

2022 Gratitude Report



Open Hearts for Orphans

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a child who benefited from a dental camp

Introduction



Our theme for 2022 was "Bringing Light to the World" and we were able to literally do that last year! Collapsible solar lanterns were delivered to impoverished families in Uganda giving them light...and hope! 2022 was also the year we brought smiles for miles! Our October Smiles for Miles event took place on World Smile Day, and we raised funds to provide necessary dental care for over 1,000 children in Uganda! Each year it seems that we can't possibly see more need than the year before...and then we do. We are so grateful to those who keep choosing to say yes. Whether it's the medical intervention side, the basic needs initiatives, or our "Say Yes" grants that touch your heart the most, we're thankful that our collective **yes** between donors and partners is making such an impactful difference in this world.

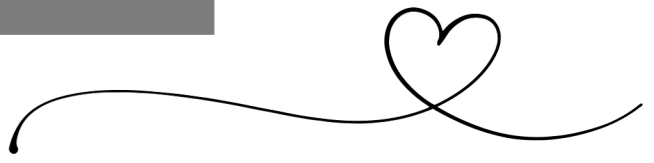
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Basic Needs



- 11 fully-furnished new homes for vulnerable families
- 30+ children in loving foster families
- 300 families received solar lanterns, giving light to over 1,000 people in need.
- 100+ children were educated through tuition assistance in Uganda.

We provided basic necessities including food, clothing, beds, bedding, and household items for many vulnerable families in Uganda. 20+ of those families now have safe latrine structures and water tanks, too.

Multiple struggling mothers and child-headed households were given new hope and opportunity through seed funding to start new businesses to help them provide for their families.

Your giving provided life-saving baby formula to 13+ babies, and we celebrated that 8 children with special needs were moved out of an orphanage and into families. We provided meals, toys, and clothing to 40 children at Christmas.

Last, but certainly not least, we funded the annual needs of Creamos, a home for abandoned children in Bolivia.



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Medical Intervention



Four dental camps took place in one area of Uganda, providing dental and minor medical care for 698 people, 529 of them children! More camps will take place through trusted partners in two other areas of Uganda in 2023.

As economies tightened, our Uganda partners saw a surge of abandoned and malnourished babies, due to a tragic shortage of formula and rise in costs. We were able to stand in the gap for fifteen babies through specialized nutrition and emergency foster care.

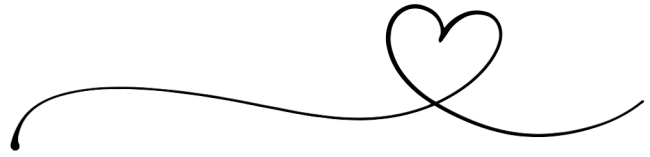
Your donations covered medical treatment for over 50 vulnerable children, including surgery, leg braces, and physiotherapy for a boy with Cerebral Palsy, heart surgery for two little girls, and eye surgery for two little girls. Your donations also provided specialist assessments and physical therapy for four children rescued through our Empty the Orphanages campaign.

We continued to provide much-needed medical supplies to babies in the care of Little Flower in China, and we provided for more necessary medical equipment for multiple children, including walkers and wheelchairs.



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"Say Yes" Adoption Grants



- **22** "Say Yes" adoption grants were issued in 2022.
- **19** children came home in 2022 with the help of our grant.
- Children with multiple special needs were welcomed home from **8** different countries - Bulgaria, Ecuador, India, Kyrgyzstan, Serbia, Taiwan, Ukraine, and the US.
- **8** of our 2022 grant families are still in process and **21** families are still waiting because of unforeseen travel delays (China adoptions).

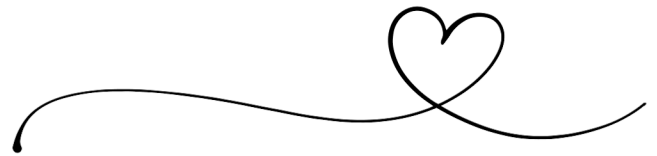
In 2022, our "Say Yes" adoption grants remained at \$2,000, and we continued to offer optional wraparound services to our grant families, including a strategic prayer partner, a complimentary copy of "The Connect Parent," and quarterly trauma-informed training sessions.



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Advocacy



In 2022, we continued to rollout our ARISE ministry - Adoption Resources, Information, Stories, and Encouragement. The intent of this ministry is to shine a light on adoption and foster care, while providing a support component to help families in the process. Our meetings are available to all, and our hope is that the mission will continue to spread as we strive to bring authentic voices into the conversation. Last year, we continued to look for ways to branch out this new ministry.

Through our social media platforms, we continue to focus on adoption and foster care advocacy as one of the most important and valued aspects of our mission.



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