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# Annual Report



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LETTER FROM

# Timothy Dunham

Each new year, I get to be one of the first people to read our annual report, and each year, I am just blown away at the remarkable impact The Family Connection Foundation is having throughout Thailand! Our success is the result of the hard work and dedication of our Thai staff and foreign volunteers who labor with love, diligence, and concern for needy and hurting people all across Thailand. But, more than that, it is the mark of God's hand touching the vulnerable and the marginalized. We serve a God who cares for the poor, the orphans, the widows, and the vulnerable. He has promised to care for them, to give them justice, and to show His love to them. FCF staff and volunteers are the faithful channel through which God's love and goodness flow to those needing help.

I trust that as you read through this report and see all that has been accomplished over the past year, you will stop momentarily and praise God for what He is doing. We also pray that it will encourage and inspire you as a person who is interested in the work we are doing and who also has a heart for those who need God's life-transforming work!



**Timothy Dunham**

Founder & Executive Director

# THE FAMILY CONNECTION FOUNDATION

## Overview



The Family Connection Foundation (FCF) is an organization made up of numerous ministries that are united in our love for God, our love for Thai people, and our core values. We seek to open doors to communities and families by sharing the love of God in practical and tangible ways (ministry in deed), so that we can share the Gospel and make disciples in places where there are very few or no Christians (ministry in Word).

All of the FCF ministries, defined as **Projects**, have their own unique calling and focus, but they are organized following clear guidelines and standards to ensure that we maintain a high standard of accountability and legal status. This is specifically designed to empower our Projects to serve in the unique ways that God has led them. Even though each project has its own focus, leadership, and staff, we all work together in strategic partnership as one **family**.



## Our History



In 2002, Tim Dunham, along with his wife Denise, arrived in Thailand with no clear idea why God led them here. Things started to become more clear a year later when God called Tim to become the founding Pastor of Chiangmai Christian Fellowship. Part of the founding vision of the church was to bring the Gospel to the Thai people. In 2006, FCF was established to help fulfill that vision. One of our core beliefs is that God wants us to love people the same way He loves us. That means we are to show His love and kindness to all people regardless of their background or situation; the poor, orphans, outcasts, victims of abuse, and others in need.

What started as an international church's local ministry to the poor has become a largely Thai-led foundation with 80 Thai staff and 17 different projects around Thailand, all with a shared vision to serve and love people like Jesus Christ.





# Where We Work



**CHIANG MAI - FCF MAIN OFFICE**



**KALASIN - FIELD OFFICE**



**UBON RATCHATHANI - FIELD OFFICE**

## OUR MISSION

We exist to bring glory to God by Loving God, Loving People, and Building His Kingdom.

## OUR VISION

To see the vulnerable, the hopeless, and the broken changed by the power of the Gospel into people with hope, healing, and spiritual vitality as we engage people and communities in word and deed.

WHAT WORK ARE WE LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO DO?

# Our Legal Objectives



1. Support and encourage strong, healthy families that are caring, loving, and nurturing.
2. Cooperate with government agencies and private organizations to prevent and alleviate many social problems in Thai society.
3. Create institutions and training opportunities to advance ethics, religion, and morality to develop good leaders.
4. Assist children, youth, and teenagers by supporting education, sports, art, music, literature, and other educational opportunities.
5. Help, support, and take care of the disabled, the elderly, drug addicts, and inmates to be rehabilitated.
6. Establish counseling centers to offer counsel and advice in dealing with social problems—for example, family problems, relationship issues, drug and alcohol addictions, etc.
7. Support and organize IT training for individuals and interested organizations.
8. Help partner organizations of the foundation organize systems and provide management training.
9. Recruit foreign volunteers to participate in and support projects according to the foundation objectives and coordinate cooperation in their related operations.
10. Benefit Thai society through active partnership and cooperation with other foundations and entities.
11. Work exclusively on social issues with absolutely no involvement in politics or through political action.







## YEAR IN REVIEW

# Impact Report

We are delighted to announce the results of your ongoing prayers and steadfast support. In 2023, FCF's projects and partners provided the following updates:

### Spiritual

**10,863**

People

Heard the Gospel

182  
People  
baptized

270  
People  
counseled

### Families & Children

**6,159**

Families

Impacted through the  
work of FCF projects

8  
Children  
adopted

11,401

Children  
impacted

### Direct Aid & Training

**5,497**

People trained

in Bible, abuse prevention,  
and community development

370  
Children  
sponsored to  
stay in school

2,002  
pieces of  
mobility aid  
distributed

### Partnerships

**88**

Thai churches

Have partnered together  
with FCF projects

80  
Government  
entities, including  
30 hospitals

62  
Local  
schools

### Human Trafficking & Sexual Abuse

10 human trafficking convictions resulting in:

**11,137,700**

Thai Baht

in court mandated victim  
compensation

**896**

Aggregate Years

of prison time

201

Victims of human  
trafficking rescued

14

Sexual abuse  
convictions

144

Victims received  
aftercare





Please keep all drinks and food downstairs. Thanks!

WELCOME !

Our Projects



## CHILDREN'S HOME

# Ban Sanrak

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Ban Sanrak specializes in providing short and long-term foster care for vulnerable children, many of whom have suffered childhood trauma and loss. We care for both true orphans and children who have experienced abandonment, abuse and neglect. Ban Sanrak works in partnership with other FCF projects and outside institutions who expose and prosecute human traffickers and rescue the victims of horrific abuse. Most of these children cannot return to their families because their families are not a safe place for them. These children need special care, counseling, and long-term mentoring to rebuild their shattered lives.



**FOUNDED: 2006**

Ban Sanrak children are placed either with foster families or in therapeutic group homes where they receive loving care from our staff who have extensive experience working with childhood trauma. In addition, Ban Sanrak connects these children to local professional resources that can provide the support and customized care these children need to heal and recover. Our passion is to raise up thriving young men and women whose lives bring glory to Christ and positively influence their families and communities. We believe that the children we serve can become agents of transformation in Thai society and expect that they will serve as beacons of hope for others.

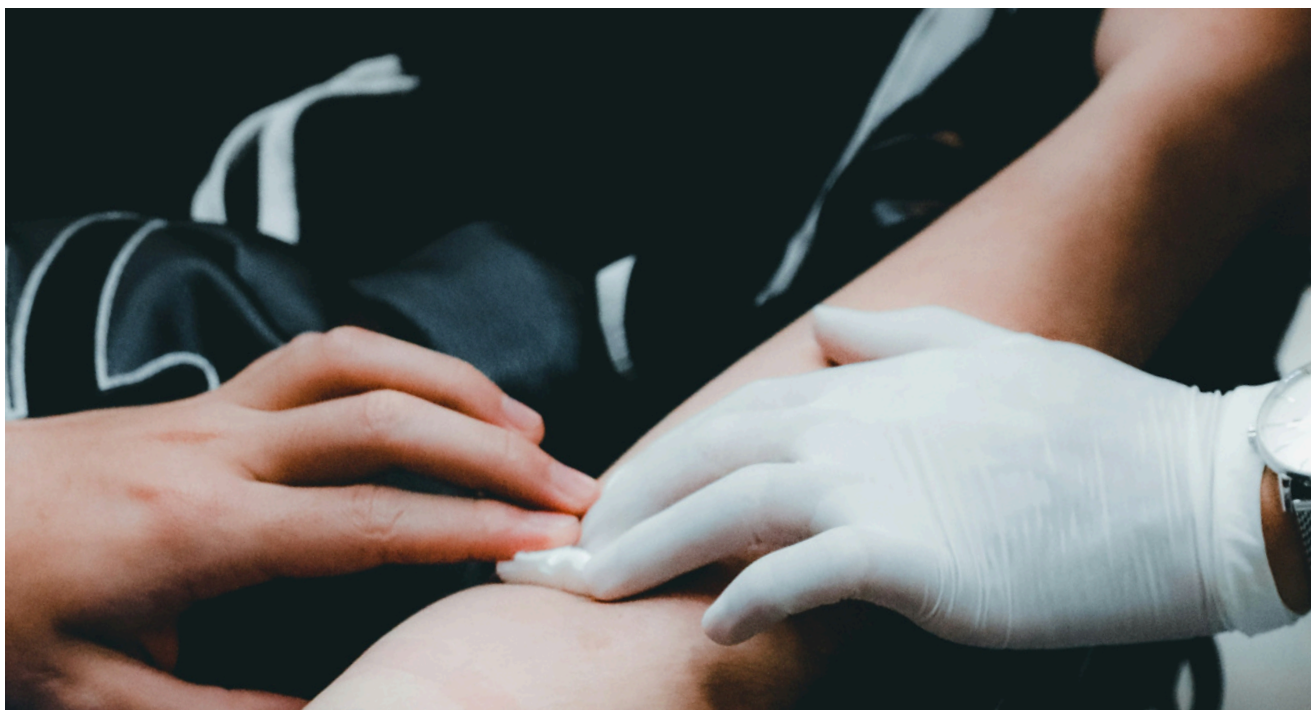
### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide holistic care for vulnerable and traumatized children in a family-like environment so they can develop into thriving men and women who positively influence their families, communities, and nation for the glory of God.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to provide safe and nurturing homes for children, where they reach their full potential in all aspects of their lives, learn to serve and impact their communities, and grow in their understanding and relationship with Jesus.





## *Infusion of Hope: A Journey of Faith and Resilience*

Tina (not her real name) came to live at Ban Sanrak when she was just 5 years old. It was soon discovered that Tina had a serious blood disorder that required regular medical attention, including frequent blood transfusions. The disorder also affected her growth so that she did not grow from age 8 until she was 12. All this combined to leave Tina feeling isolated, different from her friends, and grappling with self-doubt. To make matters worse, if things did not change, there was a good chance she would not live into adulthood.

But, her journey took a positive turn when, by God's grace, a volunteer Doctor became aware of Tina's situation. He provided invaluable help and direction in finding the best treatment plan for her. This intervention probably saved Tina's life and certainly paved the way for her to manage her condition and regain her health. Over the next few years, Tina responded well to the treatment plan, which included growth hormone therapy. In fact, Tina grew to be one of the tallest kids at Ban Sanrak! Her health improved greatly, and so did her sense of self-worth and self-confidence. Now, Tina is a beautiful and healthy college student with a growing walk with Christ and a bright and healthy future. From feeling burdened by her illness and questioning God's plan, Tina now embraces a profound sense of gratitude and trust in God and His plan for her life!

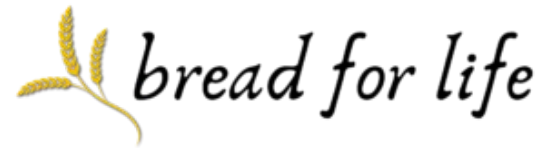


## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

# Bread For Life

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Our heart at Bread for Life is to see people's lives changed by building partnerships and supporting local communities. Started during the COVID-19 pandemic, the project works with local partners who are helping Thai/local families by providing food and household essentials.



**FOUNDED: 2020**

### MISSION STATEMENT

To share the love of Jesus by providing food and household essentials to those in need and inspiring our partners to continue the work Christ has called them to.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see local Christians reaching their community for Christ and developing mature faith communities.

## Nourishing Faith

Reflecting on the accomplishments of the Bread for Life team reveals an incredible story of transformation originating from a small village north of Pai. Initially met with skepticism and caution towards outsiders, especially Christians, the team's first visit in 2021 coincided with the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

By July 2023, during the team's third visit to the village, significant progress had been made. Besides supplying essential food items, the team actively supported a local pastor in community initiatives. Going beyond mere provisions, they facilitated the purchase of ingredients for a communal meal at the local church, attended by over 100 villagers, including six people who trusted Christ.

The pastor expressed deep gratitude, highlighting the team's lasting impact and relationship-building with the community. Importantly, there is a growing openness among villagers, including the village shaman, to learn more about Christian teachings.

This story showcases the Bread for Life team's commitment to fostering positive change and spiritual growth in communities, embodying their mission to offer hope and sustenance to those in need.



## INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

# Chiang Mai Christian Fellowship

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Chiangmai Christian Fellowship (CCF) is a community of followers of Jesus who meet together regularly to worship God and encourage one another to live and love like Jesus. CCF is made up of many nationalities who live in Chiang Mai and serve and bless the Thai community in various ways, both individually and together. CCF provides quality services such as counseling, mentoring, and training to those who would benefit from these services. CCF's passion is to share Jesus' love and truth with people so that Jesus is glorified and families and communities experience positive transformation. Over 30 mission organizations are represented by members attending CCF.



**FOUNDED: 2002**

## MISSION STATEMENT

Glorify God and enjoy Him forever as we live out loving God, loving people, and building His Kingdom.

## VISION STATEMENT

Develop mature followers of Christ who live in communion with God, community with the body of Christ, and on co-mission together for the Kingdom.





## ORPHAN CARE & ADOPTION

# Connie's Home

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Connie's Home was established to care for sick infants that are awaiting adoption. Often these children are set aside after being added to the adoption lists because their unaided health conditions progress and eventually results in their being removed from the list. It is the mission of Connie's Home staff to recognize the value and potential of each child, nursing them back to health until the children can be successfully adopted, usually before reaching school age. Each child receives the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual care that will help them through the adoption transition ahead.

Connie's Home makes every effort to develop our staff and provide opportunities for their professional growth. We partner with external organizations to train some of our staff to become au pairs to work in western homes. All of our staff are professionally trained to follow strict safety guidelines and understand benchmarks in childcare and development. We also provide live-in, on the job training for young women who are finishing their sentence at the Chiang Mai (Women's) Juvenile Detention Center. As these young women learn to care for children, they receive life and job skills training that will help establish their lives on a more stable foundation.

In everything, our focus is expressing Christ's love through life-changing relationships in a family environment that fosters development and growth in each individual.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide foster children with a safe and nurturing family home until adoption and offer jobs and educational opportunities to juvenile detention residents.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that foster children will be physically and mentally prepared to join their forever families and for juvenile girls to become self-sufficient, educated, and responsible members of their families and society.



**FOUNDED: 2009**





## *A Homecoming of Hearts: Celebrating Adoption Reunions*

At Connie's Home, children receive nurturing care during their stay, which can range from a few months to several years depending on governmental and adoption agency requirements. Each child's journey begins with hope and excitement, captured in their initial days at Connie's Home.

The year 2023 stood out due to the unexpected return of three adoptive families from England, Austria, and New Zealand, creating a unique and joyous atmosphere where past and present intertwined within Connie's Home. Witnessing the three children thriving in the embrace of their loving families was a profound moment.

These reunions were more than just gatherings; they were powerful testimonies to the grace and impact of God's work. As families shared their stories, it became clear how Connie's Home laid a strong foundation for lasting bonds and transformative relationships.

These instances underscore the significance of Connie's Home's mission, showcasing the enduring influence of international adoption and the immense happiness it brings to families worldwide. We are truly grateful to witness these heartwarming reunions and celebrate the incredible journeys of the children entrusted to us as they discover their forever homes.



# IT SKILLS TRAINING

# digiServe

## PROJECT SUMMARY

digiServe believes that growing missional organizations need support utilizing IT strategically and effectively. Through creating digital products and equipping IT leaders, digiServe enables missional organizations in Thailand to leverage IT to increase their capacity to accomplish their mission. By providing software and digital services to social agencies, we will help build capacity to provide a higher quality of care.



**FOUNDED: 2018**

Our desire is to focus on orphanages and children at risk, developing and then deploying the Child At Risk System for FCF and several other groups in Chiang Mai. We work closely with other types of Foundations in order to provide custom software and IT services that will best benefit them. In addition, our Academy Plus program enables adults to learn new IT skills through on-the-job training and experience in order to be successful in both work and life.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Accelerate the spread of the Gospel by enabling missional organizations to leverage IT through digital products and equipping IT leaders.

## VISION STATEMENT

Missional organizations in Thailand multiplying their effectiveness through the strategic use of technology.



## CHILD SPONSORSHIP

# Education Matters



## PROJECT SUMMARY

In Thailand, it is sometimes easier for poor families to send their children away to work rather than send them to school. Work provides income, while school is an expense many families can't afford. Government school is mostly free, but there are still expenses families have to cover such as books, tuition, lunch, and transportation. The Thai government's Equitable Education Fund found that extremely-poor families spend almost a quarter of their net income on education costs. That's a big chunk of the family budget! Education Matters gives many families the incentive and means to keep their children in school by covering these costs.

Additionally, Education Matters gives children and their families hope of a much better future; one where they can learn a trade or skill, go to college, or get a job that can sustain them and their families. This hope encourages them to pursue their dreams. When children and families have hope, they are much less likely to end up being victims of human trafficking or other forms of abuse. They sense that their life has meaning and direction and they will fight much harder to see a bright future and experience success.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Share the love of God by providing grants to cover education-related costs for needy families.

## VISION STATEMENT

Children graduate high school.

Families transformed by the Gospel.

Communities developed through education and mentorship.



In 2023, a total of **304 children** received scholarships, allowing them the opportunity to stay in school.

This represents an increase of 100 children receiving scholarships compared to the previous year.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# Growing Together

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Growing Together serves disadvantaged communities in Northern Thailand by introducing simple, locally-led, and low-cost solutions to address issues these communities face. We focus on six key aspects of community development: Food, Water, Wellness, Income Generation, Education and Character. We begin by fostering strong partnerships with community leaders and residents, seeking to inspire them to become agents of transformation in their communities and beyond. We then provide training that highlights needs and equips communities and their leaders to work together to solve the challenges that are specific to their villages.



**FOUNDED: 2021**

As communities begin to pursue sustainable transformation and development, our team provides mentoring and expert support along the way. Our hope is that the work we do will multiply beyond the communities we serve, helping neighboring villages solve similar challenges they face. Our ultimate goal is to establish a movement of social and spiritual transformation that spreads from village to village in Northern Thailand and beyond.

Our training and development paradigms have been field tested in numerous countries around the world to solve problems that many Northern Thai communities face. Whenever possible, we work in partnership with local churches and community associations to empower them to be agents of change in their hometowns or the communities they serve. A key component of our work is developing leaders who will both model and promote transferable, gospel-focused community transformation.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide compassionate humanitarian relief and development that brings hope and help to hurting and hidden people through the mobilization of resources, knowledge and partnerships, and the building of leaders.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see Thai villages transformed through compassionate humanitarian relief and development.



## ***Ripples of Change: Clean Water Access in Pa Kham Village***

In the village of Pa Kham, located in Mae Hong Son province, the pursuit of clean water has taken a new turn, thanks to the joint efforts of the Growing Together project. Previously, the villagers encountered difficulties in accessing clean water, resorting to expensive purchases from a distant school or resorting to time-consuming boiling methods, which added to local smoke and pollution.

Guided by the Growing Together team, the community embarked on a transformative path. Villagers gathered rocks, sand, and wood to create a water filtration system. Collaboratively, they constructed a solid platform and a protective roof to shelter the system. With the essential tanks and pipes provided by our team, they established a filtration unit that could produce 300 liters of safe drinking water daily. Thorough testing verified the water's purity, ensuring it was free from harmful substances.

Today, Pa Kham showcases community empowerment and sustainable progress. With a dependable water source in the village, families no longer need to buy or boil water. Armed with the knowledge acquired from the Growing Together project, villagers can expand and replicate these systems independently, guaranteeing long-term water security and environmental sustainability.

This endeavor highlights the commitment of Growing Together to empower communities with practical solutions, promoting self-sufficiency and sustainable growth for a brighter future.



## FAMILY CARE

# Home of the Swallow

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The mission of Home of the Swallow in Chiang Mai, Thailand, is to foster holistic transformation in the lives of single mothers and their children. It reduces child abandonment and abortions by inviting expectant women to live in a safe house where they can receive resources, mentoring, and family-style supportive care. Home of the Swallow equips parents with tools to cultivate emotionally healthy, independent families through such services as parenting courses, professional therapy, vocational school, and life skills training. HOS's nursery, led by godly caregivers, nurtures children of clients when they begin working as well as families in the community.

Clients include women who have grown up in orphanages or broken families; experienced physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; been trafficked; or been abandoned by the fathers of their children. These precious children of God experience His unconditional love through house parents and the family atmosphere at Home of the Swallow's residential facility. The Church of Power, a local Thai church co-led by HOS's Project Director, Apple, provides spiritual support. Staff encourage growth in each client's relationship with Jesus through daily devotions and weekly Bible studies. They also provide counsel as mothers learn to parent their young children and secure sustainable, dignified employment. After graduating to living independently, many clients choose to reconcile with their families, live in the community, and come alongside other women experiencing similar challenges.



**FOUNDED: 2007**



### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to reduce child abandonment and abortion within Thailand by serving as a safe house and resource center for women navigating the uncertainties of unplanned pregnancies.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see children raised in healthy families, empowered mothers living sustainably, and communities transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.

# *Love and Resilience: A Story of Family Reconciliation*

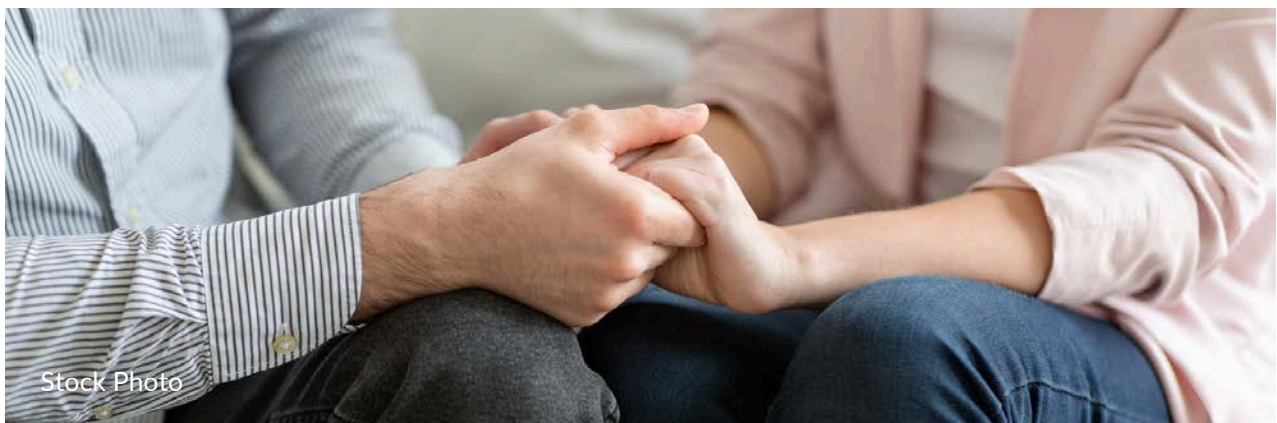
In the bustling nursery of Home of the Swallow, every child carries a unique story. This year, the journey of Priscilla and James (pseudonyms) and their resilient family stands out as a testament to the power of love, support, and faith.

Priscilla, a bright young student, comes from a family that has faced significant challenges. Her young parents, both raised by grandparents without warmth or encouragement, were determined to create a loving home. However, they struggled to do so. Shortly after James was born, he was sent to live with his grandmother in another Thai province due to family difficulties. After his first birthday, he returned home and started attending the nursery at Home of the Swallow, where he met a dedicated teacher named Joy. Joy's compassion for James extended to his entire family, building a bond of trust and support.

A month later, the family faced a crisis when James's father was involved in an extramarital affair, leading to severe marital conflict. The couple considered divorce, and James's mother turned to Joy and the nursery staff for support. Amidst the turmoil, James was sent back to live with his grandmother.

Just before the Christmas outreach, Home of the Swallow received heartwarming news: Priscilla and James's parents had reconciled and recommitted to building a united family. James returned home and is once again a regular, joyous presence at the nursery.

Witnessing the transformation and healing within this family has been an incredible blessing to the staff at Home of the Swallow. It highlights the essence of their mission – to nurture children and extend support to their families. As they reflect on the past year, they celebrate the progress and joy brought to Priscilla and James's family and look forward to continuing their commitment to fostering love and healing in the lives of those they serve.



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## CHILD PROTECTION

# HUG Project

### PROJECT SUMMARY

The HUG Project exists to prevent, protect, and restore child victims of sexual abuse and human trafficking. Through close cooperation with the TICAC (Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children) task force and CACT (Children's Advocacy Centers Thailand), HUG team members are working toward justice for those who harm children sexually, and healing for young survivors.

We *prevent* because it's better to stop abuse than to repair the damage it causes. We teach children to protect themselves from sexual harm and equip organizations to prevent, detect, and report abuse.

We *protect* because children deserve to live in freedom from sexual harm. We partner with Thai and International Law Enforcement to effectively convict offenders and properly care for survivors.

We *restore* because every life has intrinsic worth. We connect survivors and their families with resources to help them find safety, healing and hope.



**FOUNDED: 2012**



### MISSION STATEMENT

Prevent, protect, and restore child victims of sexual abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking.

### VISION STATEMENT

A world in which children live free from sexual harm.





## *Collaborative Child Protection Policy Development in Schools*

In 2023, HUG Project undertook a significant initiative to educate school personnel about the importance of child protection policies. The aim was to highlight the necessity of having clear, actionable child protection policies in schools. HUG Project collaborated with school staff to analyze and draft these policies, ensuring they were comprehensive and practical.

Given the diversity of the school personnel, who come from various countries with different laws and understandings of child protection, it was essential to develop a policy that was inclusive and effective. The school recognized the importance of having a clear and encompassing child protection policy to create awareness and provide guidelines for dealing with issues within the school.

Following HUG Project's educational sessions and the collaborative drafting of the child protection policy, there was a marked increase in awareness and understanding among the school staff. The newly created policy successfully addressed existing gaps, such as excessive disciplinary measures and student bullying. It provided practical guidelines to handle issues as they arise, ensuring more effective protection for the students.

This collaboration between HUG Project and the school, centered on child-focused principles, significantly enhanced the practical application of the policy. The school now has a robust framework in place, leading to a safer and more supportive environment for all students. This development represents a major step forward in HUG Project's mission to "prevent, protect, and restore child victims of sexual abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking."



# COMMUNITY CENTER

# illumin8

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Darkness, sadness and utter hopelessness permeate the streets of Chiang Mai's red light districts. Thousands of women and men are selling themselves or others for fleeting economic gain while spiraling deeper into a life devoid of hope and rooted in a sense of worthlessness. Jesus deeply loves each of these people and wants to give them an eternal hope by transforming their hearts and minds. illumin8 embraces Jesus' call to be His ambassadors to these red light districts and to reflect His loving heart to all who live and work there.

Our team is passionate about building trusting relationships that lead to opportunities to equip and serve those whom Jesus wants to transform. By offering training in personal finance, job skills, parenting and other relevant topics, we hope that our beneficiaries will have stronger families and empowering careers. By caring for their practical needs, we will demonstrate the love of Jesus to them so that they can see how valuable they are in His eyes. By modeling and sharing the gospel, we will help them understand that they are forgiven and called to be His disciples.

The illumin8 Community Center is a safe place where those who work in the red light districts can receive food and necessities while engaging with our team. We host training events and provide special services such as health checks and dental care in partnership with others. Our team is always ready to encourage, mentor and coach anyone who enters our center to help them find hope, peace and joy in Christ. We also invite people to join us in praying for the light of Jesus to fill the red light districts and bring miraculous transformation to the women and men who are trapped in the darkness there.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To equip those working in Chiang Mai's red light districts to make wise decisions regarding their lives and relationships and to serve them in practical ways that help them understand that they are valued, forgiven, and called by Jesus.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see women transition out of the red-light industry to alternative employment that supports their families and reflects their inherent worth through the provision of resources and opportunities that promote physical, mental, and spiritual growth.



**FOUNDED: 2021**



# *From the Bar to the Baptismal*



Two years ago, the illumin8 team met a remarkable woman who worked at a local bar. Shortly after their introduction, she experienced the tragic loss of her husband in a motorcycle accident. Despite her overwhelming grief, she found solace and support from various ministries and individuals in the community, leading to a significant transformation in her life.

## **Her Story in Her Own Words**

“This is my testimony about illumin8 and how it helped me become the person I am today. illumin8 has not only helped me meet my basic needs but also introduced me to new friendships and a sense of family. Initially, I visited for the food pantry, but the people here helped me discover who Christ is. I always feel welcome, and each visit warms my heart. At illumin8, they teach about the Bible, which has profoundly grown my faith, strengthened my walk with Christ, and built my confidence in sharing Christ with others.”

For the past two years, the illumin8 team has had the privilege of supporting and witnessing her incredible journey. When she first came to the center, she started learning about the Bible and the concept of the Two Kingdoms. It was evident that these teachings deeply impacted her. The team observed how her decisions began to reflect the convictions she received from the Lord.

Her time at illumin8 has fostered a renewed mindset and transformed her life in alignment with God's purpose. In December 2023, she made the decision to surrender her life to the Lord and was baptized. Her faith journey has led her to share the Gospel and her personal testimony with friends, often inviting them into her home.

Today, she has left her job at the bar and is working in housekeeping. Her story is a testament to the transforming power of a caring community and a growing faith, embodying the mission and impact of illumin8.



## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

# Lahu Living Word



**FOUNDED: 1999**

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Lahu Living Word is focused on the social and spiritual development of the Lahu-speaking people and other minorities in SE Asia. We train, mentor, and empower individuals and families to make wise choices and become agents of positive transformation in their communities. Our correspondence course, currently available in the Lahu, Burmese and Akha languages, helps people of all walks of life gain a clear understanding of the gospel and receive a solid foundation of basic Bible knowledge. Our traveling team meets regularly with students to answer questions and provide mentoring. Our Biblical Leadership Training program provides group instruction to those who desire further Biblical training. Through teaching, mentoring and long-term follow-up, we endeavor to develop leaders for churches and communities who will live as disciples of Jesus and help others do the same.

Our social development programs include providing literacy training and hosting workshops that strengthen families. We also partner with other FCF projects to distribute food relief and provide sustainable income generation opportunities to those in need. In all that we do, our focus is making Jesus known, and our prayer is that God will send forth His word with power so that many hearts are transformed and every village sings His praise.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Make Jesus known by transforming communities of the Lahu-speaking people and other minorities in Southeast Asia through spiritual training and social development programs.

## VISION STATEMENT

To see every hilltribe community in SE Asia transformed by the Gospel.





*By God's grace, Lahu Living Word was privileged to see 120 people baptized as a result of their ministry in 2023.*



## ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

# LIFT International

### PROJECT SUMMARY

LIFT International envisions a world in which human trafficking is not tolerated. Our multi-disciplinary team of professionals partner with law enforcement agencies and the judiciary system to reinforce their capacity to identify, investigate and prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking. We believe in prevention through informed societies, from grassroots communities to law enforcement agencies, and active deterrence through appropriate investigation and prosecution. Our work carries a Victim-Centered Approach; our skilled team of social workers support victims on their journey of rehabilitation from the moment they are identified by advocating their needs, connecting them with appropriate services and providing support throughout their arduous process to become survivors.

We LIFT survivors. We LIFT standards. We LIFT justice.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Prosecute and prevent human trafficking by strengthening the justice system.

### VISION STATEMENT

Freedom for the exploited.

Justice that protects.

A world in which human trafficking is not tolerated.



**FOUNDED: 2011**



# Lives Empowered Beyond Exploitation: Transforming Trauma into Triumph

Earlier in 2023, LIFT, in collaboration with law enforcement, removed a young girl facing sexual assault by a male offender in her community. The arrest not only saved the life of the victim but also led to other potential victims being identified through the work of our Intelligence and FORTECH teams.

Kate and Kim, sisters, were 2 further victims identified in this case. All the girls had fallen into the same vulnerable situation, pushed into helping clean the suspect's house. Unfortunately, the offender took advantage of these voiceless girls, exploiting them with total disregard to their lives and futures.

Now these young survivors continue on to the prosecution process with the support of LIFT's legal experts in advocating justice. Meanwhile our social workers are working with these girls and their guardian, their grandmother, to ensure that they have a smooth recovery from trauma and that poverty will not put them into a vulnerable situation again.

Moreover, their recovery and the prosocial societal reintegration of these two sisters made significant progress. Both of them are showing remarkable academic improvement--for example, one of the sisters increased her GPA from 1.6 to an impressive 3.5. These delightful results came from the effort of our social workers working closely with their teachers.

Their lives are progressing beautifully step by step, and we're eagerly anticipating great success resulting from the legal support we've provided. Recently, we received good news from our legal team regarding the appeal report submitted to the Provincial Justice Divisions. This report aimed to reconsider and increase compensation rates, taking into account the profound impact of trauma on the survivors. Excitingly, the appeal report for our survivors has been approved, resulting in an increased compensation of 15,000 baht.

LIFT's team persists in working for justice to protect those who have been exploited, and it's all thanks to your support. Formerly trapped in a vulnerable situation of sexual assault due to their family's poverty, your generous contribution has liberated these two sisters from anxiety, allowing them to focus solely on their education. Now they can embrace the carefree years of youth that rightfully belong to them.

*"I am grateful for all the help and support I've received. It has relieved the daily anxiety of wondering whether I will have money for school or even a meal. Now, I can solely focus on excelling in my studies."*

-The younger sister, supported by LIFT.



## EDUCATION AND MENTORING

# Seed of Hope



**FOUNDED: 2015**

## PROJECT SUMMARY

Seed of Hope (SOH) was established to help school children in remote areas who do not have access to education, lack resources to cover the cost of education or come from broken or dysfunctional families. SOH helps these children gain access to the education system the Thai government provides. In addition to providing educational support, SOH seeks to provide spiritual mentoring and discipleship for these students. SOH does not replace the parents but works alongside them by providing for the student's education, housing in clean and safe dormitories, and one-on-one mentoring and discipleship. The principles of God's Word are taught to students and modeled by the SOH staff. SOH has a holistic focus on the well-rounded development of each student and provides opportunities in sports, agriculture, vocational training, and business. We believe this will open doors for higher education which will, in turn, lead to greater vocational and career opportunities. This not only benefits the students themselves but is also a tremendous help and support to their families.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering underprivileged hill-tribe students through education, mentoring, and holistic development in a safe and nurturing environment.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see underprivileged hill-tribe children be transformed by the Gospel, graduate high school, and serve their communities and families with the love of Jesus Christ.



## *Seed of Hope's Motorcycle Repair Training Initiative*

Seed of Hope has recently introduced a much-anticipated program designed to benefit parents, students, and the broader community: the Motorcycle Repair Training initiative. This program is part of their ongoing efforts to provide valuable career opportunities and technical skills to those in need.

The primary goal of the Motorcycle Repair Training is to create additional career pathways for parents and prepare students for future technical careers.

Additionally, by offering free motorcycle repair services, Seed of Hope helps alleviate financial burdens for families and community members, including church congregants. Instead of charging fees for repairs, they encourage donations based on individual capacity, fostering a spirit of generosity and community support.

Since the program's inception, the impact has been far-reaching. Not only have the students benefited from their studies, but youths from other churches have also shown interest and joined the classes. Parents eager to learn have participated as well, highlighting the program's value and its potential to strengthen the community through shared knowledge and skill development.

Seed of Hope's Motorcycle Repair Training initiative exemplifies their commitment to empowering individuals and fostering a supportive community.



## CARING FOR THE DISABLED

# Stronger Together

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Stronger Together provides resources and consultation to institutions and networks in Thailand that actively care for people with disabilities. Our goal is to work with these partners to develop sustainable, strategic paradigms to tangibly improve the lives of the disabled and their families. The economic, social, and emotional challenges which persons affected by disabilities face on a daily basis are numerous and well-documented, particularly in areas with insufficient access to healthcare and welfare programs. These challenges are often augmented by overtones of segregation and stigmatization in society. Stronger Together supports and enhances its partners' efforts to provide physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to the disabled and their families with the goal of bringing hope, happiness and success to those who often feel marginalized.



**FOUNDED: 2020**



### MISSION STATEMENT

To support and assist partners who care for people who are affected by disabilities in accordance with our calling to love our neighbors as ourselves.

### VISION STATEMENT

Stronger Together's vision is to see all people with disabilities in Thailand receive access to the resources and assistance they require to fully integrate into their communities through outreach programs spearheaded by local churches and institutions.





## ***Stronger Together: Partnering Together for the Sake of the Hurting***

Nerb, who is now 42 years old, has faced significant health challenges since a young age. At the age of five, he became ill, resulting in a crooked spine that caused a hunchback. Despite these difficulties, he led an independent and content life for many years. Unfortunately, seven years ago, his health deteriorated, leading to collapsed bones, herniated discs, and paralysis in his lower body. This sudden decline confined him to his home, forcing him to give up his much-loved job as a mechanic and isolating him from friends and social activities. Initially, Nerb grappled with feelings of loneliness, despair, and depression, even contemplating suicide.

Currently, Nerb resides with his 72-year-old mother, who continues to work to support them both. This situation weighed heavily on him, as he felt like a burden, exacerbating his emotional struggles. Every day, he watched TV programs about assisting individuals with disabilities, hoping to find someone who could help.

Then, a glimmer of hope emerged through the local church when Nerb discovered the partnership between Joni and Friends (an international Christian ministry dedicated to sharing the hope of the Gospel with people with disabilities) and Stronger Together. The Joni's House program provided Nerb with essential supplies and companionship and shared the Gospel with his family. These acts of kindness brought immense relief and joy to Nerb, alleviating his emotional burdens and reintegrating him into the community. Through this kingdom partnership, Nerb has rediscovered a sense of purpose and community, highlighting the importance of empathy and community support in an individual's life.



## MENTORING AND EDUCATION

# TawSaeng

### PROJECT SUMMARY

TawSaeng gives at-risk, abused, and vulnerable children knowledge, love, education, and social development to improve their quality of life and better understand their self-worth, including protection of child rights based on Christian principles and beliefs. During the weekday afternoons and evenings, dedicated national staff and international volunteers serve approximately 30 children in Chiang Mai's red-light district who are at risk of many dangers, including sexual exploitation, child labor, poverty, and discrimination. Most of these children need help to stay in school and to succeed in life. These children, and many more, need help gaining citizenship in the very country in which they were born. Without such help, exploitation and discrimination remain constant threats.

TawSaeng provides for a broad range of holistic needs of the children – physical, emotional, spiritual, educational, and relational – through a variety of activities. The children are fed healthy meals, receive quality learning opportunities (including learning English), learn social survival skills, and are given an opportunity to play in a safe environment. TawSaeng serves these children in their life situations, along with their families, who almost all live in slums nearby. This gives us an even greater opportunity to help transform entire communities for God's glory.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Cultivating mature hearts, minds, and bodies of at-risk students and their families through education, mentoring, and outreach.

### VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is that the people we work with will be shining lights of love in their families, communities, and country.



**FOUNDED: 2006**



# *Celebrating Success: Mini's Journey with TawSaeng*



One of TawSaeng's primary objectives is to help students complete their education. Recently, three students graduated from high school, and one graduated from university. Among them was Mini, a high school graduate who lives with her father and two younger sisters. With her father as the sole provider, financial resources are limited. Despite being intelligent, Mini initially struggled with shyness, a lack of confidence, and anxiety about new experiences.

Since joining TawSaeng, Mini has made significant strides in improving her English skills and maintaining excellent grades. With her father often working, TawSaeng's staff has provided invaluable support for Mini, both in her personal life and educational pursuits. She has grown considerably through opportunities to serve students in other communities, helping to teach and lead games.

Last year, Mini graduated from high school and, encouraged by her father and TawSaeng staff, decided to continue her education by studying Chinese at university. To celebrate the achievements of their graduating students, TawSaeng organized a trip to Vietnam. This was an intimidating experience for Mini, as she had never been on a plane, traveled outside of Thailand, or navigated a new culture. Initially, she was quite nervous about the journey.

However, during the four days in Vietnam, Mini experienced significant personal growth. She developed greater confidence, deepened her faith in God, and broadened her understanding of different cultures. The skills she had cultivated over the years at TawSaeng were put to the test during the trip, and she excelled.

Today Mini continues to visit TawSaeng for English lessons, life skills training, and the supportive relationships she has built with the staff and students. She is now a well-equipped young adult, helping her father care for her siblings while pursuing her studies in Chinese at Ratchapat University. Mini's journey is a reminder of the importance of education and the support and encouragement of TawSaeng.



## PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

# The Light Center

### PROJECT SUMMARY

Young mothers often drop out of school or leave their children with grandparents in the village while they go look for work in Bangkok or tourist areas, never developing meaningful relationships with their children. Our program is designed to give these young mothers the emotional support, parenting skills, and educational opportunities they need to raise their own children.

In cases where a mother gives her child up for adoption or if an infant is abandoned, we partner with Holt International's local foundation, the local Thai Christian church, and the Thai government to provide foster care until the child is placed with a permanent family, so they don't have to enter institutional facilities.

Because many of the women and children we serve have been sexually abused, we also operate a child advocacy center to provide support, justice, and aftercare to victims and their families. While partnering with the local church, we have the unique opportunity to promote the value of life and share the love of Christ and the truth of the Gospel with people of influence that we partner with regularly.



**FOUNDED: 2013**



### MISSION STATEMENT

Give hope and support to vulnerable pregnant women, provide foster care for children waiting to be adopted, and protect and restore victims of sexual abuse.

### VISION STATEMENT

Empowered Thai mothers living sustainably, children raised in healthy families, and communities transformed by the love of Jesus Christ.



## *Duan's Story of Courage and Hope*

Duan was a 16-year-old girl facing an unplanned pregnancy and considering abortion when she encountered a social worker from The Light Center's healthcare network at a hospital. The Light Center has intentionally built a robust healthcare network to offer life-affirming alternatives to abortion, and Duan's situation exemplifies the importance of these proactive relationships.

Despite pressure from those around her to terminate the pregnancy, Duan made the brave decision to carry her baby to full term and sought refuge at The Light Center during her pregnancy. To ensure she didn't fall behind in her education, The Light Center's team coordinated with her high school teachers, 2 hours away, to mail homework and tests back and forth. Remarkably, Duan was completing her semester tests in the same week she gave birth.

Initially, Duan planned to place her baby for adoption. However, after giving birth, she chose to keep her daughter. Fortunately, a great aunt stepped in to provide childcare during the day, allowing Duan to continue her education.

Duan's story underscores the critical importance of reminding society that rushing to abortion is not a good solution. Many believe it is in the best interest of the mother without recognizing the available alternatives. Duan and her family were nearly deprived of the joy of a new family member. She has demonstrated remarkable strength as both a mother and a student. Instead of enduring the lifelong trauma associated with abortion, Duan now has a daughter and a promising future ahead. Her story is a powerful testament to the mission of The Light Center and the potential for every individual to contribute positively to Thai society.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

# Together We Serve



**FOUNDED: 2018**

## PROJECT SUMMARY

When we share the love of Jesus Christ through our actions and by serving others, the church will build good relationships in the community. By sharing and serving through the church, we can make Christ known (Matthew 5:14-16). How best to reach a community depends on its needs, so Together We Serve works with local churches to develop strategic involvement in their communities.

Together We Serve helps remote churches to be a blessing to their communities. Two primary ways they do this is by providing solar cells for electricity and installing freshwater systems. By doing ministries through the local church, they open up opportunities for non-believers to interact with believers and create value in the community. By providing training in the church, we can help develop mature believers and grow the church.

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to share God's love in Thai communities by strengthening local churches through meeting basic physical and spiritual needs, including discipleship and evangelism training in order to multiply believers.

## VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to see a new generation with a heart to serve God and others while being a blessing to society.





## *iServe Haircut Training*

On September 29-30, iServe Thailand, in collaboration with CTS (Chiang Mai Theological Seminary) and Together We Serve (under The Family Connection Foundation), organized the iServe Haircut Training. This event aimed to enhance skills and develop potential, not only to improve personal lives but also to use these skills to serve God and the community for the Kingdom of God. The training featured professional barbers from Vintage Haircut and created a vibrant atmosphere of learning and service.

The training attracted 55 participants from 35 different churches, with an additional 70 mannequin heads provided for practice. The participants engaged enthusiastically in learning the art of haircutting, equipping themselves with valuable skills.

Following the training, many churches expressed their gratitude by putting their newly acquired skills to immediate use. They went out into their communities to offer free haircuts, sharing images of their outreach efforts. This initiative not only allowed them to utilize the tools and knowledge gained but also helped in spreading their message and building relationships within their communities. The iServe Haircut Training exemplifies the power of skill development in fostering community service and outreach.



YEAR IN REVIEW

# Financial Summary

## *Letter from the CFO*

The Family Connection Foundation (FCF) would like to sincerely thank you for your faithful partnership. Through generous donors like you, God graciously supplies the necessary financial resources to continue serving Thai people.

In 2023, we invested a remarkable 95.5% of our expenditures towards our projects, which is substantially better than the industry standard of 75%, according to Charity Navigator. We are committed to keeping administrative costs low without compromising our impact on Thai society. Thanks to our model of at-cost administrative budget sharing, we have almost zero fundraising expenses, which enables us to direct a high percentage of our revenue toward pursuing our vision.

We are committed to the highest standards of integrity, both financially and in our governance. Our Board of Directors and 3rd party team of auditors provide strong leadership and accountability. FCF has been vetted by highly respected fiscal sponsors such as ECFA-accredited Cord Ministries, TrustBridge Global, and GlobalGiving. We have strong, annually audited fiscal controls for accountability and transparency for donors and are keeping within our budget projections for revenue and expenditures.

Please consider joining our monthly support team of donors and partner with us as we communicate the Gospel in both word and deed! We prefer monthly donations because it helps us plan for the future, but we appreciate all gifts. Due to a large percentage of our donations being designated for specific purposes, our greatest financial need is for long-term partners to give to our general fund. This directly impacts every one of our projects as 100% of the donation reduces the amount each project contributes to the administrative budget. To learn more, visit [fcfthailand.org/give](https://fcfthailand.org/give) or scan the QR code below to make a local donation.

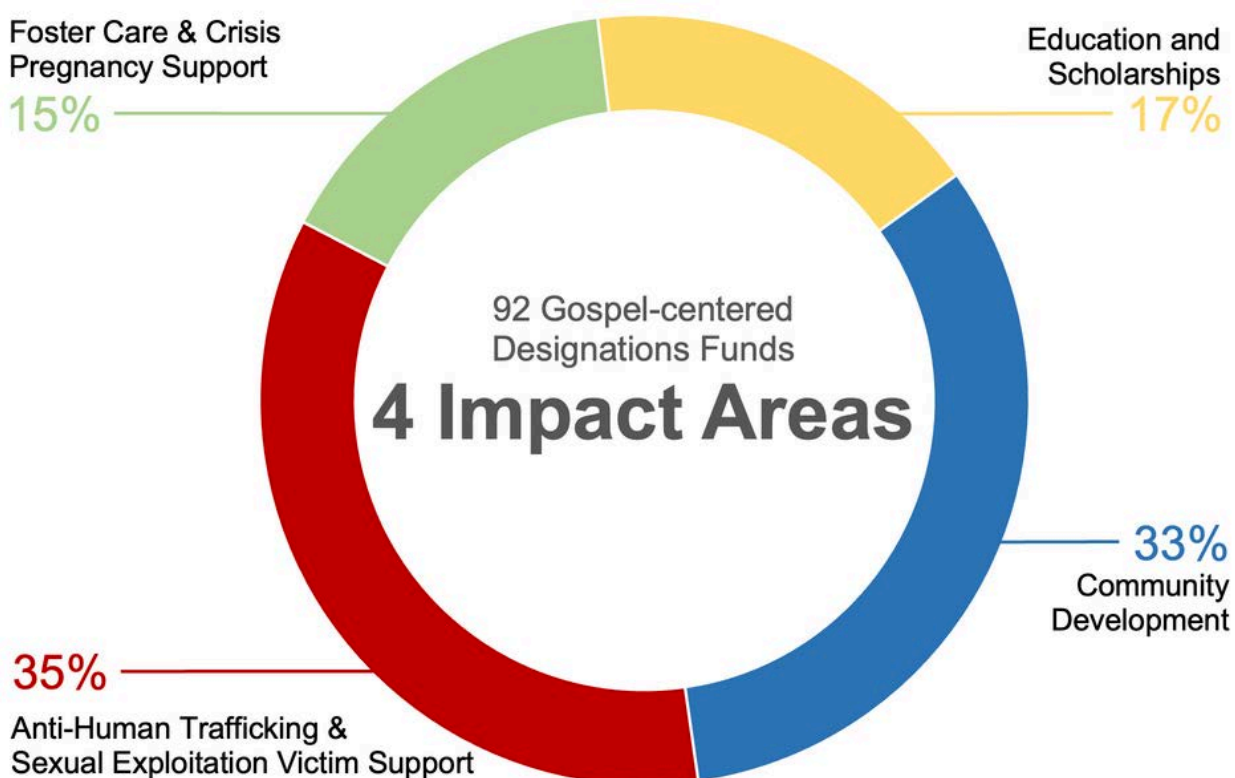
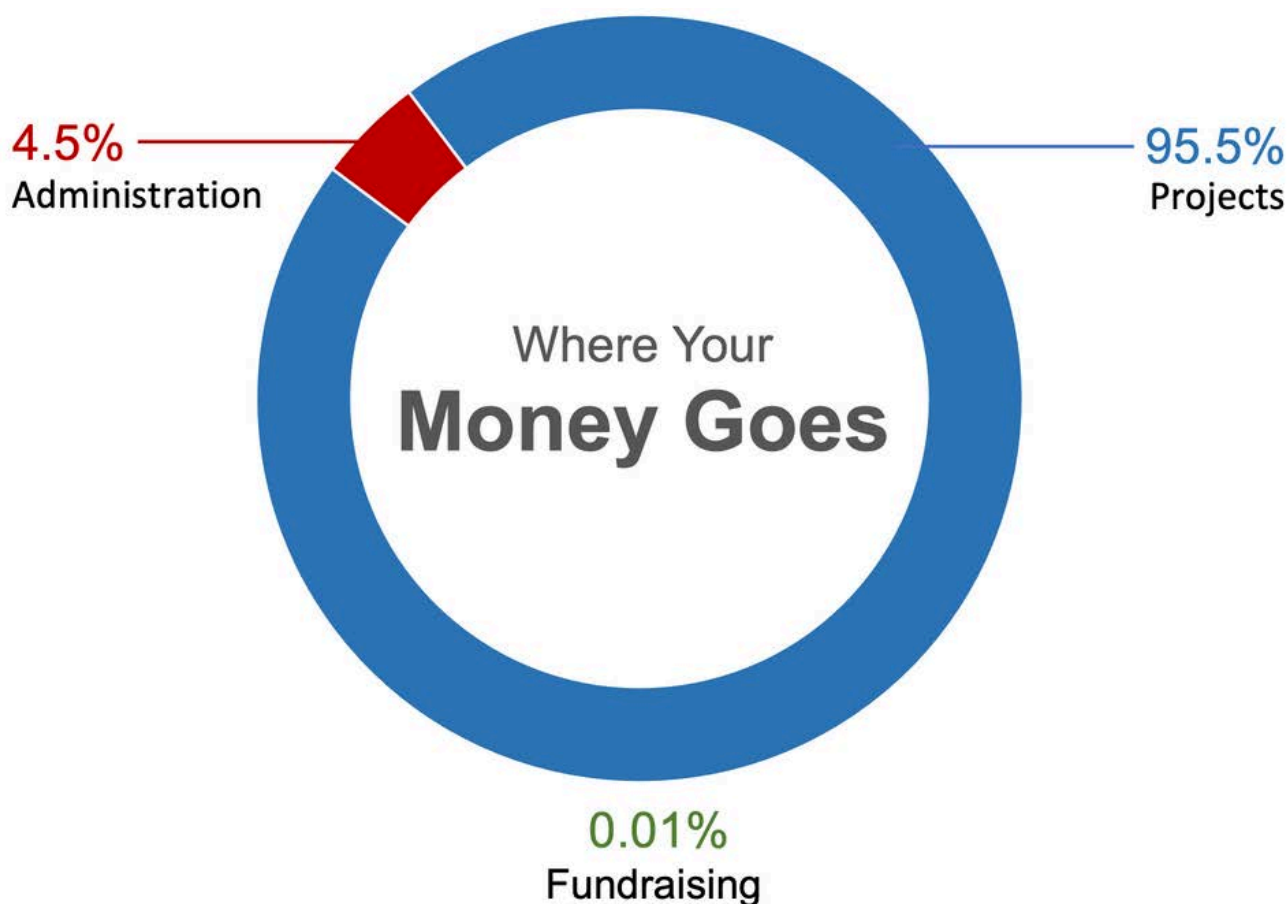
Thank you!

**Marcus Fey**  
Chief Financial Officer



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\*Fiscal year 2023 Expense Allocations



