



Open Hearts for Orphans

Impact Report – 2020



We issued thirty-one of our “Say Yes” grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for the adoption of children with special needs in eleven different countries – 18 boys and 20 girls. Included were five families adopting multiple children! In our Advocacy efforts, we continued our weekly social media series called “See Me Saturday” to bring awareness to orphans in need of families. We also continued our “Stories of Yes” social media series to shine a light on adoption through the true stories of adoptive families. We continued to bring awareness to the orphan crisis through events and speaking engagements, our memoir “With an Open Heart”, and our logo necklaces that support orphan care initiatives and fundraisers for adoptive families.

We provided necessities for ten vulnerable families in Uganda through the year including new beds, bedding, mosquito nets, cooking utensils, clothing, and food. Most of these vulnerable children were “found” during a Covid-19 food relief delivery program of a partner NGO. One might say that was a silver lining in all of this! These children are now getting the care they need.



We funded the building of brand new homes for four vulnerable families living in unsafe structures, including two “Child-Headed Households” in Uganda. Funds were also used for the full furnishing of these homes including bedding, dining and living room furniture, and kitchen supplies. These homes were complete with solar lighting, latrines, showers, rainwater catch systems for drinking/showering and cooking stoves.

We provided emergency supplies of formula to multiple babies in Uganda who were in desperate need of nourishment. We also covered their transport to and from the hospital for medical evaluations, along with entry into a nutrition program to help some of them thrive. We provided caregiver support, in addition, to make sure these babies receive the ongoing care they need at home. We continued to offer child sponsorship opportunities for children in Cambodia, Uganda, and China, and added children to our program in Uganda to provide for their care.



We provided winter clothing – hats, gloves, coats, long underwear, scarves for two orphanages in China plus children in on-site foster care. We provided emergency medical supplies to children in orphanages and foster care settings, including: Nitrile gloves, face masks, vitamin supplements for infants and children, Neosporin, pain relievers, cleaning/disinfection products, NG feeding tube supplies, and specially treated bandages for a baby with epidermolysis bullosa.



We funded the following surgical interventions and medical treatments: heart surgery for an orphaned baby in China, palate revision surgery for an orphaned boy in China, fluid drainage procedure for a child with hydrocephalus in Uganda, hip surgery for an orphaned boy in Uganda, G-tube implant surgery for a baby in Uganda, intestinal surgery for an orphaned boy in China, cancer treatments for a young abandoned mother in Uganda, medical treatment for a young girl in Uganda with hormonal disease, covered the hospital costs for the delivery of babies to two young abandoned mothers in Uganda, and funded hernia surgery for a teenage boy in Uganda as a form of orphan prevention.

We provided wheelchairs for five orphaned children in Uganda and pediatric walkers for two orphaned children in China. We financially sponsored the complete renovation of a hospital room in a healing home for orphaned and abandoned children in China where many lives - we pray – will be saved. We purchased a portable ultrasound unit for an NGO in Guatemala serving all ages of orphaned and abandoned children, including adolescent and teen girls who have been victims of trafficking, and have become pregnant. This equipment will help the caregivers monitor these girls to keep them safe and aid in healthy deliveries.



A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD



Our year ended with significant growth again, even in the midst of a pandemic. We owe that growth to you - our donors! We are acutely aware that every adoption grant issued, every piece of medical equipment sent, every basic need provided, is because you believe in our mission and value the work we are doing. It is such a privilege to serve orphaned and abandoned children around the world, and it is a true blessing to have you walk alongside us on this path.

From all of us at OHFO (as pictured) – Lisa, Cady, Amy, Ann, Mary, Cindy, Susie, Jim, and Carrie - we pray that you and your families receive all of the abundant blessings you deserve in this new year, Thanks upon thanks for your support.