



-SEEDS OF HOPE-

helping orphans around the world

SUMMER 2023

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1:13-14

REDEEMED BY THE LORD

by John and Susan Chalkias, Directors

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OUR 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.



Susan and I just returned from spending a month at Rays of Hope, our project in Thailand. Rays of Hope cares for children who have been rescued from human trafficking and for women who are HIV positive and ousted from their communities.

In April, 2021, Social welfare dropped off 12 scared children to Rays of Hope. We went out to meet them, but they were too scared to step out of the van until the driver started barking out orders for them to get out. They were brought from the government orphanage and had no idea where they were, or why. They looked at us foreigners in fear and bewilderment. I cannot begin to imagine what their thoughts might be. Did they think they had been sold (again)? Our Thai manager immediately sensed this and started to speak to them in their language trying to calm them down but the fear in their faces remained. We took them into the house and tried to welcome them, telling them that this was their new home, and they were safe. They looked around with blank faces and were very unresponsive. It was at this time that Susan remembered the duffle bag of Lego we had brought from Canada

and dragged it to the middle of the floor. The children had never seen Lego before. We all got on the floor with them and within minutes they were building with Lego and giggling with glee. Suddenly, they were just children playing and their laughter thrilled our hearts. Somehow, we had "broken the ice." Over the next couple years each child has made incredible progress and we thank the Lord for the healing that is still taking place.

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I tell you this story because a couple of weeks ago, Social Welfare brought to us another young girl rescued from sexual abuse. They warned us that she is suffering from PTSD from the trauma. When the social workers brought the young girl to us, they also spent some time with our kids, the ones I just wrote about. They said that they could not believe these are the same children. They said that they remembered them being unresponsive and withdrawn and were so pleased to see them thriving.



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We have had some difficulty in the beginning with behavioral issues and many of the children were not eligible to attend the private Christian school because they were so far behind academically for their age group. We hired tutors to catch them up and now all are attending school and doing very well.

We are so grateful for the healing that is taking place at Rays of Hope for children who have suffered immeasurable trauma.

The property is about 5 acres and we divided it. On one side are the children's homes. The women live on the other side at Rays of Hope, (called "Nuu Rain"). Over time, we have gotten to know the beautiful ladies residing there. All these women have suffered severe trauma, like the children. We say these women are the children nobody rescued. They are beautiful, happy and their child-like behavior makes them so lovable. As we pulled in every morning, we could hear the squeals of delight. Prai would run to the car to see if we needed help carrying anything. Ton could hardly wait until we got to the dining area so we could see what she was cooking and Nim was usually just standing there with a smile from ear to ear waiting for a big hug. Mental health is such a neglected issue, worldwide. These women cannot live alone; they suffer from mental health but exude love and joy. Each life is valuable. As the need for homes for women with mental health issues continues to grow so does the need for more housing at Nuu Rain. We recently finished building a new four-bedroom home and it was move-in ready shortly after we arrived. We decided to house the younger ladies in this home. They love their new home and especially enjoy living with their friends. **In one of the ladies' homes, we built a third bedroom. We are looking for a woman volunteer to go over and spend a month there working with these precious ladies.... could this be you? Contact our office for details.**

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A big event while we were in Thailand was the opening of "Cole's Pool" in memory of our grandson who died in a car accident last year. It was a very emotional time for our family, but we are so pleased we can honor his memory in a way that will bring so much joy to the children and women at Rays of Hope. We are so grateful for all those who contributed to make this possible.



ZAMBIA



In March, we held our graduation for the class of 2022. (In Zambia the school term ends in December.)

It was an exciting time with friends, family and dignitaries helping us celebrate our graduates. Many of our graduates have been with us since they were infants, and we are so proud of the men and women they have become. We are so grateful to our sponsors, many of whom have sponsored these children since they were infants. Susan was the MC of the ceremony,

and I had the honor of addressing the graduates. I remembered how most of these young men and women were when they first came to us: sick, abandoned, malnourished, afraid, and grieving the loss of parents. 'Amazing!' was what I thought as I looked at the young people standing before me. These incredible young adults are breaking the cycle of poverty they were born into! Thanks to our child sponsorship program, they are now thriving young adults ready to take on the world. Thank you to all who make this possible. We are so grateful for your support and your prayers for this ministry. May God bless you for your heart for the needy.



CHOIR UPDATE

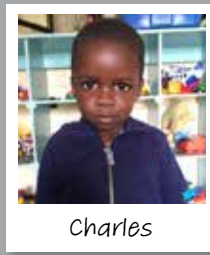
As of this writing we have not received immigration visas for our choir from Zambia. We are going to reschedule the choir tour and will make an announcement soon on the new dates.



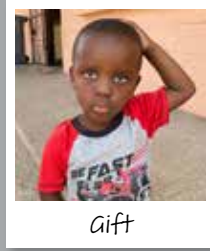
SPONSORSHIP

We have several children needing sponsors in Zambia and Thailand. With your help we can provide loving homes, nutrition, medical care, and education for children who have been orphaned or been rescued from horrible conditions. For a little over a dollar a day you can change the life of a child, from a life of extreme poverty and despair to one of hope and a future.

Please contact our office for more information, or to sign up as a sponsor today!



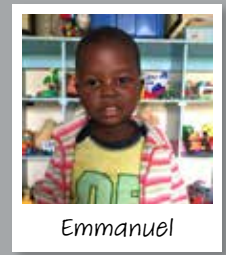
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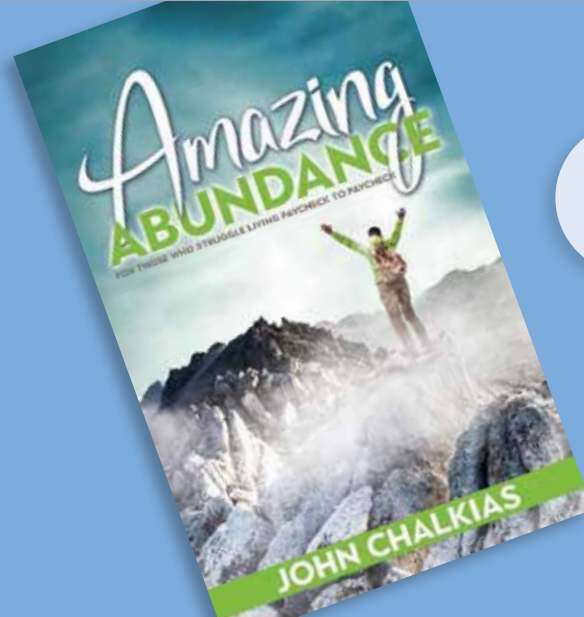
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SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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per month

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in Thailand Zambia Myanmar = \$ _____ /month

Sponsor a Seeds of Hope project: Name of Project: _____ \$ _____ /month

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Click "Subscribe" button under sponsorship.

Online Banking (USA)

Create a new online banking payee with the following information:

ACCOUNT NAME | Seeds of Hope Children's Ministry USA

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.

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Select **Child Sponsorship**

Payment options:

- PayPal
 - Online Banking
 - Etransfer (credit card or debit)
- Fill in your own credit card info securely online.

JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER TEAM

We are currently looking for people to help at our reception desk!

We are looking for people to volunteer one day a week (on the same day every week) to answer phones and help with general office duties.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact our office.

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SAVE THE DATE

WALKATHON

June 4, 2023

SEEDS OF HOPE BANQUET

 **September 30, 2023 | Abbotsford**

Due to education and exam schedules for our Grace Choir, we have changed our banquet to September 30. Please join us in praying that their travel visas to be approved and that they will be here for our banquet.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

November 1-4, 2023



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GET INVOLVED

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.

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OUR CURRENT NEEDS



MYANMAR CHILDREN'S HOME

Help us support the Precious Gems family.



EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

\$10.00/month. Join us in unlocking the futures of the children in our care.



MEDICAL FUND

Helps us meet the urgent medical needs of our children.



MOSQUITO NETS

Aid in the prevention of Malaria by supplying mosquito nets.



BUSINESS START-UP

Help by supporting young entrepreneurs in a new business venture.



FARMING

Help us with our farming project at Grace Academy.



FEEDING PROGRAM

Support the two feeding programs outside the walls of Grace Academy.



WIDOW'S JAR

Give to women and children in need.



SPONSORSHIP

We have several children and women needing sponsorship in Zambia, Myanmar and Thailand.

Please visit our website to view our urgent needs:
www.seedsofhopecm.com

**YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

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