



**CHILDIMPACT**  
INTERNATIONAL



**We empower vulnerable children  
through education and fight to  
eradicate exploitation**



Tom & Musa at 3ABN

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

The one-word emotion that most often comes to mind when visiting the countries where Child Impact works is *overwhelmed*. Seeing children begging for a few coins or a morsel of food is heartbreaking.

People typically respond in two different ways when confronted by abject poverty and massive humanitarian needs. The first one is to avoid stepping into these situations. The emotions that surface cause significant discomfort, so avoidance is the preferred approach. The second response is to be paralyzed into inaction, not knowing where to start. This basically results in no one being helped because it is impossible to help everyone.

There is another option. You can change the world of one child. This is where I want to expand our thinking. That one child represents a family, a community, and, ultimately, a nation. Through education, proper nutrition, and a knowledge of Jesus, one child can have a ripple impact that transforms the lives of many more individuals.

I want to introduce you to one such person, Musa Mitekaro. He was born in a remote village in Tanzania. As a young boy, Musa was invited into the home of missionaries who provided him with an education and taught him about Jesus. Musa eventually pursued his education through to a Ph.D. Today, he serves as the Executive Secretary of the East-Central Africa Division of Seventh-day Adventists. His current role impacts millions of lives. **An investment in one child has had a ripple impact that continues to multiply.**

Thank you for your partnership with Child Impact to make a world of difference for a child. Would you consider a year-end special gift to the Where Needed Most Fund? You can donate by sending back the enclosed envelope, visiting [childimpact.org](http://childimpact.org), or calling (423) 910-0667.

Blessings and Happy Holidays!

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO



Musa with Twing Students

# JOURNEY OF HOPE: FALCO'S CHILDREN VILLAGE

*In Their Own Words*



On October 12th, a mission team of 15 individuals embarked on an unforgettable experience to visit and serve at Falco's Children Village in Tanzania. The group included individuals, ages 15 to 77, from Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, Michigan, Washington, and the Philippines. The common thread that united this group was a passion to serve and a love for children. Several of the trip participants sponsor children at Falco's and had the privilege of meeting their sponsored children firsthand. The bonds deepened as they connected a picture and profile with a real child whose life was being transformed by the opportunities they were providing.



*"The children are even loving to one another. You see the older children helping the younger ones." -Linda*



*"My heart melted when I was able to meet my sponsored child. She was even more beautiful in person than the picture I had of her." -Kathy*



*"I have visited here before with my family and when the children saw us again, they immediately smiled! I was so happy to know that they remembered us." -Ashley*



*"The children make my day when doing dental work for them. They are so grateful and some even want to be dentists." -Art*



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# THANKSGIVING AT THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

Our team had the amazing opportunity to connect via video call with some students at the Asian Aid School for the Blind in India. Our partner, Joseph, called us just before the students' bedtime. They serenaded us with a song they had practiced and then took turns sharing their names and expressing their gratitude for some of the things they had received at the school. The depth of their gratitude was heartwarming, and we were delighted to hear about the profound impact these resources have on their lives. This served as a reminder of how our work, supported by people like you, directly influences these children's futures. Child Impact International is truly making a difference in the lives of countless children, offering them greater opportunities through specialized care and education at the Asian Aid School for the Blind. Thank you for believing in our mission!



## ORBIT READERS

Orbit Readers, Braille devices that enable the children to read, write, and take notes with ease in Braille.



## DINING TABLES & LOCKERS

New dining tables and lockers, replacing the old and rusted ones, enhancing their daily comfort.



## COMPUTER LAB

A computer lab where they could develop essential technological skills, such as learning how to use keyboards and software like Word, Excel, and Gmail—important skills to create opportunities for them.



## TEACHERS

Dedicated teachers who specialize in catering to their unique needs.

# TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION: JEREMIAH'S PATH TO SUCCESS



Jeremiah

Jeremiah, like his parents Roopa and Chandrasekar, was born deaf. Chandrasekar, his father, attended the Kollegal School for Speech and Hearing during his youth. This institution holds a special place in their hearts because it empowered Chandrasekar to overcome his own challenges and build a successful life.

Despite their busy lives in Delhi, located in the northern region of India, Roopa and Chandrasekar longed for their son to receive a Christian education at their alma mater. In 2022, they made the decision to send Jeremiah to the Kollegal School for Speech and Hearing, despite how far away the school was from their current home.

The school community has rallied behind Jeremiah and provided him with the necessary support and resources for academic excellence. He benefits from specialized teachers, sign language interpreters, and a nurturing environment. Jeremiah has formed relationships with both deaf and hearing

students, breaking down barriers and learning valuable communication skills. Jeremiah not only excels in his studies but has also emerged as a role model for fellow students, demonstrating that with determination and support, any obstacle can be surmounted.

The school community prays for strength and blessings for Roopa and Chandrasekar as they work diligently to support their family. Jeremiah's younger sister Jemima, also deaf, will attend the school when she is older. The parents have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of education for deaf children and firmly believe that this school provides the optimal environment for their children's growth.

Jeremiah's story is a living testament to the combined power of love, faith, and education. His parents' unwavering belief in the Kollegal School for Speech and Hearing is a beacon of hope for the future, and they eagerly anticipate the day when Jemima will join her brother in receiving a Christian education that will empower her to achieve her dreams.

*By Jacob Bhaggien, Principal of the Kollegal School for Speech and Hearing*

## NEW BOYS' DORMITORY UNDERWAY!



This expansion is a crucial step towards providing improved and ample space for our students. The dormitory will house up to **86** students. Repurposing existing buildings will also yield additional classroom areas.

# RISING WITH SUNRISE

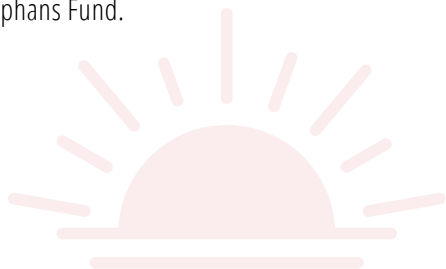
## *Transforming Lives at Sunrise Home*

Before I started working at Child Impact, my wife and I had been sponsoring a child to attend a Seventh-day Adventist mission school in India for about 5 years. I later found out that this young man lived at a place called Sunrise Home. Sunrise is an incredible haven for children coming from broken backgrounds. Many come from homes where they have lost both parents or have parents who can no longer take care of them. The home's budget is fully supported by Child Impact International's Blind, Deaf, and Orphans Fund, and it is staffed by dedicated workers who have committed their lives to serving children.

When I took my first trip to Sunrise, I asked the workers if they knew the young man I was sponsoring. They all began to chuckle and raise their eyebrows. Apparently, he is a bit of a mischievous child, and I sensed that from the letters I received from him in the mail. When I arrived, the director pulled me aside and gave me some information about his background. His mother began having an affair and came home one evening with her new partner and killed her husband in front of their children. Now, she is serving a life sentence in prison, and without a mother or father to care for him, this boy was sent to Sunrise. It's no wonder he often found himself in a bit of trouble after having witnessed such violence in his home.

At Child Impact, we not only sponsor every child living at Sunrise to attend the local Seventh-day Adventist mission school; we also provide funding for the staff and food for the children, maintain the infrastructure, and construct new facilities when needed. Through donors like you, just this year alone, we have built a new security wall around the property, dug a new well on campus, expanded the garden to provide fresh vegetables, installed a new playground, and bought new mattresses for every child living on campus. It is so exciting to see how the children are thriving in a loving environment where they can begin to heal from their past trauma. On behalf of everyone at Sunrise, thank you for your donations to the Blind, Deaf, and Orphans Fund.

*By Jason Churchwell, Field Director*



Sunrise Students and Staff



New Mattresses for Children

**WITNESS AN INSPIRING STORY OF HOPE FROM SUNRISE HOME**



# A NEW BEGINNING FOR DINKITU



Girls at New Hope



Dinkitu

Dinkitu came into the world in August of 2018, a particularly challenging time for her mother, Lelise. At eight months into the pregnancy, a sudden turn of events prompted a frantic rush to the nearby clinic. Dinkitu was born with a disfigured foot and was transferred to a larger hospital, where she remained for an entire month before finally returning home with her mother.

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**9.3 percent of Ethiopia's total population live with a disability (UNICEF)**

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Dinkitu was the fifth family member, and with so many mouths to feed, life was far from easy. Her father, Mr. Rebuma Kefeni, faced his own set of challenges: a troublesome swelling on his knee that made him mostly immobile.

As a result, finances were tight. On their farm, Mr. Rebuma had two diligent oxen that were crucial for plowing. However, unable to move much, Mr. Rebuma needed help. He struck an arrangement with a neighbor who needed oxen for his own fields: Mr. Rebuma's oxen worked diligently on his land for three days, and in return, the neighbor toiled for two days on his own plot. But with this arrangement, their farm was yielding much less, putting them at risk of a food shortage. Providing for his family was an uphill battle.



New Hope

It was then that Dinkitu's family learned of New Hope, where she was welcomed and offered a shot at a different, more promising life. Here, she would find a secure haven to grow, learn, and flourish as a child with disabilities. We are profoundly grateful for the existence of New Hope, as it holds the key to a brighter future for children like Dinkitu.

*By Suleiman Bayu, Principal of New Hope, with Gabriela Garcia, Marketing Manager*

# GIVE A GIFT

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CLASSROOM SUCCESS

Equip a child for classroom success with the supplies they need to thrive in their studies. Support a student's learning journey with our School Supplies for Classroom Success package, priced at **\$30**. This bundle contains everything they need to conquer the academic year:

Sturdy Backpack with CII Logo      Pencils  
Pens      Durable Notebooks



## RESCUE CARE PACKAGE

Help a girl thrive with the essentials she deserves. The Rescue Care Package, priced at **\$45**, includes carefully selected items to support the well-being of girls who arrive at our rescue projects. This package contains:

4 pairs of underwear  
One bra  
12 sanitary pads



Washing powder  
Lotion  
Toothpaste and toothbrush



## NOURISH MINDS: FEED A CHILD

Nurture learning with proper nutrition for \$0.25 a meal!  
Your contribution can provide children with essential meals.

**\$22.50** Feed a Child for a Month  
**\$270** Feed a child for a Year



# SPREAD JOY!

## **EMPOWER THE VULNERABLE: BLIND, DEAF, & ORPHANS FUND**

Orphans and children born with disabilities have often faced rejection, abandonment, and trauma. Through our compassionate care, we affirm God's infinite love for these vulnerable children. Your donation provides hundreds of children with a secure environment to learn and flourish.

**\$50** for the Blind, Deaf, and Orphans Fund

**\$100** for the Blind, Deaf, and Orphans Fund



## **FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING: OPERATION CHILD RESCUE**

Help exploited children around the world escape trafficking and exploitation. Support our 15 diverse projects helping exploited children around the world. We provide safe homes and other crucial resources for their healing and restoration. Provide hope and a chance for a new beginning.

**\$50** for Operation Child Rescue

**\$100** for Operation Child Rescue



# LUNCH IS DELAYED...AGAIN!

Sorry, children, but lunch is delayed again.

This is an all-too-common message from the cook at the Twing Memorial primary and secondary schools in Tanzania. Since the inception of these schools, cooking has taken place outdoors and over a fire. The primary school has over 300 students, and cooking for this many children is already a challenge in a commercial kitchen—and much more so over a fire, especially during the rainy season. It is difficult to keep the fire going as the wind blows the rain into the cooking area. The fire goes out, and lunch is delayed.

Another cooking challenge at Twing schools is where to store food staples. Currently, food is being stored in the classrooms.

Having visited the Twing primary and secondary schools, I was impressed by their resourcefulness as I enjoyed some of the delicious food they prepared. They are making the best of the situation to provide for the needs of the children.

We would like to invite our donors to partner with Child Impact to provide Twing Memorial primary and secondary schools with proper cooking facilities. This space will include a commercial-quality kitchen with plenty of storage for pots, pans, and food.

While visiting the campus of the secondary school, we noticed the dormitories and teacher housing did not have running water. We would also like to pump water to these locations on campus to enhance health and sanitation.

The total amount we are raising for two commercial kitchens (one at the primary school and one at the secondary school) and water access for the dorms and teacher housing is \$75,000. We pray that very soon, these precious children won't have to wait for lunch due to the fire going out!

*By Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO*



Breakfast at Twing

## 2.7 Million+

Tanzanian children are estimated to suffer from malnutrition (UNICEF). Child Impact provides meals for children in our sponsorship program.



## Total Project Cost \$75,000

Help us feed more children. Your donation to the Building Fund will make a significant difference at Twing Memorial schools.



Cooking over a fire

# OUR MISSION TRIP TO ANCHOR ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOL



Our mission trip began when Tom Evans invited us to embark on a trip with a purpose. The destination was the Anchor Orphanage and School, a place where hope thrives and dreams become a reality for children. My three friends and I decided to take a break from our daily routines, jobs, and university courses to help improve the school's infrastructure.

On September 2nd, we set foot in Lusaka, where we were warmly greeted by the local team, Kennedy, Jotham, and Kenny. We went straight to the busy merchant streets to gather food and supplies to fill our room. On a two-hour drive to Anchor, we witnessed a breathtaking sunset over the lake and orphanage.

During our first days, the local team shared their vision for the facilities and how we could contribute to improving the school. Our major project included building a much-needed shower house while also assisting with the landscape around the campus and playing sports with the children. Among our cherished experiences was a visit to Anchor's thriving garden of corn, okra, and an array of vegetables—the essential ingredients for the nutritious meals served to the students. Sharing these meals with the children, we savored vegetables straight from the garden and embraced the flavors of nshima, a Zambian staple similar to cornmeal.

Beyond the projects and tasks, this mission trip was a testament to the profound impact of shared experiences and a reminder that, in every heart, there is the power to make a difference. Our experience at Anchor Orphanage and School has been a blessing beyond measure. We're grateful for the opportunity to play a part in their journey toward a brighter future.

*By Josiah Griswold*

Be inspired by the remarkable story of how Anchor Orphanage and School started.



# FUNDRAISERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## JUNIOR SABBATH SCHOOL'S YARD SALE

After the Granger Seventh-day Adventist Church had the opportunity to hear about the mission of Child Impact International, its Junior Sabbath School Class (a small class of six girls) wanted to sponsor a boarding school student. After brainstorming how they could come up with \$540 to sponsor a child for a year, they decided on a yard sale.

The church helped them accumulate items to sell, and the sale was scheduled with the goal of raising \$540. After praying, setting out each item, and pricing them, the sale began. Colleen Waymire and Allyson Williams, the Sabbath School teachers, reported that on their first day, they collected their total goal. By the second day, they had received \$1017, with still more coming in through PayPal and Venmo. Some people stopped by to look, and though they didn't all find something to purchase, they still donated to the Child Impact project.

Since the sale produced much more than was anticipated, the class decided to sponsor two boarding school girls. The day they searched the Child Impact website for their girls was an exciting one. After prayer and discussion, the Juniors decided on their children. One is from Myanmar, and the other is from Zambia.

Praise the Lord for our Juniors! They are helping two girls receive a Christian education, food, medical care, and a safe, loving home. I look forward to seeing them all meet for the first time in Heaven!

*By Susan Bailey, Member of Granger SDA Church*



## FRUITFUL BLUEBERRY SALES

We recently received a heartwarming surprise from Krystin Hanley and her daughter Ava. They had learned about Child Impact's mission and were eager to contribute. They sold some delicious blueberries and cherries, dedicating the proceeds to support our cause. Their meaningful effort touched us, and we were filled with joy and gratitude to receive such a generous donation from Krystin and Ava.

## TEACHER FUNDRAISER INITIATIVE: IN ACTION FOR CHILD RESCUE

We are excited to introduce this year's teacher fundraiser initiative. Whether you're a classroom or homeschool group, you have the power to kickstart a fundraiser for our Operation Child Rescue projects. You can fundraise throughout the year or organize a one-time event. To learn more, visit [teachers.childimpact.org](https://teachers.childimpact.org). Together, let's empower more children this school year to take an active role in caring for the well-being of children around the world.



# PROJECT FUTURO SEGURO: BUILDING A SAFE FUTURE FOR CHILDREN IN BRAZIL

My name is Nicole, and I am the new country manager for Child Impact Brazil. You might be thinking, *I didn't realize that Child Impact had a project in Brazil.* And that's because we are currently developing our first project in the country.

I was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil, and have spent the last nine years in missions abroad. Earlier this year, as I felt God calling me to move back home, there were two things I knew—first, that He was calling me to continue serving Him in ministry and, second, that I wanted to serve people in a very practical way. Both of those calls were answered as God opened the doors for me to join Child Impact in developing its first project in São Paulo.

Child exploitation is a prominent issue in Brazil, particularly in São Paulo. In 2022, there was a 30% increase in reports of child labor. Project Futuro Seguro—Safe Future—will take place in São Paulo and will serve children and teens vulnerable to or already involved in exploitation. As children are often exploited due to their parents' inability to support them, we will need a twofold approach. We will develop an entrepreneurial project for the parents and work with them. At the same time, we'll provide after-school services for the children to keep them off the streets and provide them with skills, such as computer literacy, language, and music, which will promote better opportunities for them.

Please consider joining our team through your prayers and financial support to Operation Child Rescue.



By Nicole Bertelli, Brazil Country Manager

**30%** ↑  
of child labor  
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2022



# OUR **IMPACT** AROUND THE WORLD

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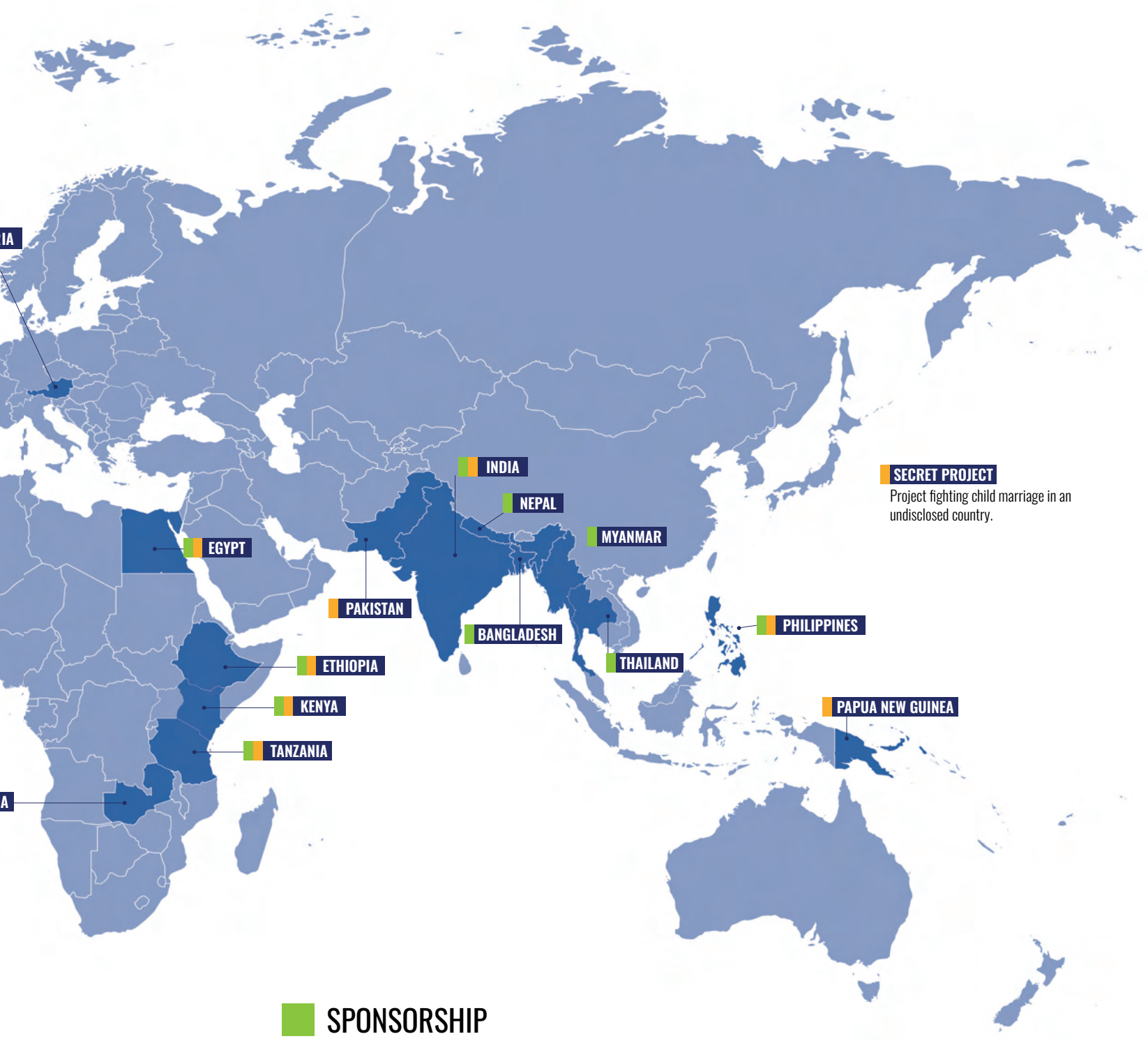


## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

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Kathleen Barber  
Katie & John Beatty  
Kelsey Berreth  
James Brude  
Louise Burger  
Joye Burkhaw  
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