Notice Board

Save The Date!

Walkathon - Help Us Raise Funds
For Our Asia Projects
July 20, 2019 10:00am
Mill Lake, Abbotsford, BC
Call or go to our website to register to walk
or donate to this worthy cause.

Fall Banquet/Fundraiser
NOTE: Due to circumstances beyond our control,
our date has been changed to:
October 18, 2019 - Abbotsford, BC
$40/Ticket - will go on sale July 1
Last year was SOLD OUT so book your tickets early.

Summer Speaking Tour

Join John & Susan
as they share
what the Lord is doing
at Seeds of Hope
through your support.

Call
or check our website
for location and times.

June 2	Chico, CA
June 9	Queens, NY
June 23	Kelowna, BC
June 26	Athabasca, AB
June 27	Leduc, AB
June 30	Roblin, MB
June 30	Altona, MB
July 3	SaultSteMarie, ON
July 7	Kitchener, ON
July 21	Mission, BC

John Chalkias' book
"You Too Can Have An Amazing Life"
is available for purchase in our office.

Please call our office for more information on how you can get involved. We have several ways for you to help: volunteer at our office, join a team project or coordinate a speaking engagement with our directors John or Susan Chalkias.

Seeds of Hope Children`s Ministry
Sowing life, love and laughter
Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of children and their communities.

Our current needs:

- **Child Sponsorship** - We have several children needing sponsorship in Myanmar and Zambia.
- **Education Sponsorship** - $7.50/ month. Join us in unlocking the futures of the children in our care.
- **Nuu Rain Sponsorship** - $40cdn/$35usd a month can give a woman a new start.
- **Medical Fund -** Helps us meet the urgent medical needs of our children.
- **Farming** - Help us with our farming project at Grace Academy
- **Widow's Jar Fund -** helps us meet emergency needs of the community around Grace Academy
- Please consider purchasing a CD of the ***"Grace Children`s Choir"*** or Seeds of Hope Coffee. Phone our office or visit our website for details.
- Please visit our web site at: www.seedsofhopecm.com to view our urgent needs.

Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

In Canada, please make cheques out to:
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#101- 33119 South Fraser Way
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In the USA: *Please note our NEW address
Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry
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Mission Statement

Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry exists to equip children and those in need, to love and serve Jesus Christ while becoming healthy, educated, responsible members of society.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

by Tami Strople, Sponsorship Coordinator

Alerted to their circumstance by an Aunt (one of the Hill-Tribe ladies under our care) who was deeply concerned that the children were **imminently headed for the sex-traffic trade**, it was quickly apparent that this young sibling pair was **living scared** and in an unsafe environment…..

Onlada is 11 and clearly recalls that first time she was hit. When she was 2 years old, there was a violent situation involving her father. Onlada, was upset and cried: Her father hit her too. That was the start of an ongoing, vicious cycle of domestic violence. Soon after that time, Onlada became quiet…….very quiet. Onlada suffers with selective mutism, speaking only to her little brother, Namchai.

"Soon after, Onlada became quiet…..very quiet."

Namchai is 9. He and Onlada are inseparable. Namchai is more extroverted and cheerful than Onlada, who is very serious. A school teacher shared with us that Namchai is clever but doesn't pay attention in class; this is quite normal for boys who live in the villages. Namchai saw much violence in the family but, thankfully, was not a direct recipient of physical violence.

In 2017, Onlada and Namchai's mother left them at their paternal grandmother's and went to find a job in Chiang Mai. In 2018 she returned to check on the children only to find them at a friend's house instead of at the grandmother's. When asked why they had been moved, Onlada told her mom that it was not safe at Grandma's…an uncle had threatened to cut her throat when he was drunk.

"An uncle had threatened to cut her throat"

The grandma has confirmed that she is unable to protect the kids; she is tired and worn down. Her heart is heavy with the burden of her sons and the increasing effort it takes to keep the kids safe is too much. All the men in the family are addicted to drugs and have been in prison. The children's father and one uncle have been released. Two uncles remain incarcerated. Since his release from prison the children's father joined the Lahu force in Myanmar. He doesn't make an income but trades work for drugs.

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During our investigation, it was discovered that the mom is living and working in Chiang Mai in reasonable proximity to Nuu Rain. She has a job and has remarried but her new husband refuses to take the kids. This is not uncommon in Thailand. Children are often cast aside by step-parents. Mothers have few choices, and little say.

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Onlada and Namchai's mom loves them but she has no relatives or property in Thailand to depend on. She is alone apart from her new marriage and is very thankful to have her children at Nuu Rain. We are providing counseling and trauma care to the children and their mom and pray that the Lord will heal their hearts.

Onlada and Namchai need sponsors. Their mother pays a small stipend towards the children's care, but it doesn't make a dent in the cost of providing day-to-day and trauma care.

Please contact us to sponsor

Onlada (ID# THA.F.0035) Namchai (ID# THA.M.0036)

Other news at Nuu Rain:

Guang Lee was one of only 16 students to be accepted to the gifted math and science program. This is a HUGE success and honor for Guang Lee.

This spring we brought in 100 Tilapia to replenish our fish pond so that we can provide a good source of protein for those at Nuu Rain.

In Zambia:

The container will be on it's way by the end of May and we are hoping it will arrive by the beginning of September. Thank you to all who so generously donated financially, materially and physical.

We are planning on having the chickens in by the end of the year.

We are raising funds to purchase a John Deere Tractor for our farming project. The cost is $35,000USD. Give a gift of any amount via e-transfer to admin@seedsofhopecm.com or scan the QR code to donate today.

US

Cdn.

Widow's Jar Fund:

This is a photo of a woman in a local shanty compound; we are thankful to have been able to provide her with a **new roof**, through the Widow's Jar Fund. We will continue to support this widow and several others by supplying them with staples which include: Oil, mealie meal, eggs, sugar, tea, beans, dried fish and (in some situations where determined appropriate) kwacha (Zambian currency).

Our Widow's Jar Fund is in the hole; the needs are greater than the funds available and we are not meeting the budget for the WJF. If you would like to support this fund, please mark your donation **WIDOW'S JAR**

Timothy loves his 3 girls but is blind and cannot provide for them. Will you help keep this family together?

Timothy is 55 years old and lives in the compound of Nkwazi. Timothy was very sick for a long time before he found out he was HIV positive. While he is now on ARV treatment, Timothy's prolonged illness has led to him being blind and unable to work. Timothy's wife abandoned him and their children when he was very sick. Timothy fully depends on Seeds of Hope for his support and the education of the three girls who are in grades 9, 6 and 5. Would you please prayerfully consider sponsoring Timothy and his children?

Timothy's Sponsor ID is ZAM.M.0265

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☐ ☐ I consent to receive emails from Seeds of Hope

☐ or ☐ I would like to:

☐ Sponsor #___ Children @ $35 US/month or @ $40 CAD/month in ☐ Thailand ☐ Zambia ☐ Myanmar =$_____/month

☐ Sponsor a Seeds of Hope Project: Name of Project _____ $ ____/month

☐ Support Education Sponsorship: Qty___ x $7.50= $_____/month

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I (we) authorize Seeds of Hope to process a debit, in paper, electronic or other form in the amount of $_____ on my (our) account on the 1st____or 16th_____ of each month beginning _____. I (we) acknowledge that I (we) have read and understood all provisions contained in the terms and conditions of the pre-authorized payment and that I (we) have received a copy.

Signed_____ Dated_____

Signed_____ Dated_____

*Please see our website for Terms & Conditions

☐ On-Line Banking

You can set up a monthly automatic payment thru your own bank

Start a new on-line banking account with this information -

Account Name: Seeds of Hope
Address: PO Box 30592, Bellingham, WA 98228
Account Number: Sponsorship
Account Phone Number: 360-319-0817
Payment Amount: Enter your monthly payment amount and add the date you want to have it debited each month

☐ Pre-Authorized Credit or

I authorize Seeds of Hope to process credit card payments in the amount of $_____ on the 16th of each month beginning_____

Credit Card #_____

Name on Card_____

Expiry_____ CVC #_____

Signature:_____

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