

### From our President...

I am happy to report that we met our recent goals for our Christmas and Education Funds. We needed to raise \$4720 to send \$40 per child to our 118 children for personal Christmas gifts. **We raised a total of \$6841 in Christmas donations,** so additional items on our 2020 Christmas Wishlist were purchased. **We also raised \$12,000 to exceed the \$10,000 matching pledge made by a business sponsor, making a total of \$22,000 for our Education Fund.** In January we wired money to our orphanage directors for the children's 2021 School Admission Fees and school expenses. This is a phenomenal blessing and answer to our prayers, in light of the Coronavirus restrictions placed on fundraisers last year. All of these additional donations were made by you...our faithful sponsors and friends. You are the backbone of our ministry. You are the reason we are able to fulfill the calling God has given us to care for some very special children in India, Nepal and Haiti. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!

- Steve Lusky

### Mercy Home Boy is Crowned "Mr. Bethel EC Church"

Mr. Jackson Chettri (pictured below left), from the Mercy Children's Home in Nepal, won the title "Mr. Bethel EC Church" in a competition sponsored by the Youth Department of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Nepal. Jackson will be competing against 14 boys from other EC churches to win the title of "Mr. EC Church". The competition will be held in April at the Annual EC Nepal Church Conference. In response to the question, "Who is your favorite Bible character", Jackson said, "Samuel, because God used him at a young age." Congratulations Jackson!



In other news, Lukson, the youngest boy living at Mercy Home, fell and broke his arm last month. He needed surgery to insert pins into the fracture. He will require a second surgery to remove the pins. Pastor Janga said he asked if he could go outside to play marbles after school. He was running around and took a bad fall. As the saying goes, "Boys will be boys!"

Ason Rai (pictured below right) recently celebrated his 17th birthday at the Mercy Children's Home in Nepal. He and five of the other six boys have been living at the Mercy Children's Home since December of 2010.



**We believe it is important to make each child's birthday a special event. A \$15 donation per child helps to achieve this. Many thanks to all who faithfully contribute to our BIRTHDAY FUND!**

## Founding Member of Sanga Muon Orphanage Speaks to Children



Weeks after being the main speaker at Sanga Muon's 2020 Christmas and New Year Service, Mrs. Hatnei Doungel (pictured left) took ill and passed away. On Sunday, January 17th, during dinner, she suddenly couldn't breathe. She was rushed to the hospital. The doctors did everything they could, but they could not save her. They confirmed that she had suffered a fatal heart attack. She was very close with the Sanga Muon children. Her sudden demise was totally unexpected since she had previously been in very good health. She was 76 years old. Please be in prayer for her family, as well as her friends and the children at Sanga Muon, as they mourn her passing. Mrs. Doungel was a member of the Churachandpur Branch of the KUKI Women's Union (KWU), a humanitarian organization that founded the Sanga Muon Orphanage in 1998. She was very active in the daily operations of the orphanage.

We wish to thank our many friends and sponsors who donate to **HFC's GENERAL FUND**. We use the money in this fund to pay bank wiring fees, as well as medical and emergency needs for our children. Our staff is all voluntary so **anything you donate goes directly toward caring for our children's needs.**

"Thank you for providing us with all our needs throughout the many years we have worked together. We thank God that we could help so many children to learn the Word of God, who would otherwise be illiterate and remain neglected."

Mr. Minthang Touthang  
Sanga Moun Managing Director

## Dr. Lamboi Main Speaker at Bethel Christmas Service



Dr. Lamboi Vaiphei, Founding Director of the Bethel Children's Home, delivered the main address at Bethel's Christmas Service. Dr. Lamboi began caring for 17 children after an ethnic war took the lives of their fathers in 1997. Their widowed mothers came to him pleading for his help. He rented a space and did what he could to meet their basic needs. Today, with your help, Bethel is now caring for 70 children. He is an inspiration to all of us as he has shown us what any of us can do when we step out in faith. The beautiful Christmas display was designed by Mrs. Chong Vaiphei, Dr. Lamboi's daughter-in-law.