

From our President...

Our children have returned to school after enjoying their Christmas Break. Many thanks for the donations to our Education Fund through our matching pledge campaign. So far we have raised \$18,540. It's not too late to help us reach our goal of \$25,000. Every year the cost of our kids' education rises, making it a challenge to raise what is needed. Thankfully, admission fees for our Class 11 and 12 students aren't due until May, so there is still time to cover what is needed.

Using donations from our Christmas Fund, construction of a separate latrine for our girls at the Bethel Children's Home will begin this Spring. We also sent \$500 from our General Fund to Bethel last month to repair their vehicle. Unfortunately, it still needs more repair work to run properly. A new vehicle is needed for the long term (cost is \$14,000).

Make sure to read this edition's inspiring story of a 16-year-old boy responding to a Christmas wish from one of our boys in Nepal.

May God bless all of you this year as we partner together to bring **HOPE** to our children in India, Nepal and Haiti.

- Steve Lusky

Sanga Muon Children Enjoy Winter Break

The children living at the Sanga Muon Orphanage (SMI) in India made the most of their break from school. They decorated their campus, inside and out, for Christmas. They performed special songs and skits on Christmas Day. Last month the local soccer team in Churachandpur visited, which was exciting for them. After the soccer players spoke to their group, the kids lined up to meet them in person (see photo below).



"We are happy to be associated with HFC. Without them our orphanage would fail. It is the support and the love that HFC has given us that has sustained us till today." - Minthang Touthang, Director of SMI

Report from Pastor Lesly, Grace Children's Home

Despite continued violence in Haiti, Pastor Lesly remains hopeful. Here is his most recent update:

"I give glory to the Lord for His kindness toward us during the past year. It was a year of trouble and difficult times for us, but the Lord gave us grace. He watched over us, protected us, and took care of us. Since January 9th, the children have returned to school. Eight of our boys go to school in the city, which is 2 km from where we live. We make 2 trips on our motorbike - 4 boys at a time. We're praying for \$7000 to buy a pick-up truck to safely transport the boys to and from school."

Minson Kipgen's Christmas Wish Comes True



Minson Kipgen - Mercy Children's Home, Nepal



Jake Davenport - Hopewell Church, Elverson, PA

"I know how much I love playing guitar and I knew that God wanted me to provide Minson with one. Worshipping with music makes such an impact on my life, so I wanted to bless someone else with an instrument to do so."
- Jake Davenport

Every year, Jake Davenport looks for a cause to donate the money he has saved to give to a charity at Christmas. He usually donates to Samaritan's Purse. But this year, after reading his family's sponsor child's Christmas Greeting, he knew immediately where his yearly savings would go; all the way to Dharan, Nepal, to buy a guitar for Minson Kipgen. Minson's parents died when he was only 4 years old. He was taken to live with members of his father's family, who neglected and abused him. A neighbor had sympathy for him, and after getting permission from his family, she brought him to the Mercy Children's Home to live. Jake attends Grade 10 at High Point Academy. Minson is in Grade 9 at Koshi English School. Both boys are playing guitars in their churches' worship teams.

"God has given you a giving heart. May He give you success in your studies and in your future. Don't worry I'm praying for you." -
Excerpt from
Minson Kipgen's
thank you note to
Jake



Hope for the Children Newsletter

RECORD BREAKING AMOUNT RAISED FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

The children had a wonderful Christmas thanks to our generous sponsors and friends who donated \$9600 this year. We were able to send funds for clothes for every child. All other items requested by our orphanage directors were purchased. We even raised the funds needed to build a separate latrine for the girls at the Bethel Children's Home in India.



CHINLING AND GIRLS IN WEST BENGAL COOKING WITH NEW POTS AND PANS BOUGHT WITH CHRISTMAS MONEY



BETHEL BOYS AND CHONG POSE WITH THE WATER PURIFIER BOUGHT WITH DONATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS FUND



THE BOYS AT MERCY HOME IN NEPAL WITH THEIR GIFTS



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Former Bethel Student Visits Home

Lal Gam Lian returned to the Bethel Children's Home to speak to the children. He graduated with a B.S. Degree in Engineering in 2018. He is employed as an Oxygen Plant Technician in the District Hospital of Churachandpur. He shared his experience at Bethel with the children and encouraged them with a message based on Proverbs 9:10 - "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, knowledge and understanding." Mang Vaiphei, Bethel's Director, said that when former graduates share their experiences it has a powerful effect on the children.

Praise and Prayer Requests

1. We raised \$18,540 in our Matching Pledge Drive for 2023 School Expenses (K through Class 12). Pray that we will reach our goal of \$25,000 by May to pay admission fees for our Class 11 and 12 students.
2. The Bethel Children's Home needs a new vehicle as their current vehicle is over 10 years old and unreliable. Cost is \$14,000.
3. Our boys in Haiti have returned to school. Pastor Lesly is praying for \$7000 to buy a pickup truck to safely transport them to school.
4. Praise for \$9600 raised for our Christmas Fund. The remaining funds needed to build a separate latrine for the Bethel girls (\$2900) was raised. Construction of the latrine will begin this Spring.