war in Ukraine started. Every morning, at staff worship, our team prayed for the situation and the wisdom to know what our role may be in helping during this major humanitarian crisis. God walked before us and helped us identify partner organizations who were already starting some powerful projects. By March 7, we began delivering bus loads of food and supplies to the Ukraine border.

The next week, one of Child Impact's ambassadors, John Boston II, flew to Germany to meet with key European leaders, identify the gaps in services being provided, and assess the greatest needs. After analyzing the situation, we agreed that the needs aligned with our mission at Child Impact. Our new initiative would prevent women and children from being trafficked at border crossings. This new initiative was called "Project Safe Passage."

On March 28, the first small group of volunteers joined the frontline relief efforts. One of those volunteers was Jennifer Fisher. Here is her reflection of that trip:

As the news of the Russian attack on Ukraine spread worldwide, the images of the children haunted me. I told my husband I needed to do something to help them. I reached out to multiple agencies to volunteer but received no replies. A few weeks into the war, Brad called me from work and said the new director of Child Impact International had just been in his office and was saying they were heading to Ukraine to transport women and children from the border to Austria and Germany. The next day, we had tickets to Germany and left a week later.

From Germany, Brad and Tom embarked on a 24-hour drive to the Ukraine border to deliver supplies and food. They dropped me off in a small town outside of Vienna, Austria to serve alongside one of Child Impact's partner organizations. I was inspired by their director, Monika, and her dedication to serving refugees in her community for over 10 years. She and her family have given much of their time, money, and resources to these refugees. I will never forget her.

On their drive back to Germany, I joined the caravan of vehicles transporting refugees to safe, nurturing homes. It was an eye-opening experience to listen to the refugees sharing their stories, observe volunteers give so selflessly to serve them, and know I had an unmistakable call to be a part of it all. We can't wait to participate in more trips with Child Impact International and help make a difference for children worldwide.

By Melissa Moore, Development Manager and Jennifer Fisher, Ukraine volunteer and sponsor since 2017

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Young refugee mother and daughter



Jennifer Fisher, second from right



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#2 INCREASED ENGAGEMENT IN THE CHATTANOOGA AREA



Check presentation from VBS



Dubs family fundraiser for Ukraine

In 2022, reaching our immediate community was a leading initiative. We are extremely grateful for the deepened engagement, especially with our local schools and churches.

We have enjoyed spreading the word about our ministry throughout the year, but our greatest momentum of local engagement was in the weeks leading up to July 30, the World Day Against Human Trafficking. Some pastors gave us a few minutes to share our special documentary, others allowed someone from our team to speak for the whole worship service!

While we have appreciated the invitations to grow our presence at many churches and organizations this past year, two of those churches must be given special acknowledgment. The Collegedale SDA Church was the first supporter of our new initiative in the 10/40 Window, rescuing girls from becoming child brides (read more on page 7). Their significant donation was the catalyst for getting this project off the ground. They seek ways to support our ministry regularly.

The Collegedale Community Church has given Child Impact a voice throughout the year to tell our story and grow our supporters. Every week, a Sabbath School class collects a special offering for Child Impact. They have given over \$20,000 in the last year! One of the pastors, Nate Dubs, built a lemonade stand for his daughters to lead fundraising efforts on our behalf. The church's vacation Bible school offering was for our emergency fund project in Ukraine. We are blessed to have such a connection with this congregation.

It has become clear that when we have an opportunity to share about the life-transforming work of Child Impact, people are excited to be a part of it! People often tell us that they had no idea there was an Adventist organization with a child sponsorship program or anti-human trafficking initiative in their backyard.

Could you see your church getting involved in some of these ways? If you want to be an ambassador for Child Impact, sharing our ministry with your local church, read more about that program on page 12.

By Melissa Moore, Development Manager



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#3 EXPANSION OF OPERATION CHILD RESCUE

For several years, Child Impact has partnered with a couple of projects in India that focus on fighting human trafficking. The "Freedom Project," located in Bangalore, India has been a frontline initiative in partnership with the Voice of Prophecy to rescue girls who have been subjected to sex trafficking. The Vizag Slum Preschool is located in an area where children are highly at-risk and where tailoring training has been provided for moms to pursue a different path to support their families.

Over the past year and a half, Operation Child Rescue has become a major focus of Child Impact, with a vision to help eradicate the exploitation of children. Child Impact's core focus on education and sponsorship can help provide a path out for children and teens caught in trafficking or for those who are in a highly vulnerable situation.

In 2021, Operation Child Rescue consisted of three projects in one country. During 2022, we grew to 15 projects in 13 countries. Here are some of the ways donors are supporting rescue projects around the world:

- Establishing a safe house for girls who are in the process of being sold by their families
- Equipping a rescue and rehabilitation home for girls who have undergone FGM or are at-risk for it.
- Supporting a jungle school to help prevent teen marriage to older men.
- Operating a rescue home for abandoned and malnourished babies.
- Sustaining a school and orphanage for children with disabilities who are at-risk for exploitation.

The world we live in can be a cruel and dangerous place for vulnerable children. You have helped Child Impact protect them and fight against their brutal circumstances. Thank you for your generosity during 2022 that has made this possible. As we continue to support the new projects that have been initiated, there are also opportunities to expand Operation Child Rescue. Would you consider a one-time or monthly gift to make a difference for these children?

By Tom Evans, CEO



Cradle of Love baby rescue



The Philippines Jungle School



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#4 SAFE HOUSING FOR 100 GIRLS

Imagine six out of 10 people in your community living on less than \$2.15 per day. That is the reality in Zambia according to the latest data from the World Bank. Poverty is one of the leading risk-factors for human trafficking. When 60% of the population is struggling for survival, the vulnerable are made even more vulnerable. Compounding this risk is the fact that 43% of the population is under 15. (By comparison, only 18% of the US population is under 15.) As children get older, there is pressure for them to do what they can to help provide for their younger siblings and aging grandparents.

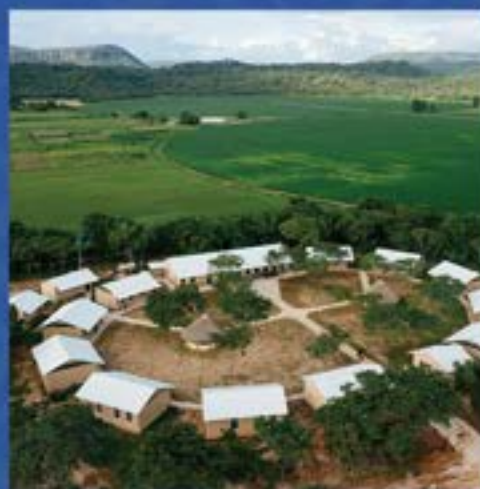
About a year ago, our CEO, Tom Evans, was in Zambia for the grand opening of the secondary school at Riverside Farm. While he was there, he learned about teenage girls who were being solicited by truck drivers in Chirundu, a town on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. Within weeks of learning about this need, Child Impact worked with Riverside to rent a dorm, hire a dean and security team, and provide safe housing for 35 at-risk girls. We knew that this was just the start of a long-term strategy for rescuing these girls from the dangers of being exploited.

Every year on July 30, the World Day Against Trafficking, we highlight a specific Operation Child Rescue project. After brainstorming with the leadership at Riverside, we chose to fundraise to build a girls dorm on campus that would allow us to rescue 100 girls. For months leading up to the event, we shared this unique project at local churches, several conferences, on 3ABN, in several mailings, emails, etc.

Within the first few days of August, there was joy and maybe a few tears in the office when we received a generous check that met our fundraising goal! I immediately thought about the young lady my family sponsors who was one of the first girls in the rented dorm. I thought about the friends she left back in her hometown who may join her at Riverside when the dorm is built.

In June, I will join a group of volunteers for the grand opening ceremony of the dorm. I am eager to meet my sponsored child whose life trajectory may have been very different without the generous donors who made this building project possible.

By Melissa Moore, Development Manager



Aerial view of Riverside Farm campus

Watch the staff at Riverside share more about the needs and how your support is providing solutions





10/40 window

#5 TIE-CHILD RESCUE IN 10/40 WINDOW

I have been struggling with knowing how to even present this project to you as a supporter of Child Impact. I can't tell you the names of the people involved or even the country we are working in for the safety of our staff. In the last few months, we have been working on a top-secret project to rescue girls who are in the process of being sold to older men as child brides.

Earlier this year through divine intervention, I was introduced to a family of newly converted Seventh-day Adventists in a closed country in the 10/40 window. I had been reading some news articles about fathers selling their daughters to put food on the table for their other children, and being a father of two girls myself, I wanted to help in some way. After months of planning and working through seemingly insurmountable logistics, we began working together with the goal of rescuing 10 girls. As of the time of this writing, we have five girls now living in our safe home with three more cases being investigated!

Leah* is an 11-year-old girl who was in the process of being sold to a 38-year-old man when our team found out about her situation. She was about to be traded for a small piece of land.

Ana* is a 6-year-old girl whose father unfortunately died two years ago. After her mother remarried, she was sent to live with her uncle and his abusive wife. When our team found Ana, she was being forced to beg on the streets and at risk of being sold to anyone who would pay for her.

Praise God these little girls are now in a safe home with good food to eat and are no longer at risk of being sold as child brides. This project would not have been possible without your generous support of Child Impact's Operation Child Rescue program. Let's work together to rescue even more children in 2023!

*A pseudonym is used to protect the identity of those in the story.

By Jason Churchwell, Field Director

#5 TIE-QUALITY OF VIDEOS PRODUCED

At Child Impact, we are blessed to have Jasper Iturriaga on our team. He captures stories in a way that touches hearts. As we preview these videos in our staff meetings, we often find ourselves wiping away tears. During COVID, Child Impact relied on previous footage and recording in a studio for our videos. This past year, we were able to produce videos directly from the field. If you have not seen these videos yet, I'd encourage you to visit our page on YouTube and take a look.

By Tom Evans, CEO

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Jasper Iturriaga in the field

Scan QR Code to visit
our YouTube Channel



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Two ways to sponsor a child:

1. Search our website to identify children waiting for sponsors at childimpact.org, then click on the "Sponsor" button.

2. Call our office at (423) 910-0667, and our team will walk you through each step of the process.



ELIYA AMAN | TANZANIA | AGE 8 | \$32/MONTH

Eliya is an orphan who was taken in by a poor family. His future goal is to become a social worker. After school, he loves to play soccer with his friends.



NYAGAI PETER AJIETH | EGYPT | AGE 4 | \$32/MONTH

Nyagai is a little girl who comes from a struggling refugee family. Her mother battles with health issues which often prevent her from working and her father's income is not meeting their daily needs.



EMMAN OJWOK | EGYPT | AGE 6 | \$32/MONTH

Emman likes playing with dolls and the color grey. It is believed that Emman's parents are in South Sudan. She lives with her aunty and seven siblings. They live in Cairo as refugees.



ALO REMA | BANGLADESH | AGE 9 | \$32/MONTH

Alo enjoys playing with her friends, spending time with her classmates, reading, and helping others. Someday, Alo hopes to become a nurse to help the sick and injured in her community as well as to help provide for her family.



SPECIAL TEMBOH | ZAMBIA | AGE 6 | \$32/MONTH

Special loves to learn and his favorite subject in school is math. Special's father suffers from a heart condition which prevents him from being able to hold a job. His mother works hard pulling weeds in order to support the entire family.



TUNG KIM | MYANMAR | AGE 12 | \$32/MONTH

Tung's father passed away and since then, her mother has struggled to provide the family with food. Tung has big dreams and has decided that she would like to become a teacher.



JOYONTO HASDA | BANGLADESH | AGE 8 | \$32/MONTH

Joyonto aspires to be a police officer when he grows up so that he can protect those in his community and help his struggling family financially. Joyonto is kind, helpful and loves to learn new things in school.



SORMITA GHAGRA | BANGLADESH | AGE 7 | \$32/MONTH

Sormita is a social butterfly and has lots of friends. She comes from a poor family of four and both of her parents are illiterate. Her parents know that an education is crucial for their daughter so that she can have a better life.



VICESON MUTALI | ZAMBIA | AGE 6 | \$32/MONTH

Viceson's father is not in the picture and his mother sells bananas to provide for the family's basic needs. Viceson loves to learn and especially enjoys learning about science.



TAILORING PROGRAM REOPENS IN VIZAG SLUM

Through our Operation Child Rescue fund, Child Impact supports a preschool in the slums of Vizag. This preschool serves about 30 children who come from homes where poverty has forced them to grow up in unimaginable circumstances. This special school is a beacon of light and hope amidst the surrounding darkness. Children are provided a safe place to learn along with a healthy meal to aid in their development.

Before COVID, a tailoring program was offered to the women in the surrounding brothel district. Many of these ladies were able to graduate and open a tailoring shop in their homes and can now support their families through dignified work. During the lockdown, this program was sadly forced to close. We are now ready to reopen this vocational training school and need to raise \$25,000 to fully fund the program. We will use these funds to offer more resources to the children in the preschool, purchase new sewing machines, and increase the amount of training programs available to the community. Your gift to Operation Child Rescue will make this possible. Thank you for partnering with us in this exciting ministry!

By Jason Churchwell, Field Director

\$25,000 GOAL

Donate to Operation Child Rescue



Photo Identifier: Dr. Swamidas with a patient.

FREE CLINIC RUN BY CHILD IMPACT GRADUATE

Dr. Swamidas operates a free clinic in Kotapalli, India that makes quality health care available for people who have historically not had access. He takes a holistic approach to healthcare and ensures his patients eat a proper diet in addition to routine medical care. To support his work of offering free healthcare to the community, Dr. Swamidas works three nights a week in a local hospital. His incredible work can be traced back to sponsorship.

Dr. Swamidas grew up in the Elim Home, a Child Impact children's home in Hyderabad. Access to higher education empowered him to receive training that allows him to serve thousands of people across India. Child Impact is raising funds to build a clinic that will allow Dr. Swamidas the opportunity to serve even more people who don't have access to healthcare. We have already raised 80% of the funding and only lack an additional \$25,000 to complete this exciting project! Please consider partnering with us in extending the healing ministry of Christ through Dr. Swamidas in India. To support this life-saving ministry, please give to the Building Fund.

By Jason Churchwell, Field Director

\$25,000 GOAL

Donate to the Building Fund



To watch Dr. Swamidas' story visit our YouTube page or scan here.

ZAMBIA MISSION TRIP

On the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe, young girls are solicited by truck drivers for prostitution. Due to extreme poverty and hunger, these girls feel they are without options and sacrifice themselves to support their families. Beginning last year, Child Impact rented a dormitory for 35 girls near the campus of Riverside Farm.

Our largest fundraiser during 2022 was for the construction of a dormitory for 100 girls on the campus of Riverside Farm in Zambia. As we reflected on a location for our first mission trip following COVID, being present for the grand opening of this dormitory was a big bonus for selecting Zambia.

Child Impact will focus on three main areas on our mission trip to Zambia:

1. Week of prayer at the school and a soccer camp
2. Finishing construction on the girls dormitory as needed
3. Dental clinics and a clothing thrift shop in Chirundu and Anchor Orphanage

The trip will conclude with a tour to Victoria Falls and a safari.

The dates for the mission trip will be from June 7- June 21.

By Tom Evans, CEO

You can find more details about the trip and how to register at purecharity.com/childimpact2023 or by scanning the QR code below. Space is limited.





BECOME AN AMBASSADOR TODAY!

Today, a child rescued from trafficking is finding healing. Today, a child who was living on the streets is now receiving a quality Christian education. Stories of transformation and triumph are happening every day. These children are overcoming huge obstacles and achieving what was once impossible. Help us share their stories. Help us serve more children. We are looking for ambassadors to multiply our reach. Let us know if you are willing to introduce your circle of influence to the impact of our ministry. We have materials we can send you right away to get started!

- With five minutes per week you could go to our social media pages and engage with our content, encouraging others to follow and subscribe.
- With five minutes per month you could share one of our powerful videos of hope with your church.
- With two hours per month, you could follow-up the video with a sponsorship promotion in your church lobby (materials and training provided).
- With one to four days per year, you could volunteer to help run a booth at one of the events on page 13.
- Let us know if you have an office space where you could feature brochures and/or magazines.
- Do you have other ideas for how to serve as an ambassador? Let's talk!

Please reach out to Melissa (mmoore@childimpact.org) or Tom (tevens@childimpact.org). If you have any questions about serving as an ambassador.

By Melissa Moore, Development Manager



EVENT DATES 2023*

One of the phrases we often hear is, "This is the first time I have heard about Child Impact." Every year, close to 4000 individuals generously support the ministry of Child Impact. We are so grateful for every donor! At the same time, we want to see this number grow. How can we get the word out about the life-transforming work that Child Impact is engaged in? One way we do this is by attending events throughout the United States.

This past year, I met some amazing people at events. One sponsor I met in Oregon is well into his 90's. Another sponsor, Jim Anderson, is challenged with a muscle disease called NemaLine Myopathy. He emphasized to me that he has opportunities for services and help that are not available to the children served by Child Impact. Craig Harding runs our partner project at Riverside Farm in Zambia. Craig's in-laws stopped by a booth in Illinois and signed up to become sponsors.

We would love to meet you this year at one of the events we will be attending. If you would like a sermon or presentation for your local church, please contact our office at 423-910-0667.

By Tom Evans, CEO

January 8–10	NAD Ministries Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina
March 23–26	Southwest ASI, Crowley, Texas
April 22–24	Florida Conference Camp Meeting
April 28–29	Southern Asia SDA Church, Silver Spring, Maryland
May 28–June 3	Carolina Camp Meeting
May 30–June 3	Georgia-Cumberland Camp Meeting
June 7–10	3ABN Summer Camp Meeting, Thompsonville, Illinois
June 23–July 1	Northern New England Camp Meeting
July 18–23	Oregon Camp Meeting
July 29–30	World Day Against Human Trafficking Events
August 2–5	National ASI, Kansas City, Missouri
August 7–10	National Educator's Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
September 28–30	3ABN Fall Camp Meeting, Thompsonville, Illinois
October 26–29	AMEN Conference, Indian Wells, California
November 3–4	Annual Fundraising Dinner, Collegedale, Tennessee

*This list is not comprehensive of all events



OUR EXPANDING GLOBAL IMPACT



NEW RESCUE PROJECT IN COLOMBIA

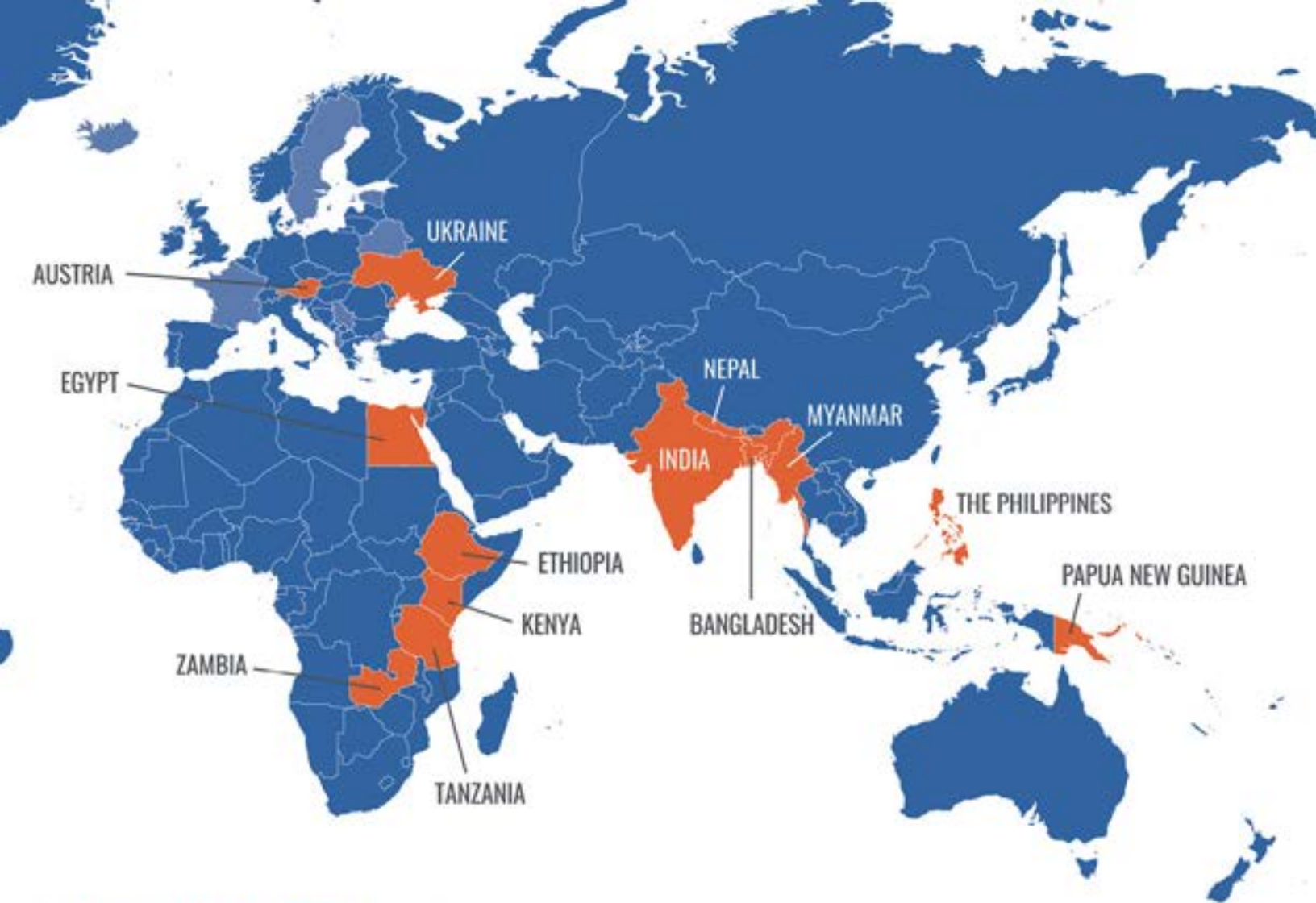
I am excited to share with you a new Operation Child Rescue initiative Child Impact is starting in 2023! In partnership with Fundación Vida Sana Redención, we will be working together to rescue girls in the jungles of Mitu Vaupés, Colombia who are being abused and trafficked for sex. Mitu Vaupés has one of the highest rates of child abuse in Colombia because it is an indigenous community where there is little government support or attention. It is estimated that 90% of the girls in this area grow up and become prostitutes.

Stage 1 of the project is already underway as a safe home in Mitu has been identified and rented where we can immediately take rescued girls. From the safe home, these girls will be transported by boat or plane to Fusagasuga where there is an Adventist campus complete with health resort, school, farm, and bakery. Here these young ladies will receive professional counseling and support, can enroll in school, and most importantly be introduced to Jesus! There are facilities on campus for us to house the first 10 girls.

In Stage 2 of the project, we will build a dorm that will house up to 50 rescued girls on the Adventist campus in Fusagasuga. And finally in Stage 3, we plan to purchase land in Mitu where we can fully develop the jungle safe house and rescue center. This center will eventually have a school where we can educate girls in their own community and hopefully prevent child sexual exploitation before it begins.

This is truly a missionary endeavor as we work hand-in-hand with Christ to break the chains of darkness and let these oppressed girls go free. A church has already been planted in Mitu and social workers and Bible workers are working with the community to identify girls in need of rescue. We hope to fundraise for this project by July 30, the World Day Against Human Trafficking. Become one of the first donors for this new project with a gift to the Building Fund. Please pray for this new endeavor in the jungles of Colombia!

By: Jason Churchwell, Field Director



LEAVING A LEGACY

Our supporters are passionate about giving hope to some of the most vulnerable children in the world. There are many ways to steward your resources and become a powerful advocate for education and the eradication of exploitation. Have you considered honoring a friend or family member by making a memorial gift? Create your legacy through a thoughtfully planned gift that will help us meet our mission for many years.

- Bequest through your will or trust
- Retirement assets including IRA roll over (i.e., pension plans, IRA's)
- Gifts of stock
- Charitable gift annuities
- Real estate
- Life insurance policy you may no longer need
- Naming Child Impact International as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy

PLANNED GIVING SERVICES

Child Impact International utilizes the professional services of Western Adventist Foundation (WAF).

With more than 100 years of combined expert service, the team at WAF dedicates themselves to God's work through the Seventh-day Adventist Church. You can learn more by visiting wafsd.org.

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