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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

We all know that the past two years have been difficult for everyone. We all hope for the day when life feels a little more normal; when we can hug our loved ones without fear; when we can travel freely; when we can serve overseas again. We all hold onto HOPE! Sadly, it is those who are the poorest who have been impacted the most these past two years. Yet in their struggle, stories of hope; stories of overcoming insurmountable odds continue to be told. In studies done by the American Psychology Association, children who became successful in life despite growing up in poverty, all had one thing in common - hope!

"Poverty isn't defeated by wealth... It's defeated by HOPE! (Barry Slauenwhite in Strategic Compassion). So, what are you really giving when you provide for the needs of others? **You are giving HOPE.**

It is through your generosity and prayers that hope continues to be given to so many people in need. From all of us at ImpactHope, **thank you** for your continued support!

Brad (Wilson DIRECTOR, BRAD WILSON

A HOME FOR GOD'S CHILDREN TAT'S KIDS | PUERTO MALDONADO, PERU

Scott and Tracy Blackburn are dedicated to serving children who have experienced pain in their past.

"Most of the children come broken and confused to the home and as we navigate their uniqueness, we always find that the one thing they all come with is the ability to love and be loved!" Tat's Kids enables children to go through Christian care and mentoring amidst a highly sexualized culture.



Currently, there are 12 children under their care and two of the girls, Liliana and Lucy, came to know Christ and were baptized on November 1st!

Your financial support and prayers continue to encourage the Blackburns as they serve and care for the vulnerable children in Puerto Maldonado. Evidently, God is doing amazing things through this children's home and we are SO excited to be opening up our second children's home in Iquitos, Peru which is called Hogar Genesis!

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The Blackburn Family: Scott, Tracy, Caleb & Jaxon



"Thank You so much for your response to our special fundraiser! The children appreciate t<u>heir new computers</u>!"



Lucy & Liliana Are Baptized In the River

THE POWER OF EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP TRAINING

At ImpactHope, we believe that **education** is an important and powerful tool for breaking the cycle of poverty and investing in it it bridges the gap in social inequality. We understand that food and education work in tandem, as hunger keeps children out of school and hinders their learning. When a child is fed, their ability to learn is vastly improved!

In today's world, **leadership** is critical and sadly challenged by multiple factors such as a lack of resources, training, and family finances. We know that leadership is critical to the success of the initiatives that address poverty and therefore, we support efforts that develop well-trained Christian community leaders who can make an impact on their communities.

SHELTER OF HOPE ACADEMY (KENYA)

Our workers, Ishmael and Molline, began ministering in a slum in Nairobi by tutoring, educating, and feeding a few children and their early efforts produced a charity called Shelter of Hope. Following the inception of a school, they started the Shelter of Hope Academy and other programs (a health clinic, agriculture, women empowerment – to name a few). In 2011, they created Vision Ministries Kenya, a network of over 40 churches focusing on church planting, pastoral training, and leadership development.

MOVING FORWARD

Both the Nairobi and Kagan locations of the Shelter of Hope Academy began a new academic year on a high note in July this year! With a joint student population of 450, both schools have completed opening examinations and the results were incredible. A good number of staff have been vaccinated for Covid-19 and the schools continue to comply with Covid-19 protocols.

MORE THAN JUST BOOKS



A photo of Kerubo.

Time and time again, we have encountered financial, mental, and social distress in children caused by poverty. Following the pandemic, 12-year-old Kerubo's parents lost their jobs as casual labourers. The inability to pay the fees or to attend school added to her psychological trauma. The SOH management stepped in and waived Kerubo's fees. This enabled her to return to school and attend counselling at the Shelter Academy counselling club, where counselling is carried out weekly for traumatized children. Kerubo has recovered emotionally and is motivated, like the many other children blessed by the SOH Academy.

PRAYER POINTS FOR SOH

Students are excited to learn but exhausted by the multitude of challenges that they have faced. We need your prayers for those who are in dire need of COVID-19 protective items. Fundraising needs include:

- Teachers' salaries, and food for staff and students
- Completion of Kagan school infrastructure (8 classrooms and solar backup system)
- Building of the Kiambiu-Nairobi school.
- Completion of the solar-powered water system for the rural school.

To Support Students at Shelter of Hope, visit: www.impacthope.ca/shelterofhope

Your commitment of just \$43/month would mean that children from low-income families in Kenya can attend school!

EDUCATION IN FORT JACQUES (HAITI)

This year has not been without its difficulties, but with God's help and Haitian 'degaje' methods, we were able to have a positive year. **Degaje** means to do what you need to do with what you have. This community is a powerful testament to the strength given by God to overcome adversity!

We overcame unfinished walls by using rocks to hold down papers, and wear sweaters when it is cloudy, cold and windy. We use low voices in classrooms as separating, walls are still unbuilt. When teachers fall sick... (read more on pg 3)

"Bonjour! M'rele Jean. I am three years old. I live in Fort Jacques, Haiti. You have made a big difference in my life! I want to thank you for helping me to go to school. I do not have anything to play with at my little house, so I run to school every morning because I want to play with the toys there. I feel loved by my teacher and she's taught me how to hold a pencil. I can almost print my name, all by myself. I am also learning how to pray every morning. School is so much fun! Mesi Anpil!





Graduation of Elementary Classes at SOH.

EDUCATION IN HUEHUETENANGO (GUATEMALA)

30 years ago, the education system in the remote areas near Huehuetenango, Guatemala was was in disarray due to the lack available schools in remote areas. Sadly, many children stayed home, quit school, and found low-paying jobs. Without education, there was little hope of improving their circumstances and life.

ImpactHope has been partnering with Gilberto and Ruth Noriega for over 25 years and we have assisted them in the construction of **14 in 28** schools! The majority of these schools are now fully sustainable. Funding through ImpactHope is provided for families who may otherwise be unable to afford the tuition costs. We truly believe that any investment that donors provide will impact future generations, villages, and the nation!

DESK FUNDRAISER

Back in August, we asked if you would help us purchase 400 desks for two schools in Huehuetenango and we are thrilled to share that **you've helped us buy 93 desks so far!** The children and teachers at Fuente de Amor school in Buenos Aires Chantla thank you!

Our worker, Gilberto, shared his excitement and joy as he sent us some photos of the delivery of desks and the children receiving them in their classrooms. (To view all photos, visit: https://impacthope.ca/deskfundraiser-huehue-update)

Purchase a Desk for a Child: www.impacthope.ca/huehuetenango Give the gift of education for \$32 per desk and hope for a brighter future!

If you would like to give a child in Huehuetenango the opportunity to learn, **you can purchase a desk for one student for only \$32 CAD**! Most of the children that attend these schools come from low-income families and therefore it is a huge blessing for the whole community.



An excited student unwraping her new desk!



An elementary class ready to learn with their new desks.

THE GRACE PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

THE GRACE INSTITUTE ZAMBIA | LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

The Grace Project International (TGPI) is focused on training pastors, who are called to serve but encounter educational and financial challenges which prevent them from attending established Bible colleges and seminaries.

SAMUEL'S TESTIMONY

Samuel, a graduate of the Grace Institute shares that his life has been transformed by the training, which facilitated a space safe enough to share one's views and feelings. When he went through critical financial trouble and could not afford to pay his tuition fees, his tutor volunteered to share the burden. Samuel felt that this was a true representation of Christ's ministry of love.

FORT JACQUES CONT'D (HAITI)

...classes double up! When the cook can't come, Marie or one of her daughters does the cooking. We can indeed do all things through Christ who strengthens us!

Children that have never held a pencil or opened a book are now learning how to write and read! This year, there are about 38 students ranging from Kindergarten to grade three and 3 teachers.



"I am more confident now to share the word of God, because wherever I go,

I have been trained to shepherd the flock with integrity of heart and skillful hands."

- SAMUEL (Graduate of TGIZ 2021)

SOLAR LIGHT FUNDRAISER

One of the greatest needs in Zambia is the need for adequate lighting. Several schools are not connected to the National Power Grid and therefore have power instability.

Our goal for 2022 is to purchase at least 7 solar-powered lights and 7 rechargeable lights to help students study more efficiently.

To Give the Gift of Light & Support Pastors In Training, visit: www.impacthope.ca/thegraceprojectinternational Our goal is \$1750 | You can purchase 1 light for \$125

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS?

You can support this project in the following ways through one-time or recurrent donations:

- Purchase Books for the classrooms \$10/3 books
- **Sponsor a Student** At the cost of \$35/month, change the life of a child forever!
- **Buy a Brick** We are praying for approximately \$8000 to finish the school!
- Sponsor a teacher Support a teacher at \$150/month

To Support Fort Jacques, visit: www.impacthope.ca/haiti Support a grade 1-3 student or their teacher!



THE HEALING TOUCH OF HEALTH CARE

Poverty is both a cause and a consequence of poor health. Poverty increases the chances of poor health, and poor health traps communities in poverty. ImpactHope is committed to finding long-term solutions to impact the health of those living in poverty.

LET'S COMPLETE THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE HOSPITAL!

In order to finish the first floor, the needs are to raise funds for: electricity back-up, hospital infrastructure like windows and doors, paint supplies, tiles to finish the floors, kitchen supplies, and hygiene facilities.



THE HOSPITAL IS TAKING SHAPE (NEBAJ)

Dr. Juan Pablo, Carolina, and their medical team continue to provide quality healthcare to the community of Nebaj. With the help of teams and the support of our donors, the pouring of cement on the first and second floor of the new hospital was finished by the end of February 2020 and the first floor of the hospital started taking shape by the end of 2020. Now, it is almost finished but we need your help to complete it!

A PLACE OF HOPE, LOVE & CARE

This project is impacting the community in ways more meaningful than a clinical diagnosis. Jose was having a difficult time with undiagnosed abdominal pain, in spite of being investigated for an entire day! Because he had already been partially treated with antibiotics and pain medication, it had been difficult for his doctors to pinpoint the root of the problem. By God's grace, he was sent to Servicios Medicos Vida y Esperanza, which has premier ultrasound technology, thanks to our generous donors. He was finally given a proper life-saving diagnosis of acute appendicitis!

Stories like Jose's and the people we are serving are indeed a reminder of the blessings we have and we pray that they are thus impacted, to become followers of Christ!



To Donate, visit: www.impacthope.ca/nebaj Provide quality health care for children and families in Nebaj.

Thanks to the new ultrasound machine our donors helped purchase, patients like Jose was able to have a life-saving diagnosis!

The winds of change are happening at Casa Compasiva. Over the past two years, Lila Quezada, the founder and visionary of Casa Compasiva, has been slowly exiting her role

as director. Through the last 10+ years, she has

been an example of love, mercy, and

compassion to many expectant mothers.

After seeing the plight of women (especially indigenous women) and the discrimination

and injustice that was occurring in Oaxaca

City, God gave her the vision to provide a

natural birthing option for woman and their newborns. Lila, approached Dan and Adria Fuller, people with the same passion and

vision, to become the new directors and lead

MATERNAL CARE & CHILD BIRTH (OAXACA, MEXICO)

"We have supported women in the process of giving birth, and our eyes rejoiced to see these new little boys and girls, our hands cuddled them, and our arms were extended to receive them and pass them into the loving care of their mothers."





To Support Mothers, visit: www.impacthope.ca/casa-compasiva Supporting women throughout pregnancy, with God's love.





Staff photo at Casa Compasiva with Dan & Adria

> Casa Compasiva. They will carry forward the legacy of the Casa with the same vision: presenting the good news of Jesus Christ through the provision of natural birthing options for women and their families.

KEDHAP'S HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (KENYA)

The Kenya Economic Development Human Advancement Project (KEDHAP) is the development, peace-building, and relief arm of the Kenya Mennonite Church in the Diocese of Kisumu East. From its humble beginnings in the year 2000, KEDHAP has steadily grown and now serves thousands of participants through a wide range of programs, in extremely poor rural areas.



A photo of some of KEDHAP's staff in Kenya.

Some of KEDHAP's major work is in the areas of Female Empowerment, Education, Community Development, Health Education, Peacemaking & Reconciliation, Food Security & Income Generation, and Leadership Development. A powerful project is **KEDHAP's assistance to People living with HIV and AIDS**, wherein KEDHAP provides food for those who are unable to work or grow food; and seeds and other materials for those who can grow their own food.

"We are so thankful for our donors who support KEDHAP's program that helps the vulnerable youth living with HIV/AIDS. Your support is saving young lives!" - KEDHAP STAFF

HOPE FOR AN HIV-POSITIVE CHILD: JOEL'S STORY



Joel (on the right), his mother (on the left) and two siblings.

Joel is an HIV-positive 15-year-old boy who studies at a Primary School in Kenya. Optimum nutrition is a critical component of comprehensive prevention, care, and treatment in individuals with HIV and AIDS. In spite of poverty and the lack of food, Joel had to be consistent with his medication, which made him susceptible to weakness, and caused him to miss school. KEDHAP became Joel's saving grace as it supplied him with maize for nutrition, and transport money to visit the hospital and receive timely medication. Joel is grateful for the financial and nutritional support and he hopes to take his KCPE exams the following year. Joel hopes to continue his education and he needs further support to make his dreams come true!

To Support KEDHAP's HIV/AID Efforts, visit: www.impacthope.ca/kedhap

Providing support and resources to those like Joel living with HIV/AIDS, giving them an oppportunity at life.

CONTINUED COVID-19 RELIEF INTO 2021

Thank you for your continued support towards our COVID-19 Relief Fund, providing essential needs like food and water, to those who are in dire need. We believe that God uses people to impact people and those who have received assistance during the pandemic have expressed the impact your generosity has made on them.

We want to continue to help those who have become the most vulnerable in our world due to COVID-19 and need help. For many places, not only is there a shortage of food, there is a major increase in food prices that has left many on the streets hungry.

Your donation will go towards emergency relief in an area that is in desperate need, providing essential needs like food and water. These countries include Guatemala, Peru, Haiti, Kenya, and Cuba.



View our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Photos on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/impacthope.ca/photos

To Give COVID-19 Emergency Relief, visit: https://impacthope.kindful.com/?campaign=1063196 Help provide essential needs, food, water, healthcare, ect. to those in need.



Seniors receiving bags of food from ImpactHope's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. Anna in Iquitos (left) and Romelia in Camaguey (right).



With donations from our COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, our workers in Cuba were able to purchase bags of rice, cooking oil, beans and eggs.

HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE

At ImpactHope, we want to help and support the most vulnerable and marginalized groups in society, bringing them the love and good news of Jesus. When it comes to children, we want to create safe places for them to heal, learn, and grow!



Since 2015, our workers Rodolfo and Saraid have built strong relationships with the most vulnerable in Iquitos as they bring the light of the gospel to many dark places through street ministry and children's programs. After a lot of work, prayer, and waiting, we are SO happy to announce that we will officially open up this home on December 27th, 2021!

GUSTOVITO IS WAITING FOR THIS HOME TO OPEN!



A photo of Gustovito.

Gustovito is a precious little 6-year-old with a 4year-old younger brother named Jimmy. Their story is heartbreaking and sadly, is not uncommon for children in Iquitos. Gustovito's mother is a drug addict who's unable to care for the boys. Their grandmother who took them in is now too old to continue providing for them. Gustovito and Jimmy are now living in an orphanage in Iquitos. Unfortunately, the city orphanage has been operating at 20% above capacity for several years, and therefore, the importance of Hogar Genesis is evident. Gustovito and Jimmy will be taken in by Hogar

Genesis when it opens! Since their mother is still alive, there is hope to restore the family unit through the Christian counsel provided by Hogar Genesis. You can give Gustovito a home and hope!

THE EXCITEMENT IS GREAT, THE NEED IS GREATER!

Will you help meet the urgent need for continued monthly support to ensure that children like Gustovito are cared for properly? Your donation will go directly towards Hogar Genesis' monthly need of \$10,000 which includes the childrens' healthcare, counselling services, education, nutritious meals, staff at the home, and all other operational expenses.

To Support Hogar Genesis, visit: www.impacthope.ca/iquitos Your contribution, however big or small, can change the lives of children like Gustovito, giving them the gift of hope for a better future!

MIGRANT WORKERS (ONTARIO, CANADA)



Gone too soon: Manuel, his wife and two daughters.

Back in June this year, Manuel, one of the workers, passed away due to COVID-19, leaving behind his wife and two beautiful daughters. With generous gifts from donors, supporters, and other migrant workers, our worker Julio was able to help this family financially. Thank you for providing help and comfort to this family as they grieve.



SHARING GOD'S LOVE & GRACE

Julio continues to help the migrant workers in the London-Strathroy area. tending to the many needs they may have including trips to the ER in hospitals, and buying food and groceries. Doing all of these things in love gives Julio the opportunity to share Christ with them. The lives of many of these migrant workers and their families have been changed forever because you have supported and prayed for them! Thank you!

SPREADING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

This December, we will be hosting our 7th Migrant Workers Annual Christmas Banquet! This allows individuals to not feel isolated during the Holidays and feel God's love. We need your help to make this year's event happen! Your donation will go directly towards the expenses of this event (venue rental, food, etc.) and contribute towards a little Christmas gift for each individual!

> To Support Migrant Workers, visit: www.impacthope.ca/ migrantworkers-ontario

FOOD SECURITY & ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

Good nutrition and safe drinking water are fundamental to the health and dignity of all. Without sustainable food and clean water, families and communities will continue to struggle in poverty. The availability of healthy food and clean water brings better health, hygiene, and sanitation. As a result, the community can flourish and a reliable source of clean water can allow for the planning of agricultural initiatives.

KENYA WATER WELL



A woman dancing and praising the Lord by the well right after water was found!

Working alongside Vision Ministries Kenya (a network of 40 churches), we are committed to supporting families in Kenya who live in extreme poverty.

In 2019, ImpactHope committed to drilling a well in the Olkesumet Prayer Response Center. The first attempt to drill was not successful, but we didn't give up! The Maasai people had been praying for water for many years. They were very discouraged when the first attempt of drilling failed. At the second attempt this year, a bountiful supply of clean fresh water was located at a depth of 300m! There is a large quantity of water, and **it will impact over 400 people** in a 5 km area. The people are overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude, for this well is a major blessing in their community.



HELP US COMPLETE THE WELL!

Sufficient funding has been received to drill the borehole which is now capped. More funding is needed to purchase a Pump, Water Tower, and more. We are praying for \$25,000 to move this project to the next phase! The overall vision is to increase sustainability within the community and create opportunities for income and growth!

To Donate to the Water Well, visit: www.impacthope.ca/water Let's continue to pour out blessings on this community!

You can watch a video about our water well project on Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8VUIRbRg-8.

CUBA FOOD PROGRAMS

Food is becoming scarce and prices are increasing drastically as covid continues to spread within the island. Before the economic recession, 1 lb of meat was \$1 USD and 5 lbs of rice was \$1 USD. Now, 1 lb of meat is about \$5 USD and 1 lb of rice is now \$3 USD. With your help, several families were blessed with food during the last 4 months.

PALMA SORIANO

Jorge and Sandra had covid in September but by God's grace, both have recovered. Prayers are needed for Jorge's full recovery as he still has issues and pain in his lungs



In spite of it all, they were still able to help over **48 families** in the last 4 months, providing food packages that include rice, cooking oil, chicken, and beans! This is because of the encouragement you as donors, supporters, and friends, provide for them! Thank you!

JULY18 FAMILIESAUGUST10 FAMILIESSEPTEMBER10 FAMILIESOCTOBER10 FAMILIES





Pastor William and his wife Daisy.

since August 2021. Pastor William and his family struggle as they continue to adapt to the challenges from COVID-19 affecting their community. Working in ministry in Cuba often means a lack of financial income and this means that Pastor William's family may not have much to eat for weeks to come.

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Carlos & Rosa were able to financially

support 7 Pastors

and their families,

help,

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Pastor William told Carlos that he is very grateful for ImpactHope's support and for the provision of financial assistance, especially during a very difficult time for his family.

To Support Efforts in Cuba, visit: www.impacthope.ca/caribbean



Girls at an Elementary School are being educated before given sanitary pads.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

ImpactHope seeks to address issues of gender equality, just as Jesus lived a life without prejudice, treating all men and women equal. Gender inequality is truly a global concern and it is our goal to support and develop programs that address gender-based violence, access to quality healthcare for women, equal access to quality education for girls, child marriage, as well as skills training, and business opportunities for women!

We are seeking to expand our present initiatives that empower girls and women such as providing sanitary pads for girls through secondary school, enabling them to complete their education, and giving them the opportunity to pursue future studies. We also support microfinancing projects, sewing initiatives, and support groups for both women and girls.

KEEPING GIRLS IN SCHOOL (KENYA)



Brenda (on the left) and her classmates (on the right) are so happy and grateful to receive santiary pads from KEDHAP.

The main goal of KEDHAP's Female Empowerment Ministry is to empower widows, orphans, and other vulnerable people through avenues such as education. The activities leading towards the achievement of the education goal are:

- To provide access to secondary education for economically disadvantaged students, especially girls and orphans;
- To provide the neediest female students with sanitary supplies in order to allow them to attend school all month-long;
- To support orphaned and vulnerable children who were not able to get secondary-level education, and to provide training enabling them to earn a livelihood.

As of September 2021, KEDHAP supplies sanitary pads and underwear and provides counseling for 5,525 young girls from 52 schools, coming from economically deprived households. An increasing number of girls now go on to finish secondary school, avoid early marriage and keep their dreams of a better future alive!

"I used to tell teachers that I am sick so they would give me permission to stay home for the four days I was on my period. This made me fall behind in school and when I got my exam results back, they were not good. When I did try to go to school during my period, I would lose focus because I thought sanitary pad program, I can go to school, even during my period, and not worry. I am happy and relieved." - Brenda

Brenda is in her fourth year at a Secondary School in Muhoroni and lives in the slums with a widowed mother and 3 younger siblings. Her mother could not afford to put her through school, let alone buy her sanitary pads. Brenda is now 1 of the 315 girls from her school that KEDHAP supports with sanitary pads and panties and now she doesn't need to miss school anymore, simply being a girl!

To Support Girls like Brenda, visit: www.impacthope.ca/kedhap

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LET'S STAY CONNECTED!



If you'd like more information about the ministry of ImpactHope, please reach out to us. We invite you to join our 'Prayer Points' e-mail group, which will update you about the various things you can pray for. These prayers will be focused on our partners, their needs, and other areas that

need your intercession!

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