



HOPE *in Motion*

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 underprivileged children. We empower education through our sponsorship program in Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Tanzania, and Zambia. In addition to sponsorship, we support both a school for the blind and a school for the deaf in India and six orphanages globally.

Operation Child Rescue is a program focused on prevention and rescue from trafficking, baby abandonment, and trauma. We have recently expanded this work to Egypt, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Tanzania, Ukraine, and Zambia.

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.



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Photo: Tom on the frontlines of Ukraine

GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO

Warm greetings friends and supporters of Child Impact International. On February 24, 2022 the world drastically changed for the people of Ukraine. An unprovoked attack quickly became the largest military operation in Europe since World War II. An immediate refugee crisis was sparked as women and children rushed to cross the border. Men between the ages of 18-60 were left behind to defend their homes and country. One of the most common sentiments surrounding this war is the question of “Why?” As innocent civilians continue to lose their lives, perhaps you have asked the question, “What can I do to help?”

As soon as the war broke out, I had a feeling that continued to intensify...Child Impact must get involved, especially on behalf of the children caught up in this crisis. After several strategic conversations, we were led to three key partnerships, one in Germany and two in Austria. Our strategy was to send a bus and van filled with urgently needed supplies and food to the Ukraine border and then return with women and children refugees. Our partners worked with connections in Ukraine to identify women and children who desired transportation to Germany or Austria. We entitled the initiative “Project Safe Passage.” After arriving in Austria or Germany, the refugees were welcomed into homes throughout the community.

On March 28, I traveled to Munich, Germany to make the trip with our team to the Ukraine border. As we transported refugees the 26 hours back to Germany, I observed the fear and uncertainty they were feeling. Their lives had been turned upside down in a moment. They were now refugees, fleeing for their lives, traveling to a place they had never been to and hearing a language they didn't understand. Despite the turmoil they were going through, they had made it to safety! Praise God for that. Tears have filled my eyes more than once as I reflect on the plight of these vulnerable women and children. Friends, at Child Impact we feel compelled to do as much as we can to help as many people as possible. The needs are very real and we are on the ground making a difference. Our special appeal is for the Emergency Fund. Would you consider a generous donation to serve those affected by the war in Ukraine? You can donate by marking the included envelope or by visiting our website at childimpact.org/Ukraine. You can also call our office at (423) 910-0667.

Thank you in advance!

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO



MISSION-MINDED CHILDREN

Nate and Kristina Dubs have three adorable girls in whom they are instilling missionary values. Why not raise funds to help refugee children in Ukraine? With just a small lemonade stand at an event on Easter Sunday, the Dubs family raised \$1,509.15 for vulnerable Ukrainian children. These funds helped purchase mattresses for orphan children whose residence was destroyed by bombs. These children have relocated to a safer area near the border of Romania (where Child Impact International is serving). They have recently been delivered to a camp where the children have been provided temporary housing. We have provided 140 high quality mattresses at \$65 each. In only a few hours, the Dubs girls were able to raise enough funds for 23 mattresses for vulnerable Ukrainian orphans. On May 4, the Dubs girls opened their lemonade stand again. This time they were invited to fundraise on the promenade of Southern Adventist University where they raised even more funds for Ukraine.

If you would like to support our efforts in Ukraine you can donate at ChildImpact.org/Ukraine or call our office at (423) 910-0667 from 9:00am–5:00pm (EST) Monday through Thursday. If you would like to host a fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees, please contact our office.

BOSTON PAVES THE WAY FOR UKRAINE RESPONSE

Child Impact is blessed to have a number of ambassadors, including Shawn and Jean Boonstra from Voice of Prophecy and world-renowned violinist Jaime Jorge. A recent addition to our team of ambassadors is John T. Boston II. Over the years, John has traveled to the frontlines when a major global crisis occurs, seeking the most effective ways to provide help. In 2017, he was among 30 faith leaders selected by the United States government to represent them on an ongoing basis when catastrophic events capture the world stage.

When the war broke out in Ukraine, John was asked to travel to the frontlines, sponsored by the United States government. He would be provided protection and tell the story first-hand. This is where being an ambassador for Child Impact came into the picture. John asked for special permission to connect with Child Impact's partners and travel with them to the border, rather than remain with the larger group traveling with the U.S. government. This request was granted.

We are extremely grateful for the work on the ground that John accomplished on his visit with our partners in Germany, Austria, and at the Ukraine border. This paved the way for us to begin fundraising with confidence, knowing that we were making a meaningful difference for the women and children displaced by the atrocities of war.

John is pictured on the top right with our partners in Germany, Jürgen and Sylvia Merkl.





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As refugee women and children are left with instabilities in every area of their lives, they become extremely susceptible to the schemes of traffickers. – Exodus Road

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PROJECT SAFE PASSAGE

Imagine hiding with your children in a cold bomb shelter and then fleeing for your life to the nearest border in hopes of finding safety. Once at the border, there is help waiting, but there is also danger. Already significantly traumatized, you are uncertain about who can be trusted and where they will take you?

An imminent danger that became apparent in the early days of the war in Ukraine was the risk of human trafficking. Our partners in Europe heard stories of trucks being loaded with women and children that never made it to their destination. Some men waited at the border offering a ride, but had other sinister motives in mind.

At Child Impact, we felt compelled to do something that would make a difference for these vulnerable women and children. We called the initiative **“Project Safe Passage.”** Here is how it works:

- Our partner in Germany communicates with a contact inside Ukraine regarding when we will be at the Romanian border town of Siret.
- The Ukrainian contact identifies a list of the refugee women and children who would like safe passage into Austria or Germany. The group then travels to the border to meet our bus and/or vans. At this point the refugees have already traveled many hours to get to the border (for example, the drive from Kyiv is 9 hours).
- At the border crossing, the refugees process their paperwork and are met by security guards who accompany them to the pick-up area.
- An initial stop at an Adventist church in the nearby city of Suceava, Romania provides food and a restroom break.
- The 25+ hour drive to Austria and Germany begins.
- The bus arrives first at the reception location in Austria and then in Germany. Refugees spend a night or two at the reception location before being introduced to families who will host them.
- Do it all over again!

It is important to note that the bus and vans do not travel to the border empty. They are filled with needed supplies (medical, food, diapers, etc.) that are transported further into Ukraine for those who have not yet been able to leave or have chosen to stay behind.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE
TO THE EMERGENCY FUND.





A MATTRESS COMPANY PROVIDES A SOFT LANDING

When Child Impact began creating partnerships in Europe to assist with the Ukraine crisis, we were surprised to be directed to a mattress company in Austria. Located near Bogenhofen Adventist Seminary, Optimo started shortly after World War II. Their first production machine utilized an engine from an abandoned machine gun found near a creek on the property of Bogenhofen. The expansive warehouses and thriving business now manufacture high-end mattresses and box springs. CEO, Andreas Althammer responded quickly to meet the needs of refugees. The mattress company's showroom was turned into a receiving location for women and children as they arrived by bus from the Ukraine border. Forty-one brand new, state-of-the-art mattresses filled the previous showroom. A couple of additional smaller rooms, a kitchen, bathroom, and a gathering place were all part of a space transformed to meet a crisis. Free clothing was neatly organized by size in a large storage room. Volunteers stepped into action to receive refugees with a warm welcome and plenty of delicious food.

In order to serve more individuals, homes were opened to receive refugees on a longer-term basis. The CEO led by example, along with his wife and two young children by opening their home to a family of five. They made the commitment without knowing the family or without any idea of how long they would need to stay. They have embraced the family they are hosting, providing them with a loving environment to process the trauma they have encountered. In the face of unimaginable loss, refugees have found a soft landing thanks to a mattress factory and their vision to make a difference.

Note: Child Impact partnered with Optimo to provide 140 mattresses for a camp facility hosting orphaned children who had to flee from their orphanage near Kyiv due to it being damaged by bombs. During the escape, their vehicles were shot at and three of the support staff were killed.



Above: Refugee family pictured on the right are hosted by the Althammer family in Austria. Men ages 18-60 are required to remain in Ukraine. The husband/father pictured was allowed to leave due to the size of his family.

Below: Optimo CEO, Andreas Althammer giving a tour of the mattress warehouse.





SPECIAL APPEAL | EMERGENCY FUND

The crisis in Ukraine is far from over. Urgent needs arise on a daily basis. Child Impact has committed to help as many displaced women and children as possible as resources are available.

Thank you for your generosity to the Emergency Fund. We estimate that 700 women and children have been directly protected through Child Impact's **“Project Safe Passage.”**



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Catastrophic events cause devastation and children are the most vulnerable. By donating to this fund, you enable Child Impact to respond quickly to help children caught in desperate circumstances. Follow us on Facebook for the latest news on how your contribution is making a difference.

www.facebook.com/childimpactinternational

Our goal of \$500,000 will serve thousands of women, children, and orphans. Will you send your gift to serve those in crisis today?

THE IMPACT OF SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship gives children an education in a nurturing environment that provides hope and empowers their educational goals. Each day your valuable sponsorship has a direct impact on their life and future. Many families of sponsored children struggle to meet daily needs. For those children who have parents, sponsorship provides parents with hope and pride in their child's education. For those children without parents or guardians, sponsorship not only provides a bright future but also a family. Graduates of our sponsorship program often return to their communities, inspiring the next generation of children to pursue education as a pathway out of poverty.

SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE:

- Annual progress reports (APRs) with the child's school performance.
- A letter from your student a couple of times per year. If this child is very young, a teacher will help them write their letters. We encourage you to write to your sponsored child at any time. We can send these letters to them digitally so they will receive communication quickly and avoid the additional expense of postage.
- A Christmas gift is provided every year through Child Impact's Gift Fund. This gift extends to children who we have accepted into our program, but are still awaiting sponsorship.

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

Call our office at (423) 910-0667 to sponsor one of these day students. The sponsorship rate is \$32/month.

More sponsorship opportunities are available on our website: www.childimpact.org Click the "sponsor" button.



**ANTHONY PETER**

Antony is a smart and respectful boy. He loves learning new things at school, spending time with his friends, and swimming in his free time. His favorite subject to study is History. His future dream is to become an engineer and provide for his family. Thank you for your support.

U62254

**ARAF A ALLY**

Arafa is a kind and caring boy. He is the type that always wants to learn something new and loves to play soccer with his friends. He wants to become a pilot and give back to his grandmother, who's raising him after he lost both of his parents. Your sponsorship will aid Arafa in making strides for a better future.

U62256

**DEBORAH CHADIEL**

Deborah is a kind and compassionate girl who loves attending school. Her favorite thing to do is to sing. Her favorite subject to study is Math. She hopes to become a business manager in the future to provide for her grandmother and get themselves out of poverty. Thank you for your support.

U62249

**GLADNESS GIFT**

Gladness is a kind and caring girl. She loves to learn at school, spending time with friends, enjoys reading in her free time, and her favorite subject to study is Science. She has big dreams of becoming Tanzania's Prime Minister. Your sponsorship will aid Gladness in making strides for a better future.

U62253

**HAPPYNESS TORATI**

Happyness is a caring girl. She enjoys learning and applies herself to her studies. She loves to sing and her favorite class is Biology. She aspires to be a voice for her community and a singer. Your sponsorship will aid Happyness in making strides for a better future. Thank you for your support.

U62255

**HOSEA BARAKA**

Hosea is a kind and polite boy who loves learning new things at school daily. Hosea loves soccer and plays after school with his friends. His favorite subject is Chemistry. He hopes to become a teacher in the future. Your sponsorship will give him hope for a better future. Thank you for your support.

U62248

**IMANI AUDAS**

Imani loves attending school, where he gets the chance to learn new things and spend time with friends. His favorite subject to study is English. He hopes to become a pastor in the future and support his grandfather who raised him. Your sponsorship will aid Imani and give him hope for a better future.

U62250

**KELYAN EMMANUEL**

Kelyan is a hard-working girl who loves going to school to see her friends and learn new things. She enjoys swimming when she has the chance. Her favorite subject to study is Geography. She aspires to become a math teacher. Your sponsorship will aid Kelyan and give her hope for a better future.

U62245

**LINAS GADSON**

Linas is a kind and genuine girl who loves learning new things at school and seeing her friends. She loves to go swimming. Her favorite subject to study is History. Linas aspires to become a lawyer and help her family get out of poverty. Thank you for your support.

U62247

**MAGRETH EMMANUEL**

Magreth is a very compassionate girl who enjoys her time at school, spending time with friends, and playing soccer. Her favorite subject to study is Biology. She dreams of becoming a nurse in the future. Thank you for your support.

U62252

**ROSE JULIUS**

Rose is a nice and friendly girl who loves to learn new things at school and see her friends. She loves to run and train for marathons. Her favorite subject to study is Math. In the future, Rose hopes to become a physician and help her family get out of poverty. Your sponsorship will aid Rose and give her hope for a better future.

U62246

**SARAH FRANCIS**

Sarah is a strong and loving girl who enjoys going to school and learning new things. She loves to swim. Her favorite subject to study and learn is English. She dreams of becoming a doctor to provide for her family and community. Your sponsorship will aid her in making strides toward a better future. Thank you for your support.

U62251

TWING MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL – TANZANIA

We are excited to feature in this newsletter children from the Twing Memorial School in Tanzania. I (Tom Evans) first met "Grandma Twing" as a young boy growing up in Walla Walla, Washington. This is where I witnessed fundraising for missions first-hand. I distinctly remember my dad getting the checkbook and asking where funds were most needed. Grandma Twing lost her husband to a plane accident shortly after they arrived as missionaries at Heri Adventist Hospital. The location presented many needs, including numerous cases of leprosy. Grandma Twing continued to serve decades after the death of her husband. Today, a primary and secondary school bear their name in honor of their self-sacrificing work. Let's carry on their legacy through supporting the children from this high-need area. Empowering education is a path out of generational poverty and provides an opportunity for a bright future.



John Truscott



Gale and Karon Wehling



Rod and Donna Willey

BOARD MEMBERS IN ACTION

When Child Impact announced the “Project Safe Passage” initiative to support women and children refugees, an email was sent to all donors. Within the first couple of minutes a phone call was received from board member, **John Truscott**. His generous donation sparked the beginning of this very special project to make a difference to this humanitarian crisis. A big thank you to John for leading the way.

Gale Wehling and his wife Karon joined Child Impact's first mission serving refugees. When Gale heard about the project to support Ukrainian refugees, he called right away to volunteer (along with his wife Karon) and also made a significant donation. They are pictured here with three generations of refugees near Vienna, Austria.

Donna Willey and her husband Rod, have a passion to use their influence to make a difference for children in need. They have transformed the office waiting room of their Koala Center for Sleep Disorders to feature Child Impact. A prominent location on the wall features sponsored children from Kingsway School in Kenya. At the reception desk you will find the Child Impact newsletter and information about sponsoring a child.

If you would like to feature Child Impact at your business, please contact **Melissa Moore at (423) 910-0667 or email, mmoore@childimpact.org**.



Child Impact staff, along with board member Donna Willey, recorded an interview for 3ABN Today.



Koala Center for Sleep Disorders waiting room.



WHERE NEEDED MOST FUNDS MAKE AN IMPACT IN AFRICA

KINGSWAY, KENYA

Solar power for efficient and cost effective operation of their well, new classrooms, teacher housing, and a greenhouse.

TWING MEMORIAL, TANZANIA

Fully fence the school property, create booths for promoting roadside sales in order to fund teacher salaries.

FALGO'S CHILDREN HOME, TANZANIA

100 cows as a sustainability project, new kitchen, three water towers, bio gas project, vehicle to transport students, and paint for existing buildings.

ANCHOR, ZAMBIA

Land purchase for expansion of sustainability projects, missionary house, 100 mattresses for new boys' dormitory, construction of the Child Impact girls' dormitory with water tanks, toilets, and showers.

RIVERSIDE FARM, ZAMBIA

Bus for transporting children from neighboring villages, five classrooms to eventually expand the capacity of the primary school by 360 students.

Consider a donation to the **Where Needed Most Fund**.





OPERATION CHILD RESCUE'S **SOLUTION TO EXPLOITATION**

Child Impact is fighting against the exploitation of children through a strong network of partner organizations. Our desire is to prevent these tragedies from happening in the future while presently serving those whose vulnerabilities are being exploited. Our projects address human trafficking, baby abandonment, slave labor, brothels, forced begging, COVID orphans, refugees, female genital mutilation rescue and recovery, gang recruitment prevention, child brides, and domestic violence.



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Operation Child Rescue

JOIN THE MOVEMENT THIS YEAR ON

JULY 30 FOR

THE

WORLD DAY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

OPERATION CHILD RESCUE'S EXPANDING GLOBAL IMPACT



Child Impact is producing an 8-minute video and a 23-minute video to be shown in local churches or other gatherings. We will also provide a special feature magazine outlining the opportunity to do something tangible to fight against human trafficking.



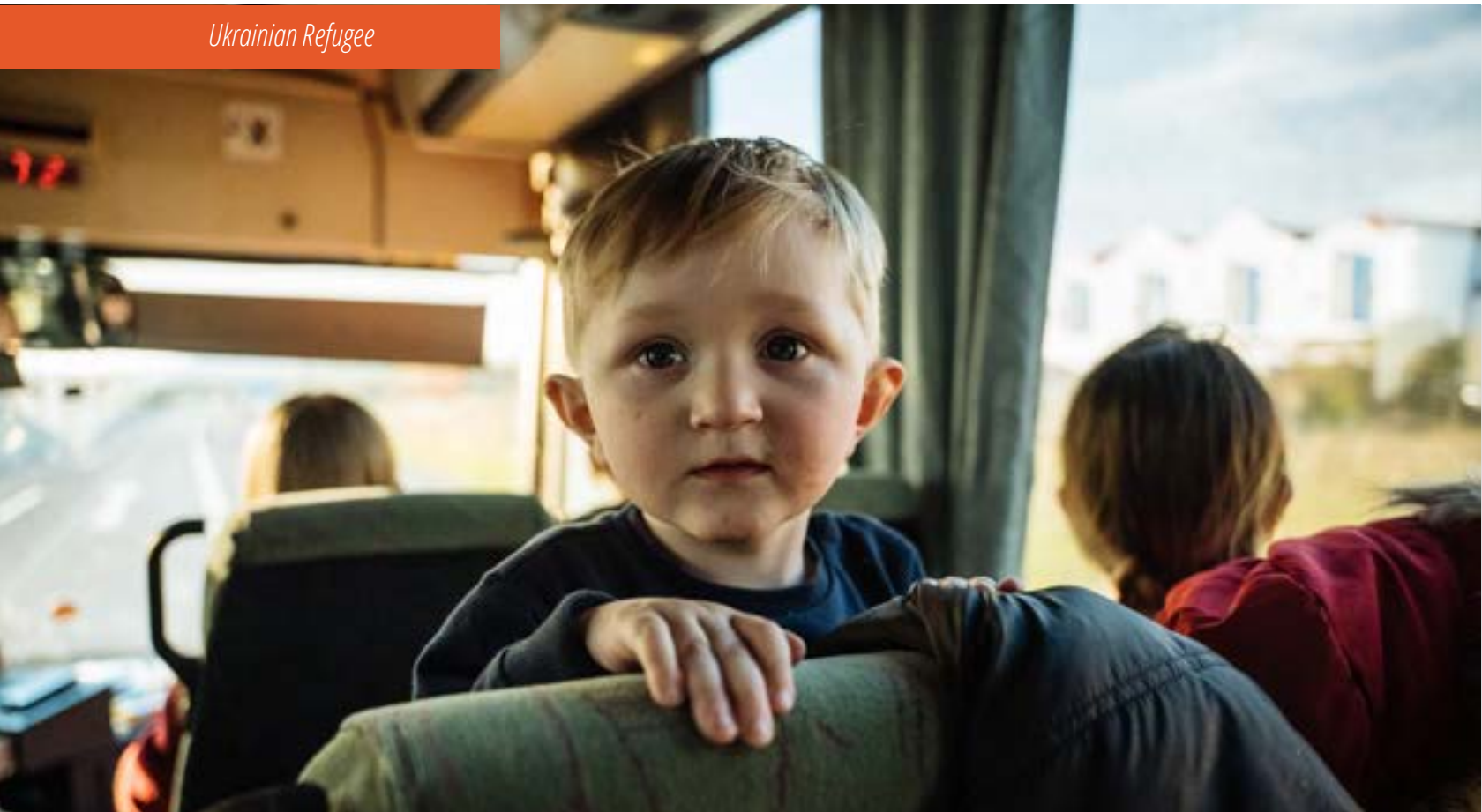
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