

# 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 needy children an education through its sponsorship program in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Zambia and Kenya. In addition to sponsorship, Child Impact funds four orphanages, a blind school, and a deaf school in India. Its Operation Child Rescue program is focused on children who are highly vulnerable and is involved in rescuing trafficked children, slum children, and abandoned babies. New projects have just begun in The Philippines, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and Papua New Guinea. Child Impact provides hope and a brighter future to thousands of children.

Child Impact International is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Child Impact is dedicated to sharing God's love by addressing the causes of poverty through empowering the poor and building their capabilities regardless of religion, ethnicity, political beliefs or gender.

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"If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord — and he will repay you!" Proverbs 19:17

## **GREETINGS FROM OUR CEO**

Dear friends and supporters of Child Impact International,

I pray that the upcoming holiday season will be full of blessings for you and those you love! You may have immediately noticed a new format for our newsletter. We have so many exciting things to share that we decided to expand this issue. If you appreciate the additional content this format allows, please be sure to let us know.

When I think about the work that Child Impact is involved in all around the world, I'm reminded of the passage in Proverbs 19:17, "If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord— and he will repay you!" In times of financial uncertainty, a wise investment of our resources is to make an eternal difference in the life of a child. In this newsletter, you will read many life transforming stories made possible through the generous gifts of sponsors and donors like you. For our "Impact Gifts" Christmas appeal this year, we are focused on three areas of need:

- 1. Where Needed Most Fund
- 2. Blind, Deaf & Orphans Fund
- 3. Operation Child Rescue

You will find an envelope in the middle of this magazine to mail your donation, or you can visit our website at ChildImpact.org, or simply call 423-910-0667.

I've included a very special photo above of the Evans' family boys. The tall young man in the middle is our son, Lukas. He has just celebrated his 18th birthday. Our next oldest is Andre (age 16). The other two boys in the photo have recently been adopted from an orphanage in Latvia (Daniel, age 14 and Andris, age 12). Andris is in the process of recovering from leukemia. Please keep us in prayer through this journey. Friends, my wife and I are passionate about making a difference for children...in any way possible. That is why I've accepted this role as CEO of Child Impact International. I know that you share this passion as well. What you have already done is making a world of difference...one child at a time. Would you prayerfully consider a generous gift this holiday season as an eternal investment?

May God richly bless you!

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO



Board members (left to right): Left to Right: Rob, Alina, Sarah Zama, CII board chair, Laurie Henriksen, long-time board member, Sonna Smith



## NEW PROJECT!

## CHILD AMBASSADOR PROGRAM LAUNCHES IN OREGON

This program is designed to involve young people in the ministry of helping disadvantaged children through child sponsorship with Child Impact International.

Child Impact International is proud to announce the launch of our newest Ambassador Program specifically designed for children. The Child Ambassador Program is the perfect opportunity for your child or grandchild to easily become involved with global mission work in their own community. As a Child Ambassador for Child Impact, your child will receive a packet including a detailed explanation of their role, along with the resources they will need for this responsibility.

Our program launched on October 23, 2021, in Albany, Oregon where our child ambassador Sarah held an event for Child Impact International. Using the packet and information she was given, Sarah set up a table and delivered a presentation at the church where her father was a guest speaker. She appealed to the congregation to consider sponsoring a child as she does herself. This is the first time Sarah has been involved with this type of ministry. This is a great opportunity for young people to become more comfortable speaking in public while also making a difference in another child's life. Just like Sarah, you may know a child with the passion to enter and participate in the ministry of helping those in need. We are already seeing the fruits of Sarah's efforts and know that what she is doing will give her the confidence to do big things in the future.

Sarah's father reported, "When our family was first presented with the possibility of being involved with Child Impact International, we were thrilled! Helping children in need has been a passion of ours since we can remember. Our seven-year-old daughter, Sarah, loved the idea of being a Child Ambassador and her first reaction was to jump up and down with a big smile on her face saying, 'That means I'm finally going to be able to make this world a better place!'"

Sarah reported, "My experience was fun, and I enjoyed it. My favorite part was that I got to help kids around the world. Someday, I hope to meet the little girl I sponsor."

If you are interested in having your child or grandchild participate in our Child Ambassador Program with Child Impact International, we invite you to reach out to us.

Please contact the Child Impact International team at Help@ChildImpact.org or call us at (423) 910-0667 for more information.



## **CAMPUS REOPENS IN BANGLADESH**

## Laughter and smiles fill the Kellogg-Mookerjee Memorial Seminary (KMMS) campus once again after months of being closed.

The KMMS school located in Bangladesh welcomed back students after being shut down due to COVID-19. KMMS students and staff were excited to return to in-person learning, especially because they have been apart for so long. With over 450 students attending the school, it was impossible to remain open during the pandemic due to the health risks. Now, in light of the improving COVID-19 situation, the school has reopened its doors. Students were thrilled to learn that in-person learning is now in full effect again and were especially happy to be back in the classrooms surrounded by familiar faces and new friends.

Returning to campus has brought life back to KMMS, and the joy can be seen in the faces of the students and staff. We pray that God continues to bless the children and faculty of KMMS and allows for the school to remain open so that lives can continue to be changed.

If you have a desire to help with one of our school expansion or renovation projects, please call (423) 910-0667.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL GRAND OPENING AT RIVERSIDE - JANUARY 6, 2022**





For 30 years the local team at Riverside has wanted to construct a secondary school. Now at-risk children will be able to get a private school quality education in their own community. The final details in preparation for the grand opening include: placing desks and chairs, paint and final fixtures. During December, landscaping and parking will also be completed. The local stone on the exterior of the main cafeteria is completed and looks amazing!

Local and national government officials, as well as community members will celebrate the dreams of high quality secondary education finally being accessible. Ribbon cutting will be attended by Child Impact CEO, Tom Evans, and many church officials as well!

This project has been made possible through the generous financial support of our donors. We anticipate that this new facility will add 100+ new children to our sponsorship program!

## **STUDENTS AT THE BLIND SCHOOL HAVE A VISION FOR THEIR FUTURE**

Your support of the Blind, Deaf, and Orphan's Fund is making a difference! Read three stories below that highlight this impact.



VARALAKSHMI KARRI Grade: 12th | Age: 17 Village: Thurumamidi

Varalakshmi was born visually impaired to a poor family. Her father is the breadwinner for the family and supports them by doing odd jobs as a day laborer in the fields. Daily wages are not guaranteed and there are times when the family struggles to meet their basic needs. Varalakshmi's mother is at home suffering from kidney failure. When Varalakshmi was five-years-old she had to undergo heart surgery as doctors noticed that she had holes in her heart. At the school for the blind, she feels fortunate to receive an education and is thankful to her sponsors who have been supporting her all these years. Varalakshmi wants to continue her higher studies and aims to work at a bank one day. Donate today to help her achieve her goals.



NIREEKSHAN BONELA Grade: 7th | Age: 12 Village: Komarada

Nireekshan was born blind and had only his mother, grandmother, and younger brother. His father abandoned the family and married another woman with no regard for the welfare of his first wife or his two boys. Nireekshan came to the school for the blind in 2015 and was enrolled in first standard. Nireekshan's mother has suffered from leukemia for the last three years and most dreadfully contracted COVID and died in the hospital a few months ago. The only caretaker for these two boys is their grandmother, who struggles to provide for them. Having a caring community at the blind school provides tremendous support. Help to continue aiding Nireekshan and his family by donating today!



**SYAM CHELAMALA** Grade: 12th | Age: 18 Town: Elluru

Like a majority of students who attend the school for the blind in Bobbili, Syam was born blind. He lost his mother to some unknown sickness when he was just three-years-old. Syam was brought to the school by a local farmer who cared for his family and wanted to help in any way possible. Syam has been studying at the school since 2008 and is known to his fellow students and teachers as a good singer. He is in the final year of high school and wants to move to a bigger city to complete his college education. Syam is excited for his future and hopes to get a job in the Indian railways. Help Syam reach his dreams by donating to the Blind, Deaf and Orphan's Fund today.





There are Several Ways to Sponsor or Donate Visit Us Online: ChildImpact.org By Phone: (423) 910-0667 By Mail: Child Impact Intl., PO Box 763, Ooltewah, TN 37363



Choose your gift...You can make an impact!

# BLIND, DEAF, & ORPHAN'S FUND \$100,000 URGENTLY NEEDED

Help is needed to continue to provide a home, education and future for these special needs children.

# **WHERE NEEDED MOST FUND** \$100,000 URGENTLY NEEDED

Help Child Impact meet urgent expenses to run our many programs that assist hundreds of needy children.



# \$50,000 URGENTLY NEEDED

The Operation Child Rescue program rescues children from human trafficking and child labor, as well as babies that are abandoned, to provide a life of HOPE.

## HERE IS MY DONATION FOR THE IMPACT GIFTS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Your Name:	_ □ Cash □Check/Money Order □Credit Card
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City:	_ Where Needed Most Fund: <u></u> \$
State/Province: Zip:	_ □ Operation Child Rescue: <u>\$</u>
Email:	_ 🗆 Visa 🗆 MasterCard 🗆 Discover 🗆 American Express
Phone:	_ Card #:
Please make checks payable to:	Exp: CVC Code:
Child Impact International PO Box 763	Name on card:
Ooltewah, TN 37363	Signature:Date:
Child Impact International is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.	5

# **BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!**

#### AISHAWRJO SIRCAR | U61027 | \$25.00, BANGLADESH



Aishawrjo is a loving, kind, and joyful girl. She is a great student and loves learning new things in her classes. Her favorite pastimes include skipping rope, spending time and playing with her classmates. Someday she hopes to become a nurse to help the sick and injured in her community as well as to help provide for their family.

#### BIJOY SARKER | U61730 | \$38.00, BANGLADESH



Bijoy is a smart young man whose love for learning never ceases. He wants to become a teacher and serve those in his community. He loves red and Lichi is his favorite fruit! He also loves to spend time with his friends. Some of his hobbies include playing cricket and reading! Your support with help Bijoy obtains an education that he needs to thrive and move forward.

#### CHARAN THUMALA U20317 | \$32.00, INDIA

Charan's father works at a

tea shop. Despite having an

income, they are hardly able

to make ends meet, let alone

Charan. Charan applies himself

learning new things in school.

Someday he hopes to become

a nurse. Your sponsorship can

give Charan an opportunity for

hard working girl, speaks very

is very active in the church.

injured in the community.

a better future. Thank you!

provide an education for

in his studies, and loves



#### U20378 | \$38.00, INDIA CHARISHMA JAMBARAPU Charishma's father works as a



#### CHUANGPUI PANGKHUA | U61500 | \$48.00, BANGLADESH



Chuangpui's father passed away when he was very young, leaving his mother as the sole provider for Chuangpui and his brother. He is a hardworking, caring, and active boy and loves to learn, always applies himself faithfully in his studies. His enjoys playing with his friends, helping others, playing sports, and learning new things in class. He wants to become a teacher someday.

CING DEIH VUNG | U60704 | \$38.00, MYANMAR



**CLARITY MULEYA** | U61865 | \$25.00, KENYA



EIGLON GHAGRA | U61699 | \$32.00, BANGLADESH



classes and applies herself diligently in all aspects of school. Someday Cing Deih hopes to one day help others in her community and throughout the world. Your sponsorship will help Cing Deih get an education and hope for a better future.

Cing Deih is a quiet, loving,

and caring girl. She enjoys

learning new things in her

Clarity is a bold young woman, who enjoys going to school and learning new things. Some of Clarity's hobbies include singing and spending time with her friends. She wants to become a teacher. She wants to help the underprivileged in her community. Your sponsorship will help Clarity obtain an education for a promising future

Eiglon is a friendly boy, who loves to study and completes his classwork on time. He loves school. Eiglon loves to play football with his friends. Eiglon loves to read and wants to learn all that he can in school. Work is scarce, but Eiglon's parents do everything they can to keep the children in school. With your help, Eiglon can fulfill his dream of becoming a teacher.



## **SPONSORSHIP OPENS DOORS**

In 1987, a high school in Karnataka, India was established. From the very beginning, Vadagaon School has aimed to provide the highest quality education to the local children. Today, more than a dozen children are blessed with a sponsorship through our donor's generous contributions that allows them to attend the school.

Among the children who have received this blessing is 15-year-old, Kiran. For the past eight years, he has been able to attend Vadagaon School thanks to the CII sponsorship program. Kirans' father wanted to give him the best possible education, but found it difficult to pay the school fees and provide for his family at the same time. As a last attempt to keep Kiran at Vadagaon School, his dad asked for help from the school principal, Mr.K.S. Joseph. Shortly after, the CII sponsorship program was introduced to Vadagaon School. Kiran was recommended to be a recipient, enabling him to continue his education.

Because of our generous donors, children like Kiran have the opportunity to learn a range of core subjects. We sincerely thank all of our donors and pray that God continues to bless this school. You can view children that need sponsors right here or online at www.childimpact.org.

#### **GODFREY SHANANGOME** | U61867 | \$25.00, ZAMBIA



Godfrey is a curious young man whose love for learning increases each day. He enjoys playing with wires and making cars out of them. A career aspiration of Godfrey's is to become a soldier. He wants to give back to his community and his mother. Your sponsorship will help Godfrey obtain a better future for himself and his mother.

## JOSEPHINE CHIPUMA | U61866 | \$25.00, KENYA



Despite life being difficult, Josephine keeps moving forward. She lives with her aunt, due to her father passing away and her mother not wanting to care for her. Josephine enjoys being able to learn new things. Cooking is her favorite hobby. A career aspiration that losephine want to become a nurse.

#### LAL SIAMI | U61687 | \$32.00, MYANMAR



Lal is a very cheerful student. Her teachers describe her as obedient in the classroom. She is hardworking and gets good grades. Lal hopes to become a teacher. Lal lives with her aunt. Her aunt's income is very low, and she cannot afford to send Lal to school or pay for her educational expenses. With your support, Lal can go to school and help others in her community.

#### LUIZA MONDAL | U60670 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH Luiza Ria Mondal is a great



#### way to serve people especially the sick and suffering people." Any financial support given to her for building up her career in the nursing profession will be greatly appreciated. Will you help her achieve her dreams of graduating with her nursing degree with a Child Impact sponsorship?

student. She wants to study

nursing because, "it is the best

### MARIAN MURMU | U60672 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH



Marina Mim Murmu is studying nursing at Bangladesh Adventist Nursing Institute. She is studying nursing because, "I feel very happy when I help people; It gives me joy!" Any support given to her will be appreciated for building up her career in the nursing profession. It will give her a better future. Will you help with Child Impact today?

#### MC. DONALD HALDER | U60674 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH





#### MONIKA MARDI | U61782 |





#### NAN KYI | U61795 | \$38.00, MYANMAR



MC's father is a seasonal fashion designer. MC's family is living in Dhaka city, where all expenses are high. They are living in a rented house that costs half of their income, for this reason, if MC is supported, he may reach his goal of being a nurse. Be the final support that MC needs to realize his dreams. Will you help with a Child Impact sponsorship?

## MONALISHA GHORI | U61760 | \$32.00, BANGLADESH

Monalisha is a quiet and studious young woman, whose love for learning never ceases. She loves to go to school and spend time with her friends. Her favorite subject is drawing, and she loves playing a game called "doll and lude." She wants to help those who are illiterate in her community and wants to spread hope. Your sponsorship will create a way to get a better future for her.

#### \$32.00, BANGLADESH

Monika is a curious young woman who loves to do well in her studies. She also is also very friendly and likes to meet new people. Monika's hobbies include drawing pictures, eating mango, and skipping rope. She loves her family, and she wants to assist them in the future. This desire has led for her to pursue teaching as a career.

## MUTINTA CHIOBWA | U61868 | \$25.00, KENYA



#### woman who enjoys spending time studying and learning new things. Mutinta's hobbies include drawing pictures, playing outside in the dirt and coloring. Her career aspiration is to become a doctor. She hopes to give back to the underprivileged community by providing free resources to them.

Mutinta is a studious young

Nan's parents work in the paddy fields but do not earn very much money. Despite this, Nan has a big dream for her future to become an engineer and to help those experiencing poverty around her village. After she becomes an engineer, she wants to give money to children who cannot afford to go to school. You can make her dream of becoming an engineer come true.

#### NAW MOO BALAY PAW | U20083 | \$38.00, BANGLADESH



Naw Moo Balay comes from a large family and has four brothers and a sister. Her parents are poor farmers and cannot pay for her tuition. Naw Moo Balay enjoys school and wishes to pursue her studies to become a teacher and a nurse. In her spare time, she likes reading, sewing, and volleyball.

#### NIANG MUAN | U61713 . \$25.00, MYANMAR



#### **PRADEEP KUMAR** | U17494 | \$25.00, INDIA





#### Promilla is a great student and loves to learn new things in her classes. Her hobbies include spending time with her friends, reading books and newspapers, listening to music, and helping others. Promilla hopes to become a nurse someday to provide for her family as well as to help the sick and injured in her community.

#### **ROSE BANDA** | U61869 | \$25.00, ZAMBIA



Rose is a cheerful young woman, who enjoys helping others. She likes making things out of mud, spending time with her friends, and helping her mother with chores. She lives with her mother and father and five siblings in a two-bedroom home with no running water or electricity. Unfortunately, Rose's father lost his job, and he cannot afford to send her to school.

Niang is the most obedient student in the class. She likes to play with her friends and helps her family when she can. Her father works hard for the family but does not make enough money to send Niang to school. Niang loves dogs and cats and dreams of owning her own pet one day. Niang's family was greatly affected by the COVID virus with her father not being able to work.

Pradeep is a semi orphan. His father passed away in 2012, and his mother as the sole provider. He is a great student and enjoys learning new things in his classes. His favorite pastimes include playing with his classmates, helping others, and spending time with his friends. He hopes to have a successful career with which to help provide for his family and others in his community.

**PROMILLA MURMU** | U60681 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH

#### SAGARIKA KODAVATIKANTI | U61859 | \$38.00, INDIA



Sangarika, is an active and energetic young woman who enjoys learning new things. She works hard in her studies and strives to do her best. Some of Sangarika's hobbies include spending time with her friends, working on her schoolwork and assisting her mother. Sangarika's career aspiration is to become a police officer.

#### **SAJIB TRIPURA** | U61524 | \$48.00, INDIA



Sajib is a caring, hardworking, and active boy. He loves to learn and always applies himself diligently in his studies. His favorite activities include spending time with his friends, playing soccer, and playing with his classmates. Sajib hopes to become a teacher someday to give back to his family as well as educate others in his community.

#### SANJANA BOMBIDI | U20868 | \$38.00, INDIA



Sanjana is an active, friendly, and caring girl. She is respectful and kind to everyone she meets and always applies herself diligently in her studies. She enjoys playing with toys, spending time with her friends, and helping others. Someday Sanjana hopes to become a doctor to help the sick and injured in her community.

#### SATHI SOREN | U61785 | \$32.00, BANGLADESH



#### SAWAN MURMU | U60686 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH



Sathi, is an obedient and caring young woman. Her love for learning never ceases and she is always interested in what is happening around her. Sathi hopes to one day become a nurse. Her parents want for Sathi to obtain an education. However, they do not make enough money to support the family and their daughter's education.

"I want to study nursing

to serve other people in our village. My father died

recently. My mother is a

contract worker. She is getting

little portions of money which

food, clothes, and educational expenses to her two children.

So, I need support to complete

my studies."

are not enough to provide

because it's an opportunity

#### SINGKY MRONG U60687 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH Singky Mrong is a good

student. "In Bangladesh there

are many poor people. I want

to serve people in need, that's

member. Sometimes, he does

not get work regularly. Our

financial situation is not well.

It is difficult for my parents to

Sireesha is a friendly, outgoing,

and quick at learning. She

Sireesha is always grateful

an education. Some of her

she can attend school and get

hobbies include spending time

with her brothers, practicing

math problems and singing.

Her career aspiration is to

Sita and her family live in a

house made from mud and

straw on a small piece of

land. Her mother does not

have a job and unfortunately,

her father passed away. Sita

sister. Sita wants to become

a teacher where she can help

others who are in need. Your

sponsorship will help her

continue her education.

has one brother and one

become a Nurse.

enjoys taking part in all

activities at her school.

support my nursing study."

why I want to be a nurse.

My father is a day laborer, and he is the only earning



#### SIREESHA PALLAPU | U61848 | \$38.00, INDIA



#### SITA TOPPO | U09444 | \$48.00, INDIA



#### SUSMITA BOIDYA | U60689 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH



Susmita is a good girl and doing her studies well, and she has a good desire to study and to help people. "I chose to study nursing because it was my dream from my childhood. It is only the way how I can help people. I especially like to help poor people, those who are not getting proper medical treatment because of money."

#### SWEETY ROY | U60690 | \$120.00, BANGLADESH



"I chose to study nursing because it was my dream, and it makes me happy when I can help sick people. I am interested in dancing, singing, and playing chess. My goal is to build a hospital and hire nurses to work in a positive environment to serve people. In my family, my father is only the earning man, and he cannot support my education."

#### **THOMAS BENNY** U17564 \$25.00, INDIA



### VAISHNAVI DEVERAKONDA | U61849 | \$38.00, INDIA



#### **VAN PEKI** | U61792 | \$25.00, MYANMAR



poor to give to her, so they sent her to live with her uncle. Although her life with her uncle is better, they still do not have enough money for her to go to school. Van is an obedient and humble girl who loves her friends. She is passionate about helping missionary someday.

#### VARSHITH L. GARIKINA | U20305 | \$32.00, INDIA



#### VARSHITHA GUNTURI | U61861 | \$38.00, INDIA



Thomas is a kind, guiet, and caring boy. He is a great student who applies himself in his studies faithfully. Thomas hopes to one day become a physician and be able to give back to those in the community who are struggling. Despite having an income, the family can hardly make ends meet, let alone give an education for Thomas and his sister.

Vaishnavi is an active young woman who enjoys helping her teachers out in their classrooms. Vaishnavi's teachers describe how it's a joy to have her in their class. Her hobbies include spending time with her friends and playing different board games. Her career aspiration is to become a nurse. She would like to help the sick and give back to her

poor family.

# Van Peki's parents were too

others and hopes to become a Varshith is a quiet yet happy

and attentive boy. He takes an active part in his classes and is faithful in his studies. He enjoys spending time and playing with his set of friends. He enjoys playing with animals and likes painting. He hopes to become an engineer when he grows up. Because of your sponsorship he can look towards a better and brighter future.

Varshitha is very intelligent and her love for learning never ceases. She enjoys playing throwball and playing kho with her friends. Some of Varshitha's hobbies include reading, learning new words and spending time with her friends. A career aspiration of Varshitha's is to become a teacher. She would like to give back to her community through education.





## **COMPREHENSIVE INTERVENTION AT VIZAG SLUM**

Operation Child Rescue (OCR) operates a community Pre-school in the city of Visakhapatnam — a coastal city in East India.

The Vizag Community pre-school is in a very poor slum that has a prominent red-light district. The people who live in the slum struggle to find work, which has been made worse with COVID. Many mothers find it difficult to feed their children, even if they are fortunate enough to secure a job. Operation Child Rescue has established this community project with a number of objectives which include:

- Basic education.
- One healthy meal every school day.
- Childcare so mothers can earn money even if in a part-time job.
- Child health education for parents.
- Evening training classes for mothers.

This is a high-risk area for children to be trafficked. The training and education to parents helps to protect this community. We also offer vocational training for parents which includes sewing, cooking, health, and training for ways to live without being subject to sexual exploitation. The project is being developed as a model to apply in other communities. Supporters of OCR can be very proud of this direct help to vulnerable children and the intervention in this community.

Our Slum School is a light in a dark area — a shield for the vulnerable — providing safety, education, and a brighter future. Become an Advocate today to keep this light shining.





## NEW PROJECT!

## **JUNGLE SCHOOL IN THE PHILIPPINES**

On the mountains of Brooke's Point in the province of Palawan, Philippines, sits a brand-new jungle school that just opened its doors to 100+ children.

Gielyn, a native to the Brooke's Point mountains, returned to her village after years of being gone to establish a jungle school. As a child, Gielyn suffered from abuse, but was eventually rescued by American missionaries. They took her in as their own and adopted her, granting Gielyn American citizenship. While she lived in the U.S., she attended college and went on to complete a Master's degree. Many career opportunities could have been pursued, however Gielyn could not forget her village. She decided to return to The Philippines and start a school dedicated to helping children like herself.

Generous donations raised through social media made it possible for the school's construction to be 100 percent funded. Gielyn helped build the school and is now a teacher to the students who are attending. The school teaches the children English and Filipino, the national languages of the Philippines. This is due to the fact that most of the villagers only speak local dialects. Through Operation Child Rescue, Child Impact is excited to help fund the food and the medical care for the new jungle school. We praise God for the opportunity to help this new school and pray for the success of its students.

Now, as an adult, Gielyn has decided to follow in the footsteps of her adoptive parents and help a young village girl, Lani. In the Brooke's Point mountains, children with physical disabilities are often rejected, as children with mental disabilities are believed to be bad luck. Gielyn has decided to rescue Lani and has begun the process to legally adopt her. We praise God for the amazing work that Gielyn has done and ask that you keep the jungle school in your prayers.







## **BABY JAMES - RESCUED**

Gielyn, one of the founders of a new jungle school in the Brooke's Point mountains, rescued a baby named James who was abandoned beside the corpse of his mother who died in childbirth.

In the mountain villages of The Philippines, the nearest medical care can be anywhere from several hours to a couple days away; because of this, death by childbirth is not uncommon. Unfortunately, the village natives believe that when a mother dies during childbirth, it is bad luck. James' father feared that misfortune would fall on him, so he decided to abandon his newborn with his recently deceased wife.

News of this vulnerable baby reached Gielyn, and she took quick action to rescue James from this tragic ending. Arriving just in time, Gielyn retrieved James from certain death. After saving baby James, Gielyn took him in as her own and decided she would look after him until she could find a suitable living situation for him.

Not long after, Gielyn's sister met baby James and fell in love with him instantly. Now, Gielyn's sister is in the process of adopting James as her own son.

We thank God for allowing baby James to be saved from what would have been a horrible tragedy and pray for his happiness and well-being. We also pray for the safety of other children who may fall victim to situations similar to baby James. Your support of Operation Child Rescue enables us to respond with financial resources to help families who want to make a difference in their communities for abandoned and vulnerable children.





## OPERATION CHILD RESCUE SUPPORTS FOOD FOR LIFE IN PAPUA NEW GUIN



Operation Food for Life was started as an agency to give food to people living out of the garbage dumps in Papua New Guinea. Through the years, God has opened their reach to rescue children. A couple who devoted their lives to helping the people in Papua New Guinea began rescuing children and opening their home as a safe place for the children to live. As their mission grew, they were able to build a girl's dormitory attached to their house. Now this dormitory holds up to 30 girls at a time and the boys split the four bedrooms in the house.



This home has become a major project of Operation Food for Life and is called the Born Free Sanctuary. Here, they provide wholistic care for the children including their food, clothing, school and spiritual needs. The boys are taught practical skills such as working on cars and the girls are taught how to sew. A counselor also volunteers her time to come work with the children at the sanctuary.

Child Impact International is proud to have been supporting Food for Life for many years now. We are excited to expand our support through our project Operation Child Rescue. Praise God for the amazing ways He can use us!

# JULY 30TH IS GLOBAL STOP **HUMAN TRAFFICKING DAY!**

## JOIN US AS A PARTNER LOCATION IN YOUR CITY!

Operation Child Rescue will be hosting events in the Chattanooga, Tennessee area (near our headquarters) on July 30-31 to raise awareness regarding human trafficking. These events will provide an opportunity to share about the various OCR projects and raise needed funds. We already have requests for additional locations to host simultaneous events. Would you like to join us? We will walk you through the steps of how to host an event in your community.

> If the tragedy of human trafficking pulls at your heart strings, contact us to learn how you can get involved in this awareness event.

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# **SUNRISE OFFERS FAMILIES HOPE**

Deena is an eight-year-old girl from Barosingi, a small village about 50 kilometers from Sunrise Home. Her father had been suffering from kidney failure for a while and it is believed he contracted COVID-19, which led to his death this summer. Deena's mother works hard to support Deena and her three siblings, but struggles to bring up these young children all on her own. In the remote village where she comes from there is no electricity or safe drinking water. People rely on stream water running down the mountains during the rainy season. Food is scarce as jobs are not easy to come by. Through a local church pastor, Deena was brought to Sunrise Home. Her mother is thankful that at least one of her children is cared for to ease her vulnerable situation. For these at-risk boys and girls at Sunrise Home, getting three meals a day, clean drinking water, and a soft bed to sleep at night is a God-sent blessing for which they are very thankful.

Peri comes from a mountainous tribal community about 65 kilometers from Sunrise Home. There is no electricity, running water, medical facilities, or proper road connecting to other villages and towns. Peri has three sisters. One can imagine the struggles of parents in a remote tribal village such as this with four girls to feed. Peri's parents are agricultural laborers. People in this village depend on forest products such and fruits, honey, and firewood to barter for rice. Child labor, child marriage, and child trafficking is prevalent here.

In addition to sponsorship of students, Sunrise Home is supported through the Blind, Deaf, and Orphan's Fund as well as Operation Child Rescue.

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