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Child Impact International is a Christian non-profit organization that is committed to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable and impoverished children.

Child Impact provides education to underserved children. Education through its sponsorship program in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya. In addition to sponsorship, Child Impact funds four orphanages, a school for the blind, and a school for the deaf in India. Operation Child Rescue is a program focused on prevention and rescue from trafficking, baby abandonment, and trauma. New projects have just begun in the Philippines, Tanzania, Zambia, and Papua New Guinea. We provide hope and a brighter future for thousands of children around the world.

Child Impact is dedicated to sharing God's love by addressing the causes of poverty. We walk alongside the materially poor to empower their desire for an abundant life. We serve all children regardless of religion, ethnicity, political beliefs, or gender.



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GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO

Warm greetings to friends and supporters of Child Impact International. First of all, thank you for your generosity during 2021. I have seen first-hand the direct impact of your gifts in the lives of children. Secondly, we value your continued support as we expand our programs to help more children and deliver a brighter future that is full of hope.

It was exciting to visit our partner locations in Africa during the month of January. While this was my first opportunity to visit East Africa, I have been connected to the country of Tanzania since I was a child. I distinctly remember a small woman who was full of passion visiting our home every summer. Her name was Ethel Twing, but I liked to call her Grandma Twing. She would stay for several days while she raised money for projects in Tanzania, where she served as a missionary. I distinctly remember my dad asking her what she needed. He would then walk over to a desk, take out the checkbook and write a check. We lived a simple life in a small home, but somehow I sensed that these donations were substantial. My dad would then drive her around to meet other donors who would also support her ministry. I felt connected to the mission she was promoting, even though I had never been to that distant land.

Child Impact International opened up our first partnership in Africa with Riverside Farm Institute in Zambia a few years ago. You will see a feature in this newsletter that highlights the grand opening of their secondary school. What Riverside has accomplished since being founded in 1972 is truly remarkable.

During the trip to Africa, I was able to visit several projects, including a couple in Tanzania. The childhood memories of Grandma Twing collecting funds to carry out mission projects somehow now aligned with my purpose in being there. I'm excited to expand what we are doing in Africa. The opportunity to make a difference for children is significant.

In this edition of our newsletter, the specific appeal is for the "Unsponsored Child Fund." This is particularly important as we will be adding hundreds of new students to our sponsorship program from Africa. Finding sponsors for all these students will take time. Until they are sponsored, it is the "Unsponsored Child Fund" that enables Child Impact to support the start of their educational journey. I'm excited about the year ahead! Your generosity is making the difference in the lives of the precious children that we serve.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom L. Evans".

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO



Photo: Tom & Mara



Photo: Grandma Twing



Photo: Miracle Moses from Falco's

WHAT DOES CHILD IMPACT INTERNATIONAL DO?

Some would call this an elevator pitch. How do you describe what you are all about as you travel from floor 1 to floor 10? You only have a minute. GO! This challenge faced our team (Tom Evans and his sons, Andre and Daniel) at the Generation Youth for Christ (GYC) event in Houston that took place December 29, 2021 to January 1, 2022. As visitors came by the booth, they wanted to hear in a quick snapshot what we are all about.

There are many facts that could be shared like how many children are sponsored, the countries we are working in, building projects supported, etc., but what captured interest and touched hearts were the stories of changed lives like the ones you will read right here in this newsletter. Bottom line...Child Impact is about providing hope and a brighter future for real children who have a name and a story. Your generosity makes the stories and what we are all about possible.

We would like to share one of those stories with you in a video. It is called, "A Cry from the Grave."

You can view the story of "Miracle Moses" on our Facebook page:

[Facebook.com/childimpactinternational](https://www.facebook.com/childimpactinternational)

It is posted at the top of the page.

Please be sure to share.



Photo: Daniel and Andre Evans managing the booth at GYC



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FEATURED PHOTOGRAPHER

Child Impact is excited that Jasper Iturriaga has joined our team as a Film Producer/Photographer and Operation Child Rescue Field Coordinator. Recently, Jasper fundraised for the construction of a Jungle Literacy School on the island of Palawan in the Philippines. What was unique about this project is that all the funds were 100% raised through social media. The school was originally planned for 30 students, but quickly grew to over 100. Child Impact is providing lunches and quarterly medical care through Operation Child Rescue.

Jasper brings a wealth of experience to this role. His photography has been featured by National Geographic multiple times. Jasper's videography work includes: Philippine Airlines, Lineage Journey, and ASI. He has traveled to more than 50 countries. Jasper has thousands of followers on Instagram who are fascinated with his global adventures and his passion for life. You can follow him on Instagram @pstrjasper. We can't wait to share with you the amazing video stories and photos that Jasper has taken on his trip in Africa. While there, he is also helping evaluate new projects for Operation Child Rescue and visiting schools where Child Impact is sponsoring children.





Photo: Riverside Farms Secondary School Students

GOD IS MY CAMERA

The grand opening ceremony of the Riverside Secondary School in Zambia took place on Monday, January 10, 2022. This marked the culmination of a vision to answer the question, “What’s next?”

For many years, Riverside Farm Institute has operated a primary school for children from pre-school to grade 6. Once this education step was completed, students had to identify other options if they wanted to continue their education.

The celebration drew an audience of dignitaries, school staff, and parents who were curious to see whether this new school provided an opportunity for their children. A significant theme emerged during the various speeches congratulating Riverside on the completion of the school campus. There was a sense that this school was different. One clear indicator of this was staff selection. After reviewing 2000 applications for 13 positions, 98 individuals were invited for a formal interview. The 13 teachers selected embraced an intensive orientation that spanned five months.

As the teachers sang during the opening program, the light on their faces and the joy in their voices exuded a confidence that the students were in great hands. Evans Kasobe Manjimela, Education Director of the Southern Zambian Union Conference, summarized the sentiment well: “Education is more than mastering subjects. There are plenty of smart criminals. Character development is the priority. Character can change a country. It can change politics and corruption.” He explained it this way, “When you see money and no one is watching, you look at it and say, that is not mine. God is my camera.” It was no surprise that this speaker indicated his desire to send his own children to the newly established school. The guest of honor was a government official designated to attend by the President of Zambia. He also indicated his desire to send his son to the school. The director of Riverside, Craig Harding, announced that there were only a few spaces left for students. The registration office was busy with parents signing their children up as soon as the festivities concluded.

How did Child Impact contribute to this special day? First, a significant portion of the infrastructure was funded through our generous donors. Additionally, CII has been sponsoring close to 200 primary students who are now in a place where they can know the answer to the question of “What’s next?” Finally, Child Impact is supporting 50 of the new secondary students who have no financial ability to attend school. Another 35 students will be living in a rented dormitory walking distance to the school and will be fully funded through Child Impact’s Operation Child Rescue initiative. Their story is shared in this newsletter.

The reminder “God is my camera” is a theme that can transform all of our lives. Character is demonstrated when no one else is looking. There is an awareness that God has called us to a higher standard. Riverside is training students to be world-changers. The influence of this new campus, led by their dedicated teachers and staff will be disseminated far and wide by the students who are blessed to attend. By the way, the question is already being asked...“What’s next?”



Photo: The Grand Opening Ceremony



Photo: Riverside Farm Secondary School



Photo: Riverside teachers preparing for opening day



Photo: Visiting with government officials



SPECIAL APPEAL | THE UNSPONSORED CHILD FUND

Why is this fund important?

- Child Impact is committed to sponsoring children long-term. Once children are accepted into the sponsorship program, the goal is to support them until they successfully graduate. If there is a break in sponsorship, the **Un-sponsored Child Fund fills the gap.**
- In a typical year, we have **400 new students awaiting sponsorship.** These children are funded through the Un-sponsored Child Fund until they find a long-term sponsor.
- If a sponsor can no longer support a child, the Un-sponsored Child Fund **covers the expenses for the child to remain in school** with their full tuition covered until another sponsor can be found.

You can make a big difference and fill in the gap to help children who await sponsorship... Would you consider a generous gift to our Special Appeal...the Un-sponsored Child Fund?

There are three easy ways to give:

1. Mark the enclosed envelope **"Un-sponsored Child Fund"**
2. Call the Child Impact office at **423-910-0667**
3. Visit the Child Impact website at: **www.childimpact.org**
select the "Un-sponsored Child Fund."





Giving to the **Un-sponsored Child Fund** at this time is urgent as we are adding **HUNDREDS** of new students through our partner schools in Africa over the next couple of months.



GIFT PROGRAM CHANGE

Dear Sponsors and Supporters,

These last couple of years have brought with them many challenges and opportunities and we appreciate your patience, support, and prayers as we adapt to them.

For the past few years, we have managed the Gift Program for those sponsors who wish to send their sponsored child a gift. The purpose was to provide an economical process for funds to be sent to the field staff for a gift to be purchased more affordably and to save postage costs. The unintended results of this program are that many children have not received a gift and they feel left out. We also have hundreds of students in our sponsorship program whose expenses are covered through the Un-sponsored Child Fund until a long-term sponsor is found. Because they are not being sponsored individually, they have not been receiving gifts while their peers who are being personally sponsored are.

We have identified that it is better for the Gift Fund to cover the cost of Christmas gifts for ALL the children both sponsored and unsponsored in our program, guaranteeing each child will receive a gift. If you sponsor a child, your monthly sponsorship already includes a Christmas gift. This new Christmas Gift Fund will allow us to provide a gift for the hundreds of students who are still awaiting a sponsor. New donations to the Gift Fund after March 1 will be directed to the Christmas Gift Fund unless you inform us otherwise.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding as we work to constantly improve our processes for these precious children. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions at (423) 910-0667.

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

More sponsorship opportunities are available on our website:

www.childimpact.org

Click the "sponsor" button.

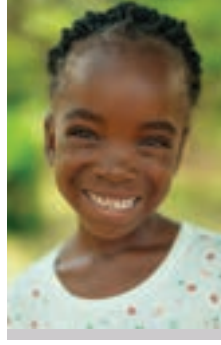


JONATHAN KASEMPA | U62131 | \$32.00



Jonathan is a bright young man. He is learning English and is doing very well in school. He enjoys being in school and learning all that he can and making new friends at school. Your sponsorship will provide Jonathan with the tools to continue his education.

CHIPO MULIMBA | U62137 | \$25.00



Chipo is an intelligent young girl who is thankful to have the opportunity to attend school and meet new people. Her hobbies include drawing, reading, and eating different kinds of food. She would like to continue her studies and pursue accounting. Your sponsorship will give Chipo a chance for a better future. Thank you for your support.

KELVIN CHIN'GOMBE | U62138 | \$32.00



Kelvin is a shy young man who enjoys school immensely and does well in his studies. He is studying to become a mechanic. He and his friends love to play football and running. A sponsorship through Child Impact will give Kelvin the education needed to become a mechanic and it will also provide him with the means for a better life. Thank you!

RUTH MUSAKABANTU | U62128 | \$48.00



Ruth is a healthy and happy girl. She enjoys attending her classes and learning. She is focused on her dream of becoming a nurse. With your help, Ruth can work towards accomplishing her dream.

ELIZABETH MUTENDE | U62142 | \$32.00



Elizabeth is a curious and friendly young girl. She enjoys school and is always striving to do her best. Her favorite subjects are English and Science. Her career aspiration is to become a pilot and travel the world. Your sponsorship will ensure that Elizabeth makes strides for a better future. Thank you!

RONICE SHAFUKUMA | U62129 | \$32.00



Ronice is a smart young girl who loves learning. Ronice is the only child in her family. Her mother died when she was very young. Her father married another woman and left Ronice in the care of her grandmother. With your help, Ronice can continue to go to school and work towards her dream of becoming a nurse.

CHIPO MOONGA | U62132 | \$48.00



Chipo is a nice young boy, who comes from a small family. Despite facing this hardship, he continues to want to have a better life. His parents always believed in the importance of education. With your support, Chipo can attend school and work towards fulfilling his dream of becoming a doctor.

EUNICE CHALI | U62139 | \$32.00



Eunice is a quiet girl and though she is shy, she is eager to start school. She would like to study and become a nurse one day. This way she can have the knowledge to help others. Thank you for sponsoring Eunice and giving her a chance to accomplish this commendable aspiration!

BLESSINGS MAYOBA | U62133 | \$48.00



Blessings comes from a small family. Her mother does her best to provide for her. She wants to become a teacher when she grows up. Please consider sponsoring Blessings so she can one day fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher.

ERNEST SHIBUYUNJI | U62136 | \$48.00



Ernest is a cheerful young man who enjoys having the opportunity to attend school. He likes reading books, drawing, and spending time with his friends. Ernest would like to become a mechanic and help others in his community. Your sponsorship gives Ernest hope for a promising future. Thank you for your support.

JOSEPH CHINTU | U62141 | \$32.00



Joseph enjoys playing with his friends and playing different sports. His career aspiration is to become a physician and hopes to help the underprivileged in his community. Your sponsorship will ensure that Joseph makes strides for a promising future. Thank you!

CONCEPTOR MWAKAMPWITA | U62134 | \$32.00



Conceptor is the youngest in a family of seven. She lives with her mother and siblings close to the school. Her father was a Literature Evangelist before he passed away. With your sponsorship, Conceptor can continue to go to school and fulfill her dream of becoming an accountant.

A VISION FOR THE VULNERABLE

A tough start in life doesn't mean a lack of options when it comes to Anchor School in Zambia. From the inception of the school in 1998, the founders, Kennedy and his wife Ronnie Mvula, were committed to providing education for orphans and vulnerable children at no cost. How was this possible? A careful balance was established between students that could afford to pay and those that had no resources. Prior to the involvement of Child Impact International, 17 percent of the close to 400 students were classified as vulnerable/orphans.

Additional self-sustaining projects were also undertaken to supplement the required funding to operate the school: growing their own vegetables, milling their own maize, and a recent tomato project (start-up costs funded by Child Impact). Through our sponsorship program, the number of vulnerable children served has increased by 50 students. On these pages, you will see photos of children from Anchor School in Zambia who are awaiting sponsorship. Their smiles reflect the flourishing environment now available to them. Education is their path to a bright future. Your sponsorship is the key to unlocking the door to the path.

NEW PROJECT

INNOVATION FUNDS MISSION

Identifying exemplary partner organizations is a responsibility we take seriously at Child Impact International. The commitment to focus on vulnerable children is an overarching motivation that must deeply resonate with any potential new project we support. There is another factor that may not be as easily identifiable, but has a long-term impact on the viability of a partner. How motivated and equipped are they to engage in sustainability projects to support their mission?

The Olmalaika Trust in Kenya gives a snapshot of the kind of entrepreneurial ingenuity that accompanies a strong partner. Rather than 100% reliance on outside benefactors, the team at The Olmalaika Trust have identified successful enterprises that help meet the financial obligations that accompany their work for young girls.

First, it is important to share that the mission of Olmalaika strongly resonates with CII's Operation Child Rescue program. Located on the border of the Maasai Mara game reserve, The Olmalaika Trust functions as a rescue and rehabilitation center for survivors of female genital mutilation (FGM) and those who have narrowly escaped FGM. They also rescue children who have experienced abuse. You will notice two things about the campus immediately, security and beauty. Safety is of the highest priority for these young girls that have been victimized or identified for the illegal and inhumane initiation into womanhood known as FGM (some as young as 8 years old).

The environment at The Olmalaika Trust has been meticulously laid out with shrubs, flowers, trails, and gardens, lending naturally to healing and restoration. Several projects have been undertaken to provide resources for operations. The most obvious are the flourishing gardens and a wealth of papaya trees. An expansive greenhouse features a variety of vegetables and fruits, including an abundance of sukuma (a delicious daily staple that is a type of kale). We also noted a number of beehives and enjoyed some recently harvested honey. The goal is to not only provide honey for use on campus but to also sell in the community.

An additional initiative is the production of reusable sanitary napkins for feminine hygiene. In this cultural context, girls often miss several days of school every month due to their menstrual cycle. The Olmalaika Trust provides health education to the surrounding schools along with a packet of these high-quality products for teen girls. The demand has been so significant that orders are arriving from other countries, producing some income for operations.

A final initiative that we benefited from is their safari business. Due to their proximity to the famous Maasai Mara National Reserve, they offer guests a first-rate tour with "African Springs Safaris" (AfricanSpringsSafaris.com) with fees supporting the girls at The Olmalaika Trust.

Are outside funds still required? Most certainly. However, when exceptional efforts to produce income are observed in action, it assures donors that the project isn't just waiting for a hand-out. Child Impact helps financially support the staff that surround these girls and assists them on their journey to healing. If you would like to contribute to this project, please support Operation Child Rescue.

ChildImpact.org/donate/ select "Operation Child Rescue"



Photo: Olmalaika greenhouse



Photo: African Springs Safaris



Photo: Olmalaika

The world "olmalaika" is taken from the swahili word "malaika," which means "angel." The girls served are thought of as angels by the staff. The goal is help them heal from their trauma and to give them wings so they can fly.



800 STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The day before this newsletter went to print, Shawn Boonstra, Speaker/Director of Voice of Prophecy, dropped by our office in Ooltewah, Tennessee for a visit. Shawn, and his wife Jean, are ambassadors for Child Impact and have personally been sponsors for many years. Right after his visit, we opened an email from Shohag Boidya, director of our sponsorship program in Bangladesh. Included with the email were inspiring photos of children being provided with school supplies made possible in partnership between Voice of Prophecy and Child Impact. We knew we had to share this awesome, timely story with you.

Children received the following items to support them in their studies: pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and colored pencils for drawing and coloring. These packages were delivered to 800 students attending 20 of our partner schools in Bangladesh. We would like to express gratitude to Bangladesh Children's Sponsorship Services (BCSS) for their excellent work on behalf of these precious children. Additionally, we value our partnership with the Boonstras and Voice of Prophecy. Thank you for joining us in providing these essentials for education.

If you would like to support the current food crisis in Bangladesh or help provide for educational needs across our projects, please donate to the Rice, Health, and Education Fund.



BANGLADESH FOOD CRISIS

The COVID crisis has precipitated an unprecedented challenge for already poor and struggling families in Bangladesh. This has resulted in hundreds of children being dropped off at boarding schools supported by Child Impact International, trusting that they will somehow be fed. Appeals are being made to provide immediate relief for these children. The situation is urgent. Tom Evans (CEO) is planning to travel with Jim Rennie (VP of Special Projects) late this year to assess the situation and determine a long-term strategy moving forward. In the interim, our team feels that food relief should be offered right away. We are initiating our "Health, Rice, and Education" appeal to respond to this crisis. Thank you for your generosity.

ChildImpact.org/donate/ select "Rice, Health, and Education"



CHASE YOUR DREAMS

Riverside Farm Institute in Zambia is located south of the capital city of Lusaka on the banks of the Kafue river. Surrounding this slice of heaven are villages where extreme poverty is rampant. The abject poverty and lack of food contribute to the victimization of young girls by truckers due to the proximity with the Zimbabwe border. Others fall prey to illegitimate job offers in the big city that are actually scams to recruit girls for human trafficking. It is a common occurrence for teen girls to disappear from their village homes and never be heard from again.

Child Impact International has partnered with Riverside Farm Institute to develop a solution. A large home located just outside the Riverside property has been rented as a dormitory for 35 at-risk girls from surrounding villages. The property has a full-time security guard and is completely fenced. The girls will have a matron, be provided three meals a day, and receive a fully funded education at the new secondary school at Riverside. Each day, they will be escorted for the 15-minute walk to the school campus. The hope is that someday a dormitory will be built onsite.

Overjoyed with the opportunity now provided to these girls, one parent stated, "Our girls have only worried about food and survival. Now they can chase their dreams." It was a significant step of faith to commit to 35 as the expenses to support these girls far exceed our typical sponsorship amount. The cost to support each girl is \$150/month. Due to the sensitivities surrounding their circumstances, we are not able to provide profiles and letter-writing opportunities as we do with our traditional sponsorship program. We will give regular updates in our newsletter.

Would you be open to supporting one or more of these vulnerable girls? On the enclosed envelope, you will see a special appeal for \$150/month for the girls at Riverside Farm. We will give updates on this initiative, but we are unable to identify the girls by name. Your support is a direct way you can fight human trafficking and the victimization of young girls.

ChildImpact.org/donate/ select "Operation Child Rescue"



Photo: Girls at the village well near Riverside



Photo: Students at Riverside Farm Institute



Photo above: Our team met Mercy collecting water at dusk.

Photo below: Two weeks later, Mercy is pursuing her education at Riverside. Her dream is now being fulfilled.



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BREAK THE CHAINS OF INJUSTICE

Children living in extremely poor households are especially vulnerable. Globally, one in every three victims is a child, but in low-income countries, children account for half of the victims (United Nations). Human trafficking earns profits of roughly \$150 billion a year for traffickers, \$99 billion from commercial sexual exploitation (International Labor Organization).

How can you partner with Child Impact in this fight?

On July 30, World Day Against Human Trafficking, we are looking for 100 sites across the country to host an awareness and fundraising event.

We will provide you with compelling documentary that highlights Operation Child Rescue projects to show at your event.

Here are a few event ideas:

1. Ask your pastor to show our documentary at the worship service (in place of the sermon).
2. Host a benefit concert.
3. Provide a simple dinner.

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE

*July 30th is
World Day Against
Human Trafficking*



HEART FOR CHILDREN GALA

Child Impact hosted its first fundraising gala on February 12, 2022 in Augusta, GA. The goal was to increase awareness regarding vulnerable children while offering a variety of ways to support CII's work through Operation Child Rescue.

As guests arrived, they were serenaded by a string trio comprised of Brianna, Aliya, and Caleb Trott from Collegedale, TN. CEO, Tom Evans introduced Frank Goodwin, CII Ambassador and host of the event, whose generosity made the gala possible. The program kicked off with a short film we recently produced called "A Cry from the Grave." The heart-breaking and inspiring story of Miracle Moses gave each person a deeper understanding of why we have expanded our impact through Operation Child Rescue (you can see the full video on our Facebook page).

One of the highlights of the program was a live interview from the field with Jasper Iturriaga, the newest member of the CII team. Jasper shared some behind-the-scenes information about some of his favorite photos. His heart for this work was clear as he shared first-hand accounts of witnessing girls being propositioned into potential trafficking situations.

During the silent auction, the Augusta Adventist Christian School's Choir blessed us with their sweet melodies. Joshua and Daniella Katreeb, of the Alpharetta Seventh-day Adventist Church were the final musicians to close the evening. Their natural talent was stunning and added a special touch to the finale.

A huge thank you to the Augusta community for your support. We will be hosting a variety of events around the United States to increase awareness, thank current donors, and encourage new supporters to become advocates for these causes. Follow us on social media to see when we will be near you.



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