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INTERNATIONAL



## Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023 & Goals for 2024



Tom meeting a mother and daughter helped through the tailoring program at Vizag slum

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Greetings Friends and Supporters of Child Impact International,

We would like to take a few moments to celebrate the blessings God provided during 2023: every year, our team votes on the “top 5” accomplishments. You will find these achievements highlighted in this magazine. Your generosity and continued support of Child Impact have made reaching these goals possible. We also look forward to 2024 and new projects we hope to see accomplished. We aim to transform thousands of lives, one child at a time.

As I reflect on many powerful experiences this past year, I would like to share one that stands out as especially memorable. I grew up hearing about castes in India, particularly the lowest caste known as the “untouchables.” This group is known today in India as the “Dalits,” literally meaning “broken or scattered.” When visiting India, this classification of people didn’t cross my mind. Little did I know that we had walked into a community representing this outcast group of individuals.

For several years, Child Impact has been operating a project in the Visag slums. This is a community where prostitution is rampant and takes place in broad daylight. Many women see sex work as the only path for their family to survive. Amid this darkness, Child Impact has a preschool, offering a beacon of light. In addition, tailoring courses are offered to women in the community, providing them with skills to pursue an honorable profession. I was able to meet the women enrolled in the most recent class. They have reported to our on-site coordinator that since Child Impact began working in the Visag slums, prostitution has decreased by 50%. Praise the Lord!

A highlight of my visit to the slums was a baby girl. I asked her mother if I could hold her, and she said yes, happily. My heart melted when this precious baby held on to me and wouldn’t let anyone else hold her. Later, we learned that those living in the Visag slum are part of the class known as the untouchables, including this adorable baby.

How is it possible that any human being can be considered untouchable? This reminds me of the story in the Gospels, Matthew 19:13-14, “Then some children were brought to Jesus so that He would lay His hands on them and pray, and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, “Leave the children alone, and do not forbid them to come to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

The kingdom of heaven belongs to these precious children, including this little baby girl. Our project in Visag slums provides mothers and children hope for a brighter future. Thank you for your support of Child Impact and Operation Child Rescue. Thanks to your help, prostitution is on the rapid decline in this slum.

May God bless you as we enter this year and endeavor to make a difference in bringing light to the darkness!

Dr. Tom L. Evans, CEO



Baby girl from Vizag



# #1 Growth And Impact Of Operation

*Our Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023*

OCR Project in Colombia

Operation Child Rescue started as one project in India in 2018. Since its inception, Operation Child Rescue has experienced remarkable growth. In 2023, your support was crucial in opening rescue projects in four new countries: Colombia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Brazil.

In 2024, we have already seen God leading and opening doors for new projects. We are ambitiously striving to rescue and care for more children.

While our goal is to extend aid as far as possible, the challenge lies in having the necessary resources to fund these projects.

Acknowledging that resources will never be enough, we are immensely grateful that we can save one child at a time through the generosity of donors who wish to help rescue these vulnerable children.

Tatiana, age 14, is one of the hundreds of children we assisted last year. She and her young baby were among the first girls to be rescued. She shared with our team that prior to her rescue, she didn't know what it was like to be loved. Now, she does – not only due to the care she has received but also because she discovered a God who cares for her and can help in her healing process. Grateful to be in a loving environment, Tatiana is determined to provide her son a different life. Thank you for making a difference in her life!



**Witness OCR's impact! Watch the video from our project in Colombia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel to be the first to watch our videos.**

# #2 Increased Church Engagement

## Our Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023

Our work relies on the support of donors and advocacy. Last year, we experienced the impact of advocacy when our supporters invited us to their churches to share the transformative stories of how Child Impact is changing the lives of children.

During these local church visits, we can share more about our work than through our publications or even videos. Our projects serve hundreds of children, each with a unique story of transformation. When individuals hear these stories, they're excited and want to support these initiatives through child sponsorship or by supporting Operation Child Rescue.

We invite you to join us in spreading the word because understanding how one can make a difference in the lives of children facing such needs is crucial. In 2024, we are seeking to share with 50 churches. To have Child Impact present at your church, please call our office at (423) 910-0667 and ask for Julie Ann Pflug, Events and Development Coordinator, or email her at [jpflug@childimpact.org](mailto:jpflug@childimpact.org). **Thank you for your gift of advocacy because together, we can help more children!**



## NEW TEAM MEMBER



Brian Ham, his wife Laura, and their three children, Hannah, Travis, and Levi, are moving to the Chattanooga area to join the Child Impact team. Brian will serve as the Director of Development and Church Engagement. Recently, he traveled to Tanzania, where he met a young lady named Angel. She was begging for food on the streets and sleeping at a train station. His family now sponsors her through Child Impact to attend Twing Memorial Adventist School. Our team is grateful to have another member who believes in our mission and can help share it with churches.

# #3 Monthly Giving to OCR

Our Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023



Fighting child marriage in the Philippines.

July 30 marks the United Nations World Day Against Human Trafficking. In 2023, during the weekend surrounding July 30, we hosted events in Collegedale, TN, to raise awareness about human trafficking and our projects combatting it. Additionally, we introduced The Rescue Party, our monthly giving program for Operation Child Rescue. Historically, our rescue projects heavily relied on one-time donations. The Rescue Party provides an excellent option for those who wish to support child rescue and help us combat human trafficking on a sustained monthly basis. This program is crucial because the consistent monthly support empowers us to undertake more projects. With monthly donations through The Rescue Party, we gain confidence that initiated projects can be consistently supported.

By the end of 2023, Operation Child Rescue supported 18 projects across 12 countries. Every child in each project is able to live in a safe environment and receive nurturing health care as well as an introduction to their Heavenly Father! **Join The Rescue Party today if you, too, would like to be an integral part of rescuing children this year.**

IN 2023

18 RESCUE PROJECTS

SERVED

1600+

CHILDREN

## GOAL FOR 2024

Continue to fight exploitation until every child is free. We want to grow "The Rescue Party" to increase the impact of OCR. To learn more, continue reading on page 8.



Protecting Ukrainian refugees at the Romanian border.

# #4 Exceeding 100 Sponsorships

*Our Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023*



Bangladeshi elementary student.

In 2023, we were thrilled to see an average of over 100 sponsorships per month. Every sponsored child could now focus on their studies without worrying about the cost of staying in school. They could be assured that their tuition was covered, school supplies were provided, and they would receive a nutritious school lunch. Each month, 100 children were given the means to pursue their dreams. Thank you to each sponsor who made this a reality!

Every sponsorship is significant. Families, couples, children, Sabbath school classes, VBS programs, classrooms, businesses, and dental offices have all sponsored students.

Since there's no limit to the number of children we can help through sponsorship; we look ahead to 2024 with the goal of expanding our sponsorship program to include 5000 sponsored children. Join us in reaching this milestone through another sponsorship or by advocating within your circles of friends and family!

# 3700+

## CHILDREN SPONSORED

*IN 2023*

### ADVOCATING FOR SPONSORSHIP



Share this video with 3 friends so they can see how sponsorship is making a difference in a child's life.



Riverside Farms highschool students, Zambia.

# #5 Falco's Building Projects

*Our Top 5 Accomplishments of 2023*



Kids will now be able to play indoors in the new building.

During our mission trip to Falco's Children's Village in October, we witnessed the completion of two new building projects to address their expansion needs. If you had visited the campus earlier, you would have noticed all the children eating together in a crowded cafeteria. Due to the increase in children served, the health department deemed the dining hall too small, prompting the need for expansion. The dining hall was significantly larger, now accommodating all the children.

While the kids enjoy outdoor activities during the dry season, they lacked a place to play in the rainy season. With nearly 100 children living on campus, there was a demand for an outlet for their energy through playing games and soccer. The construction of the new multi-purpose building would help meet this need. The staff are excited about this vital addition to their campus. Plans are also underway to use the new building as a preschool and vocational training center to extend outreach.

Thank you for partnering with us to enhance the lives of children around the world!



Kids can now all eat comfortably in the new dining hall.



Completed multi-purpose building.

# SPONSOR A CHILD

A young boy with dark skin and short hair is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. He is wearing a green and blue V-neck sweater with yellow stripes. He has his hands raised to his cheeks, pointing his index fingers outwards. The background is blurred, showing other children in a classroom setting.

In Matthew 25:35-36, Jesus emphasized the importance of kindness to the vulnerable. Following this counsel, Child Impact sponsors students globally, providing meals, clothing, and healthcare. Some students come from traumatic backgrounds, but your sponsorship can bring healing and provide a positive change in their lives.

We serve resilient children with big dreams, helping them overcome illiteracy, conflict, and hunger. You have the power to make a difference by sponsoring a child. Currently, there are **290 unsponsored students waiting** to receive life-transforming education.

Visit [childimpact.org/sponsor](https://childimpact.org/sponsor) to make a lasting impact.



# RESCUE A CHILD



Operation Child Rescue has expanded its support to over 18 projects in 12 countries, and as the needs remain immense, our rescue efforts continue to grow. We're grateful to play a crucial role in this work, funded entirely by generous donations.

By becoming a monthly donor, you empower us to take on more projects with the assurance that funds are consistently available. Help us expand our rescue efforts and increase our impact by joining The Rescue Party—an exclusive group of dedicated monthly donors.

As a member, you'll receive monthly updates every 15th. Get an inside look at the projects Operation Child Rescue funds, meet our field partners, watch videos of the children we serve, and get sneak peeks of projects in progress.

**To make a difference for child rescue**, through monthly donations to Operation Child Rescue, visit [childimpact.org/rescue](http://childimpact.org/rescue) today.



Elizabeth meeting students at the Blind school, India

## My First Visit to The Blind & Deaf Schools

*By: Elizabeth Trachero, Donor Relations Coordinator*

India mesmerized me with its colors, aromas, and sounds. Its generous, beautiful, industrious, genuine, and hospitable people touched my heart. I had never been welcomed, fed, and entertained so wholeheartedly before. Our Indian friends spontaneously massaged my tired feet, carried my bag, showed me around campus, held my hand at the stairs, and even sang for me. A girl eagerly stuffed candies into my mouth, while another wanted to share her only piece of cake from her plate. This one week in India was a magical experience!

At the SDA School for Speech and Hearing Impaired in Kollegal, most children come from a Hindu background. Their families are grateful that their children can receive an education in sign language. The staff is well-prepared to teach and are dedicated, genuine Christians who teach humility, gratefulness, and dedication by their example. Teaching moral character development is of great importance. I was impressed by how selfless the children were – allowing each other to get on the small bus, knowing well they could be left behind and not go on the excursion. The children learned about Christ, sang, and prayed in sign language. They even requested that we pray that their state exam would not fall on the Sabbath. When they went home during breaks, and their parents asked them to worship idols, they firmly replied that they only worshiped Jesus!

At the school for the blind in Bobbili, children welcomed us by throwing yellow flowers over our heads. The children were well taken care of, and the staff was very attentive, teaching them to read Braille. They had wonderful educational resources. The children were thrilled to learn how to use a computer and got very good at it. They enthusiastically sang and danced to Christian songs. It was obvious their hearts overflowed with the love of God!

The Sunrise Home, which is home to about 110 orphaned children, sits on a beautiful campus surrounded by rice paddies, palm trees, and lush hills. The children were well-behaved and carefree. They felt deeply cared for by the directors. You could see the love and gratefulness in their eyes. Girls, dressed in white dresses and silk scarves like angels, proudly showed me around campus and sang Christian songs in unique Indian tunes. So polite, so genuine, and so caring!

I was moved by the peace, harmony, and kindness of the students and staff in each school. The love of God overflowed through their smiles and genuine acts of affection, filling my heart with warmth and wonder! My work at Child Impact has blessings and implications far beyond what I had ever imagined!

Witness the joy at the Blind & Deaf Schools



# Overcoming Obstacles for Education

By: Angela Escobar, Egypt Sponsorship Coordinator

Nyaruth, a 13-year-old girl, was born in South Sudan and currently lives in Egypt as a refugee. Her family moved to Egypt during the peak of the war in South Sudan in 2013.

Since then, her family has been striving to make ends meet in their new home. Unfortunately, Nyaruth's father left, remarried, and advised Nyaruth and her siblings to stay home if their mom couldn't afford to send them to school. Her father had nothing to spare for them.

Education is essential to Nyaruth's mother, she envisions a brighter future for her children. However, financial challenges have emerged. Working as a house cleaner, she can only afford rent and food. So, she decided to send only her two older daughters to the learning center. Nyaruth wasn't particularly happy about it because she loves attending classes, but circumstances limited her. Nevertheless, she kept going to school. Every day she would hop on the train to go to school, luckily, the conductor didn't check for a ticket since she was just a child.

Observing the children's dedication to their studies, Nyaruth's mother remained hopeful, always seeking the positive side of every challenge. Until the good news came – Nyaruth received a scholarship from Child Impact International!

However, the struggle persisted as the tuition fees for Nyaruth's sisters remained unresolved. Nyaruth felt sad for her siblings, especially when the principal informed her mother that the payments were late and one of them was not registered. As a result, they would no longer be allowed to attend the institution.

Despite Nyaruth's mom being disheartened, she held onto the belief that there was nothing too complicated for her Lord to overcome. On the day the girls could be expelled, Lyndille, a volunteer nurse, arrived to visit the school. Lyndille had a challenging journey to the school, but she was determined to visit the Sudanese school in Egypt. She felt that the Lord had prompted her to visit the school, but she was still unsure about what the Lord wanted her to do upon arrival. When she arrived, she spoke to the director, Bartholomew Tutdel. He brought up the situation of Nyaruth's family and the pending bills.

At that moment, Lyndille realized she was there to help Nyaruth's family. She had donations on hold in her account, and she knew that these donations were intended for Nyaruth's siblings. Everything was then cleared and settled.



Nyaruth and her mother.

Nyaruth's mom was moved to tears and immensely grateful. The thought touched her that, even when she felt abandoned, the Lord was mindful of her burdens. How special it was to witness that!

Nyaruth's family may face more challenges ahead, but they are determined that their dreams won't be stifled by poverty. With the belief there's a God who provides, and uses individuals to come to the aid of others.

If you would like to intervene on behalf of a child, like Nyaruth, become a sponsor today.





There are an estimated 4 million people working in brick kilns as bonded laborers, many of whom are Christians.

# A Call for Liberation and Healing

By: Gabriela Garcia, Marketing Manager

For two decades, Mr. Munawar has been living with the heavy burden of bonded labor in Pakistan. His life has been an enduring struggle, characterized by the sacrifice of his well-being for the welfare of his loved ones. The little money he earned was not only for his family's sustenance but also for the treatment of his parents, who faced severe health challenges—his mother had tuberculosis, and his father had chronic respiratory issues. Despite working long hours, it was not enough to meet his family's needs. He decided to take on a loan to care for their health in the amount of \$540. In exchange, he would work to pay back the loan at the brick factory. He'd been working for 20 years to pay the loan, but because of exorbitant interest rates and being forced to pay for his family's room and board at the factory, he was unable to pay off the loan. In the meantime, his parents had passed away but Mr. Munawar was still liable. In Pakistan, it is not unusual for families to become indentured servants in this situation.

Today, the burden of illness has shifted to his children, two of whom grapple with serious health conditions, further deepening the family's debt and despair. Mr. Munawar and his wife are parents to seven precious children, each bound to the same fate of servitude.

This family's story is one of adversity, yet it serves as a compelling call to action. Mr. Munawar's situation was brought to the attention of Child Impact and we stepped in to pay off his loan. We are assisting his family by obtaining housing and tutoring for his children, who have been out of school for some time.



Mr. Munawar's Family

# GOALS FOR 2024



Join us in making these goals a reality and creating a positive impact that will last a lifetime!

**SHARE THE IMPACT:** Connect with **50 churches** and spread the word about the incredible transformations happening in the lives of children.

**EMPOWER CHILDREN:** Provide **5,000 children** with the gift of **sponsorship**, opening the doors to a bright future.

**GROW THE RESCUE PARTY:** Increase participation of **The Rescue Party**, our monthly giving program for Operation Child Rescue, to further support our rescue efforts.

**NOURISH YOUNG LIVES:** Provide **2.75 million meals** to **children**, ensuring children not only survive but thrive.

**RAISE AWARENESS LOCALLY:** Engage **10,000 individuals** in **local churches** by sharing our video on the World Day Against Human Trafficking, observed on July 30. Together, let's be the force that stands against this global issue.

To get involved today, visit our website or call our office.

## Sponsorship Payment Changes

Child Impact is on track to have over 5000 students enrolled in Adventist schools around the world this year! Did you know our office processes 30,000+ documents for our sponsorship program? We have seen tremendous growth over the last year and have taken the opportunity to simplify and streamline our processes. One of those changes that some of our sponsors will experience is that our payment processing system is no longer set up for payments that are not in increments of your exact monthly sponsorship rate - \$32/month for a day student and \$45/month for a boarding student. You can pay multiple months at one time, but the funds must equal the exact increment of your rate.

If you make a donation that is more than the sponsorship rate but not equal to an additional month of sponsorship, any money exceeding your monthly rate will go to support other students who are not sponsored. For example, if you donate \$50 towards your sponsorship, the additional \$5 will support our other students.

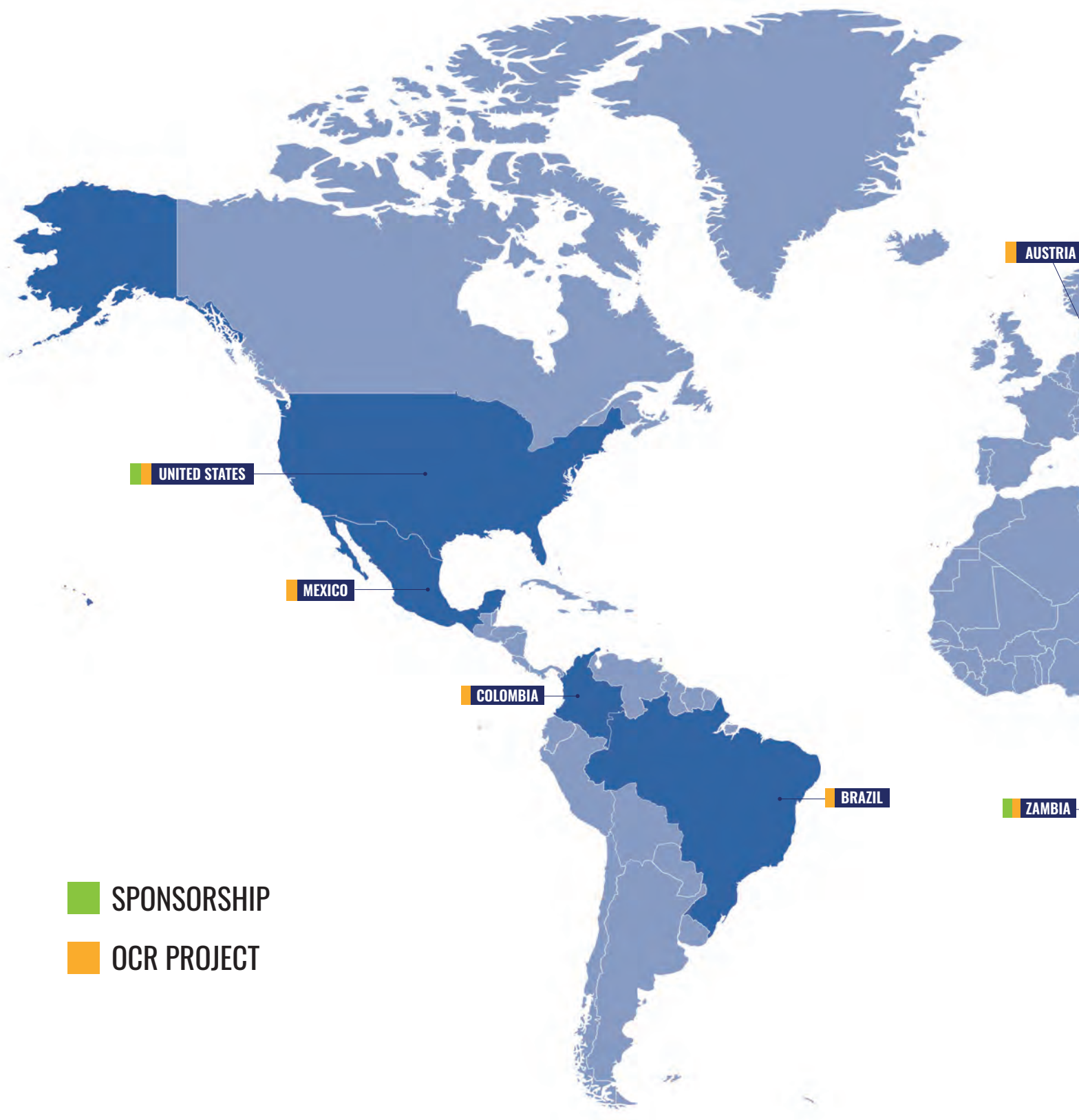
If you have any questions, please contact our sponsorship team at 423-910-0667 or email [help@childimpact.org](mailto:help@childimpact.org). Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to supporting vulnerable children around the world.

### Multiple Payment Calculator

MONTHS	DAY STUDENT	BOARDING STUDENT
1	32	45
2	64	90
3	96	135
4	128	180
5	160	225
6	192	270
7	224	315
8	256	360
9	288	405
10	320	450
11	352	495
12	384	540

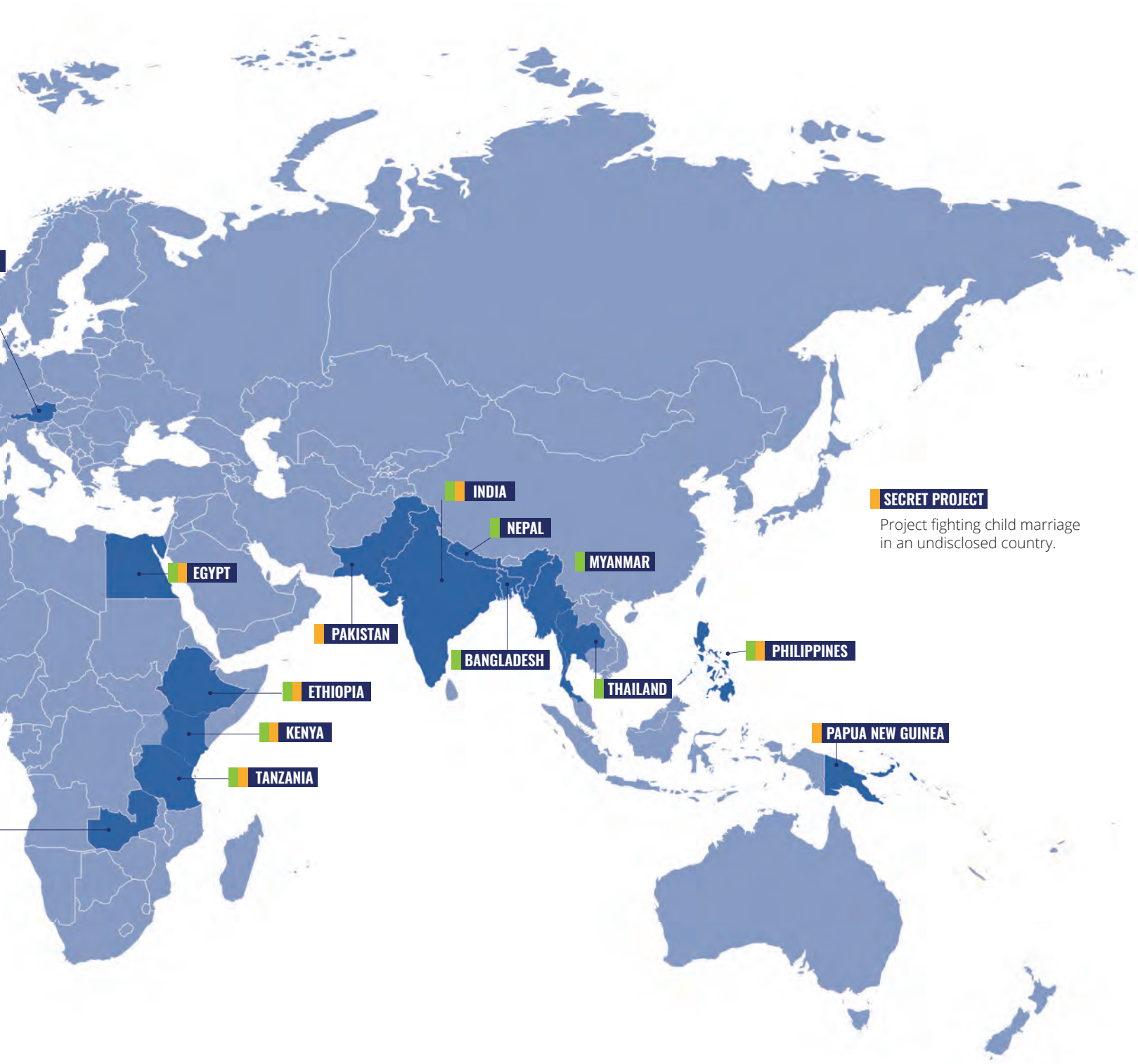
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