

2024 Spring Newsletter

Dear Friends,

In this Spring Newsletter, we share updates from our partners caring for vulnerable children around the world. They have accounts of trial, tragedy, and uncertainty. You will also read about resilience, and triumph of the family over many adversities. You will read about our unwavering commitment to bringing hope to vulnerable children. Although there are many



rough times for our children around the world, we remain steadfast to provide a beacon of hope through Jesus for every child in our care. In the pages ahead, you will read about the trying times

faced by many families and children, the challenges they overcome, and the ways in which you can have an integral role in bringing hope into their lives.

As you read about famine and corruption in Haiti, war and uncertainty in Myanmar and the growing persecution in India, we invite you to join us on the journey to share hope. Together, our collective efforts will provide food and safety and sow the seeds of hope through Christ that will impact generations to come.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support of the children and families.

Linda Brooks, CEO

Bringing Children Hope

We are thrilled to announce a significant milestone in our journey of serving and nurturing children and families. As of April 1, 2024, we will be transitioning to a new name that better reflects our mission and values: **Bringing Children Hope**.

...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Our commitment to providing a caring and supportive environment, based on our biblical foundation for children and families, remains unwavering. With this new name we want to convey our dedication to bringing hope to every vulnerable child and family we serve.

As Bringing Children Hope, we are rooted in the power of the Gospel and the love, compassion, and hope that our God richly provides. This "hope" is the

hope of the Gospel and the hope of a brighter future for a child and family. It is our desire that, according to Isaiah 40:31, the children and families we help will be able to renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.

We are deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown us over the years, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead with our new name. Together, let's continue to impact children and families in our communities and across the globe. We serve children in some very dangerous places. They desperately need the hope of the Gospel and the safety and care that we provide. At Bringing Children Hope we want to impact lives for eternity.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.



Terror in Myanmar

The first stop on our journey through three of the countries where BCH cares for children is Myanmar. While not often making the news in the United States, Myanmar continues to experience widespread violence, instability, and humanitarian crises following the military coup in February of 2021.

"We are immensely grateful for your kind help for the needs of the children. Even though the price of rice keeps rising every week, we could continuously have sufficient rice to eat every day because of your relentless kind help."

Junia, New Hope, Myanmar

During this instability, BCH continues to provide loving care for children in five locations in Myanmar. Our partner "T" writes about the coup, "The violence and killings are getting worse all over the country. People are still running away to forests, mountains, and neighboring countries like India and Thailand. Because of the conspiracy law, young people and parents are very worried. Even in these difficult times, we see God's grace."

The conspiracy law to which he is referring is about the draft that the military is imposing. Young men and women up to age 35 are being drafted into joining the coup. Our Grace home reports that their neighbor's



young people have been drafted. Previously, if a family paid \$50 per person, the military would not draft a child. Recently that price has increased to \$1600 and will likely increase. We also do not know



if any amount of money would guarantee safety. The thought of our older children being drafted to fight for their enemy compels us to pray fervently.

"What is the purpose of the conflict?" I recently asked this question to our partner Pau Gin. His answer,

"To terrorize us."

As the conflict begins its 4th year, our partners and the children have not allowed the military to achieve its goals.

Despite frequently being without electricity, hiding quietly in their homes, using a cell phone as their only light, and so much more, our caregivers have demonstrated God's faithfulness and goodness.



Agape Home

We have partnered together to bring them God's blessings. The Grace Home moved out of the tiny, rundown apartment which was in a dangerous location into their new home with an extra lot for a garden and for play. Our GEM home family enjoys the beautiful GEM Farm where fruit and vegetables grow in great plenty. The hogs provide meat and finances which help so much in self-sufficiency.



Grace Home

New Hope Home thanks us for our "relentless kind help." "T" from Hope Children's Home (HCH) thanks BCH and all our faithful friends, "Thank you so much to all the givers and prayer warriors for giving HCH kids a bright future."

Our Agape Home in Myanmar is doing well, despite the difficulties in Myanmar. Our partner Yin Zung writes, "We thank God for many blessing He has given to Agape Home. We also thank Him for

receiving good privilege to serve together in ministry with you in this world. We believe that God is working with us for His ministry. Thank you so much for praying and supporting many years for Agape Home."



Grace Home

I hope that in hearing from each our partners in Myanmar you can sense that God is showing His power, grace, and love to our children. We thank Him for protecting them physically and for continuously encouraging their hearts. What could be a life of fear and uncertainty is instead one of hope and resting in His love and care. Thank you for taking this journey of faith with us. Without your love and support, we would be unable to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We ask you to pray for each child in our care in Myanmar. On page xx of this newsletter, you will learn more about how you can greatly impact the life of one of our children through our Hearts of Compassion ministry.

We thank God for the provision, gentleness, and protection He provides our children in Myanmar.



You can have a direct impact in the lives of these children and more! See page 8 for details.

Weaving in Joy & Hope in Myanmar Zoo Trip

Even during these vulnerable times, our dedicated, loving GEM house parents, Pau Gin and Nuampi are bringing hope into the lives of the now 64 children in their care. You may remember, last fall they were challenged with the call to care for over 30 more children left homeless and parentless because of the horrific violence all around them. Even with the task of educating, and caring for over 60 children, Pau Gin and Nuampi also weave joy and hope into the GEM Family children's lives.



As you can imagine, when there are over 60 children in your family it takes a lot of effort to have a big family outing. But the GEM family did just that. And



what a special day they had! None of the children living in the GEM Home had ever been to a zoo. To make this wonderful day happen, the family used some of the special Christmas celebration funds provided by our generous BCH friends to rent a bus and take extra caretakers to help



our Savior, Creator, and His love and plans for each of these special children, the fun day was also a learning experience. Below is an impactful account of the day from young Naw Htoi:

"I am Mr. Naw Htoi. I am 13 years old from Kachin state, near the highest mountain in Myanmar. As I come from a rural mountain village, I am familiar with the different voices of wildlife and animals, but I never saw or touched them. Last Christmas season, God gave me a chance to see the physical bodies at the Yangon Zoo! We were very happy to see and even touch many kinds of animals, small and big. We visited the animal museum. We had the golden opportunity to learn critical thinking about evolution and creation. I did not accept that human beings came from monkeys which showed a monkey becoming human, step by step. We totally believe that God created us! We are so thankful to our houseparents and to BCH for this kindness".

Naw's life was so enriched and changed by this special day. Pau Gin and Nuampi have asked that we humbly thank you, our faithful supporters, firstly, for your prayer. They are living in some very dangerous days due to the military junta. They profess that they are weathering these extremely scary times day by day through God's strength alone. Secondly, thank you for your part in providing for their daily needs and care. And thirdly, thank you for helping to provide these special days that lift their spirits and bring hope and joy to the children.

Hope in Northeast India

We could share so much more about the violence inflicted on so many people. Instead, we choose to share with you how BCH, along with our partners, is once again bringing children hope in a devastating environment. We invite you to help us minister to some of the 41, 425 people who have been displaced and are living in refugee camps. Our partner Simte and his family have lost their home. Yet they serve tirelessly to care others who are now homeless.

We serve with the NTBCA, an association of churches in NE India. Several different agencies are partnering by helping in their areas of expertise. The help ranges from Vacation Bible School materials to Sunday School teacher training, evangelism, school books, and tailoring/sewing training fees. This help is extensive.

BCH is pleased to join in this endeavor. We are providing funds each month for food, clothing, blankets, and more. We want to make sure that the children and families we are helping know that it is God's blessing and His people who are reaching out to them in love. When the families are not physically hungry, they are so much more receptive to filling their spiritual hunger for our Savior.

Simpte wrote us recently, "I'm so thankful for your generosity. Please continue to pray for our safety as we are under attack always. I visited a camp. The

"All night long my people sleep on the ground in the open air."

Suam Simpte, BCH Partner & Friend

people are so pitiful. I tear up when seeing them. They are very receptive to the Gospel."

Will you join us in caring for these people who are in such great need? I asked Simpte for prayer requests. Here is what he shared:

1. Peace in Manipur
2. Christian liberty
3. Refugee camps
4. More food for displaced people
5. Education for displaced children
6. For the India LokShaba election (April 19-June 1) which will decide the future of receiving foreign support (including the USA)

Please pray for our children, families, and partners in NE India. These are dangerous days and the needs are great.



Refugees in Northwest India Attend Vacation Bible School

Bringing Children Hope in Haiti

Haiti has a complex history marked by periods of violence and destruction, intertwined with hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods such as the earthquake in 2010 that killed approximately 300,000 people. And now Haiti has been in the news for the past month. Gangs released more than 4,000 of the country's prisoners and armed them with heavy weapons.

This situation has made conditions in Haiti desperate, bringing life-threatening starvation to Haiti's children and families. If a family has access to food and water, the prices are so inflated that they cannot afford them.

Our partner Pastor Predestin oversees our foster families. He also administers an orphanage, "My Father's House". He describes the conditions in Haiti:

"There is total disorder and chaos. Please help us to pray because God is in control of everything."

Pastor Predestin, Haiti

"Gangs are dominating and taking over the entire capitol. They've cut off access to food and drinking water. People have abandoned their homes to live in public squares. The gangs kidnap, loot, burn, and exterminate people. There is terrible hunger in Haiti right now. The people are suffering. If there is food to buy, they cannot afford it."

In the middle of this terrible crisis, there is good news! Because we care for children in foster homes in Haiti

(and the DR), we have trusted partners who can bring life-saving help to Haiti's children!

Please join us in bringing children hope in Haiti. You can help in two main ways. The first way is through prayer. Prayer for safety is essential. The danger has hit close to our ministry. The gangs have attempted to kidnap Pastor Predestin several times. Pray for the safety of our children and for all of Haiti's children and families.



The other way to help is financially. If God leads you to give, you can bring life-saving food and water to extremely vulnerable children. In a land with incredible corruption, we have Pastor Predestin whom we have known for decades. He has a way to get food and water for children. Through our partnership, we do good work together on behalf of many children. Predestin says, "Because the food and water are very expensive right now, the food we have will not last longer. This is breaking the budget of our orphanage."

Your prayer and gift, large or small, will go directly to helping children. Thank you for joining us in "Bringing Children Hope" in Haiti. We will keep you updated on the situation.

Help Bring Children Activity, Exercise, and Joy this Summer



BCH 2024 Summer Ministry Project Ready, Set, Go! Our children are excited about this year's VBS Project. It is for play equipment and toys. We are calling it, "Ready, Set, Go!" Your VBS children can help raise funds for our children this summer!

Bicycles

Baseballs & Soccer Balls

Ping Pong Tables

Carims (Board Game)

Tetherball

And So Much More!

Visit bch-inc.org or call 219-462-4111 for more information.

Sushanta & Immanuel from Siloam Home, India



Sushanta and Immanuel from Siloam Home, India. Sushanta came to us from a poor family. The family went through a lot of struggles. His uncle took care of him until he heard about our home, talked to one of the pastors, and we took him into our home. He has a younger sister, who

is studying in 5th grade and in a government hostel far away from their village. Sushanta has adjusted well, is in 7th grade, and strives to be obedient. He attends church, conducted by our house parents, and is interested in Christian activities. Please pray for his studies and health as well as for his parents.

Immanuel comes from a poor Christian family as his parents are very sick and are unable to work. Immanuel's uncle was taking care of him and his four siblings. One of our pastors introduced him to our home. He is in 7th grade, studies well, and is able to memorize Bible



verses everyday with the help of his house parents. He reads the Bible regularly. He wants to become a teacher in the future. He plays cricket and Kabbadi. Please pray for his education and health along with his siblings and parents. He has changed a lot since



coming into our care. He is very obedient to his house parents and is interested in spiritual activities.



Conclusion

This BCH Newsletter is unlike any that we have ever presented to you. We are so burdened for children and families in BCH care and for their neighbors and friends in dire need. It is so hard to think of children who are starving or cold, sleeping on the ground. In many cases, people in the US do not know much about these adversities.

BCH is in a unique position of serving with people we trust in places that need help the most. Our partners in Haiti, Myanmar, and NE India share honestly what is happening in their worlds. The needs are great, some seem overwhelming. But, with your help, we can meet spiritual and physical needs of families who are desperate. We can send funds for food, clothing, medical supplies, educational needs, and other care that is essential for life itself.

Despite these hardships, our children and caregivers continue to demonstrate remarkable resilience and

hope in God. We are thankful for their unwavering faith in God. Our partners work tirelessly to provide support and protection for these children and families. At BCH we are partnering with them. Yet, with more financial resources we could do so much more. I earnestly ask you to pray for how God would like you to help. You can know that we will be careful and diligent with your gift to make sure it provides greatly-needed help to people who the most vulnerable. ...People that you will likely not meet before Heaven.

God bless you for taking this journey with us. Please let us know if we can answer any questions you may have.

Linda Brooks, CEO



Partner with us to Bring Children Hope

You can become a champion in a child's life through BCH's Hearts of Compassion sponsorship program

- **Build a Connection with a Child**
- **We go Where Help is Needed Most**
- **Your Support is Tax Deductable**
- **The Need is Great, You can Help!**

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