
HOPE
VENTURE
LET HOPE BE YOUR GIFT TO A HURTING WORLD

Welcome

This is a book that addresses Extreme Poverty through Extravagant Generosity. We're so excited to share with you opportunities you can step into to change the world together with us. May you find yourself open and leaning into the Love of a God who cares about the whole world. No one should go to bed hungry. No one should bury their children. No one should live without hope. We are offering Hope. We are The Hope Venture.

WE'RE ON AN ADVENTURE TO BRING HOPE AND DIGNITY TO THE MOST DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

Above: Beeps and honks fill the air, providing a soundtrack to the city.

Cover: Thulasi, a feeding center recipient who has inspired us for years by her passion for equality.

Photos by: Carli Huston

A GENEROSITY journey





Hi there. Whether you're new to these pages or have been coming here a long time, welcome. We're getting more and more excited to keep inviting you into a journey of generosity with us.



Most of us probably have more than we think. Even if I have less than my friend, I still have a lot of money. (If I make even $30,000, I'm richer than 95% of the people in the world).

So this year we've switched things up and organized this catalog by dollar amounts (so you might see some projects more than once). What if this was a year to stretch ourselves, to live a little less comfortably but more alive, more boldly, more in step with the wild and wonderful ways God wants to love His people? We invite you, let's live and love generously. :)

[2] In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. [3] For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, [4] they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 Corinthians 8:2-4



It's a privilege to get to give. When was the last time you couldn't wait to give money?



What if you paused for even a minute to just listen to what God might say on this? What if you asked Him how you could be a part of kindness and love through your giving? What if you dreamed about how He might care even more about the things that upset you…people going hungry, no bed, no clean water, no education, no Jesus, no hope…and how He might invite you into that? What if you wrote down some thoughts and looked back in six months or a year or five years? Will you have made the difference this wild and beautiful God wanted to make through you?



I open my hands to you God. All I have is yours!

What if we could trust God to supply for our needs? What if we were less afraid and more open? What if we believed in God's abundance, in all things, at all times? Would it affect us?

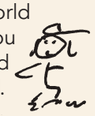
[6] Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, [7] because what they already had was more than enough to do all the work.

Exodus 36:6-7

What if we gave so much that our leaders had to tell us to stop? That's what can happen when we listen to the extravagant promptings of God.



Come with us. Dream about impacting the world together in a way you couldn't alone. It could be beautiful.



JEFF & CYNCI'S HOUSE

The average American home has nine rooms...three bedrooms, two bathrooms, one kitchen, one dining room, one living room, and one other room.

The structure is typically waterproof, secure, and safe. Nowadays there's even cameras on many houses. There is an abundance of privacy and locks on our doors.

We do not typically sit on the floor... sometimes on a carpet, often on a chair, and to relax, on a comfortable couch.

We typically each have our own bed to sleep in. We have many outfits and shoes to match even our moods.

We have multiple water sources within our homes for private bathing and hot water washing. We also have an abundant supply of soaps and cleaners.

ANTHONY'S HOUSE

$3 / day
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

The structure leaks, is made of tarps and sheet metal or sticks and mud. It does not feel safe and secure or private.

Minimal cooking supplies stashed away between meals. Sometimes, maybe often, going unused because there's no money for food.

Often the bed is in the main room with a blanket or a curtain hung to give some sense of privacy, or sometimes it's just a mattress that gets laid on the main room floor at the end of the day.

Anthony is currently in our College Scholarship Project. We are hoping it can open new doors out of poverty through an education.

Photo by: Carli Huston

Ways to __Give



Well hello again. :) Here are our first opportunities for you, all for less than $10 each. Maybe you're currently out of a job but you realize you could provide a safe delivery for a woman and her baby for just $7. Maybe you go to Cavett Elementary and have $4 in your piggy bank to help another child get an education just like you. Maybe you're in middle school and you collect 50¢ from each of your classmates so that all of you can provide a meal to another hungry girl or boy. Or maybe you just want to skip one Starbucks drink (I've been trying this lately) so you can make one sick person well.



$.50 INDIA FEEDING CENTERS

Provides a meal







$1.25 UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

Provides a dewormer kit

JACK NORMAN TUTORING

Jack Norman passed away in 2018 and his family and friends started two centers in India. Keep his legacy going and help us educate more kids each year.



$4 JACK NORMAN TUTORING

Provides tutoring for a child for one month

NAVJEEVAN HOPE CENTER

On the outskirts of the booming tech-town of Kolkata is a village where people don't have access to daily, clean water. It's here that we have a tutoring center for the local kids. But the impact goes beyond tutoring. Our partners visit homes and sit with weeping mothers, struggling fathers, and students who've had to grow up too fast. In addition, they hold a medical clinic twice a year. The impact this center provides is not only in educating students, but it's also in coming alongside families and letting them know they aren't alone; that there is hope for their lives.



$5 NAVJEEVAN HOPE CENTER

Provides a medical checkup for one child

MAMA KITS

The Mama Kit Project serves women in Uganda. For pregnant women who live in poverty, it is difficult to have a safe birth in Uganda. If a woman in Uganda is pregnant and shows up to the hospital for delivery without her own medical supplies, she can get turned away at the door. This leads to dangerous and unsanitary deliveries, which can result in the death of the mother, child, or both. For $7, mama kits come full of all the supplies these mamas need to ensure a safe delivery, which keeps them and the baby safe.



$7 MAMA KITS

Provides a mama kit

$0 Find your level, then pick your project **$10**

Ways to __Give



Woohoo I'm back! Every $15 you can spare provides a year of school supplies to kids in India and Bangladesh. Or for $20 you could provide a water testing kit or food rations for people living in extreme poverty in a leprosy colony. Can you imagine?

We hear story after story of people's lives being helped, even people coming to know Jesus for the first time because someone saw them and cared enough to get them a backpack.

BACKPACKS

For just $15, our Backpack Project provides a year's worth of school supplies to a needy boy or girl in India or Bangladesh. The supplies are purchased from local vendors, assisting even more locals and avoiding shipping costs. All the backpacks are distributed through local pastors and leaders who have ongoing involvement in these kids' lives, caring for the families and showing them a love that often they have never experienced before.



$15 BACKPACKS

Provides a backpack with school supplies

EAST INDIA WELLS

Some of our wells in East India were the first ones we ever dug back in 2013. There were four of them and we've since added a fifth. Together, they are serving over 400 people regularly. We are so grateful for the investment that has continued to be an ongoing help to the people of this area. Those who live in poverty in East India lack access to clean water. This project provides wells in remote villages to bring clean water closer to people in need. The test kit helps us ensure the new well is free of bacteria and other contaminants.



$20 EAST INDIA WELLS

Provides a water testing kit





$20 LEPROSY CARE

Provides food rations for one person for two weeks



For $22 you provide four check-ups (which is about the average number of times a person comes in a year) to a remote clinic in India. Basically you can help keep a person well for an entire year then with just $22!





$22 JACK NORMAN MEDICAL

Provides medical checkups 4x/year



Or maybe you're ready to go crazy with $25 EACH MONTH! Okay, yes I do this one too because I love seeing all the new info!

PROJECT DONOR CLUB

For any monthly amount at all, you can join our Project Donor Club! We will pick a new project every month and share videos and stories with you so you can keep up on all the cool new stories.

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FROM THE HOPE VENTURE

$25/mo PROJECT DONOR CLUB

Introduce yourself to a new project each month



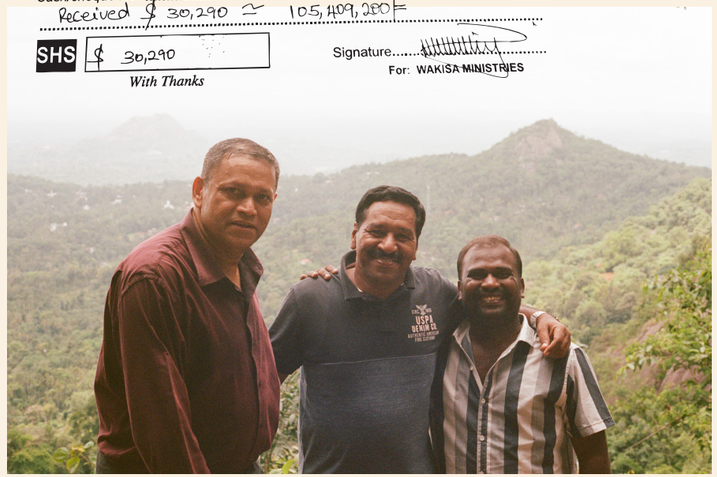






Our project model relies on collaborating with local partners in the areas where we work. They are the decision makers and leaders of this great work. They are Godly men and women who care deeply and who, with integrity, bring love to this hurting world.

trusted partners









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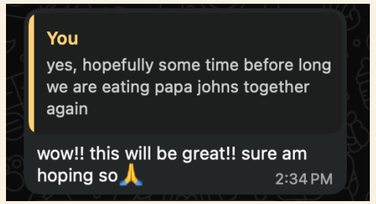
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I love Hope Venture family!

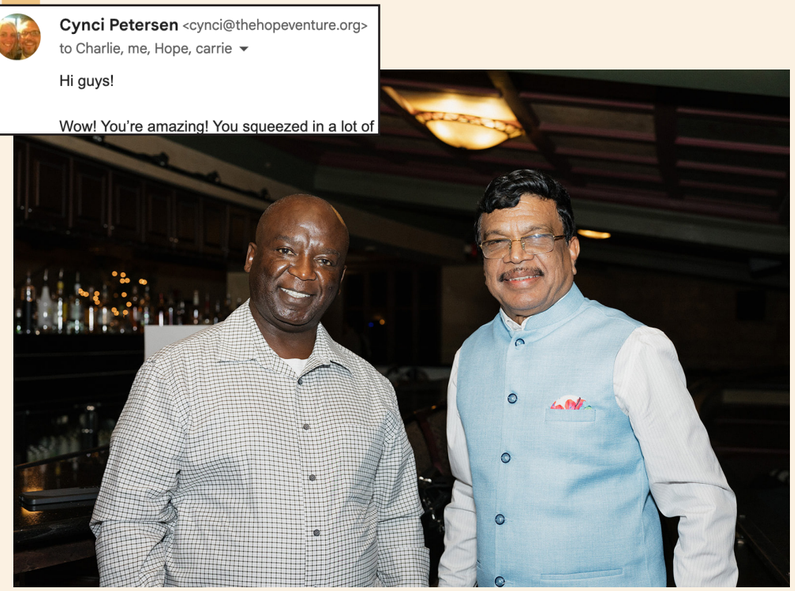
Fanuel.











We say we know our partners well enough to share meals together and make fun of each other. We're friends. And we're co-laborers, working hard to do what we told you we'd do.



CHARLIE



SINCE: 2009

Charlie and Cynci met many years ago through the work of the Jesus Film. Charlie headed up the Jesus Film for all of South Asia when they met in 1998. Charlie has always inspired Cynci with his huge vision, first seen by her in her and her husband's home in 1998, while she herself was trusting God to raise $125,000 for the Jesus Film. It was Charlie's idea to start the Backpack Project, the first project of The Hope Venture.

- BACKPACKS
- INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS
- INDIA TAILORING
- INDIA COMPUTERS
- JAWADHU HILLS
- INDIA FEEDING CENTERS
- SOUTH INDIA WELLS
- JACK NORMAN CENTERS

ACTS4RWANDA



SINCE: 2021

The Hope Venture initially got connected with Acts4Rwanda through our board member, Josh Davis. He connected us with Bridge2Rwanda who connected us with two organizations that work more with the poor and who have local leadership on the ground. Sarah is the current acting director of Acts4Rwanda. Acts4Rwanda is registered in both the US and in Rwanda. Cynci, Josh and Victoria, visited this team in Rwanda first in March 2021.

- COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AGAPE INTEGRATED GROUP



SINCE: 2021

In February 2021, Elijah connected HV to Jonnes as a trusted friend of his. Jonnes was working in the Mathare slums in Nairobi, Kenya as a pastor. Our team visited him at his church with his wife Purity and his friend & partner, Isaac. Sadly, in July 2021 Pastor Jonnes passed away. However, Isaac and Purity have selflessly kept his dreams going and partner with us in sponsoring high school students in Mathare. Isaac also heads the Youth Department at his church and is a trained medic; he has experience in counseling and in helping those with addictions. Purity is a trained teacher and has worked as an admin in a school previously. We're so grateful for them!

- STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

BIMAN

SINCE: 2021

Cynci has been coming to India for over 20 years and has known Biman for a lot of that time as he has become close friends with Jeff and Cynci and their family. Biman officially became our partner with the Bangladesh Backpack Project, which was first done in 2021. In 2023, James and Kayla traveled overseas and began conversations with Biman about his growing passion to impact Kolkata holistically. The Navjeevan Hope Center began out of that in 2025.

- NAVJEEVAN HOPE CENTER

JASSON & LOUIS (LYN)

SINCE: 2019

Cynci and Biman have been friends for 15 years. Biman asked The Hope Venture if they'd partner with Jasson and Louis to do backpacks. We built our trust with Jasson and Louis Jibanto after Biman introduced us and we got to know each other through visits and over zoom and emails.

- BACKPACKS

DR. EMMA



SINCE: 2021

We got connected to Dr. Emma through Melissa Busby, with Mercy for Mamas. Dr. Emma works with the Cares Clinic of Passion Christian Ministries, which is one of the organizations that received mama kits through our Mama Kits Project. During the process of preparing the Mama Kits Project plan, we came into contact with Dr. Emma, as we worked to gain an understanding of the local recipients of our mama kits. Emma has a passion to lead people into a growing relationship with Christ through evangelism, family/community empowerment, education, church planting, and health. He is a doctor who has built a life-saving malnutrition clinic, a high school with students earning top scores in the country, and much more. He has become a dear friend and trusted leader in a short amount of time.

- HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS
- MALNUTRITION CLINIC
- MAMA KITS

YFC UGANDA



SINCE: 2023

We first traveled to Youth for Christ Uganda through Meghan Harlan and Heather Marshall on a connection from Brooke Blocker in 2012. In addition we heard of their work throughout the years through our trusted partner, Vivian Kyoto at Wakisa. We then got re-connected with Youth for Christ through Mercy for Mamas, who worked with Youth for Christ for many years. Melissa Busby introduced The Hope Venture to Miriam Koote, the current director of YFC, in 2020.

- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEEN MOMS

VIVIAN



SINCE: 2011

Brooke Blocker, once HV staff and later on the HV board of directors, introduced Cynci to Melissa in 2011. Melissa and Cynci traveled together to Uganda to Wakisa where Cynci met the founder, Vivian, and quickly connected. Vivian is a godly woman and bold yet tender leader. Vivian became a dear friend to Cynci as they trusted God together for His leading on several things and then began to grow ministries side by side.

- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEEN MOMS
- WAKISA CLINIC

NASHA



SINCE: 2009

The connection to The Hope Venture started between Elijah & Cynci after a trip Cynci took a trip to Nairobi and Kibera. She sought out people and organizations working in Kibera, visited with several and was not satisfied with their effectiveness. After some more research and a lead from an old friend's daughter, Emily Holscher, who had spent a summer with Elijah, she heard that Elijah was the "real deal". After meeting Elijah, Cynci began our Goat Project on a small scale. After further visits and follow-up of that project, and good communication all along the way, The Hope Venture gradually decided to do more and more to partner with Elijah's ongoing efforts with Nasha.

- STUDENT SPONSORSHIP
- COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
- GOATS
- KENYA WATER & SANITATION

FANUEL



SINCE: 2021

Elijah Ombati connected us to Fanuel over email. Cynci, Josh, and Victoria had the opportunity to meet Fanuel and Ann Lipapu, and Jane (Teacher) in person in February 2021. They met at Shalom House. Fanuel was genuine and of good heart. He was calm, authentic, transparent and solid. Fanuel reminded Josh of Elijah. We started by doing some Covid relief with Fanuel in late 2021 and then sponsored 20 students with Fanuel starting in 2022. To date he has excelled in his godly character and leadership with us.

- STUDENT SPONSORSHIP
- COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
- MATHARE MEDICAL CAMP

RAJA



SINCE: 2010

Charlie Abro partnered with the Home of Hope and then connected The Hope Venture to Newark Mission and Raja. Cynci's husband Jeff met Raja when he was taking people into his home and caring for them. Cynci met him shortly after that when he just had the one building for men and women, back in early 2000's. Since then, The Hope Venture has done several projects with the Home of Hope (starting with staff quarters in 2010, saris for women, roof for men's and women's areas, ambulance, water truck, some medicines, and currently building a Nursing College).

- HOME OF HOPE

ROHIT & SUSHIL



SINCE: 2010

Sushil has a long relationship with Jeff and Cynci. They have been good partners working in India and South Asia for the last 15 years. Working together they have built friendship and trust which gives us confidence to work together into the future. Rohit has been part of this partnership for the last 6 years and he is a trusted colleague of Sushil Marandi. They do have passion and vision for the holistic transformation of their community called Santal. Partnership with The Hope Venture will play a key role in achieving this God-given vision.

- EAST INDIA WELLS

MURTY



SINCE: 2022

Doddy Murty is a good friend of Charlie's and that's how we got connected with him. He has had a heart for ministry and for people with leprosy for several years. We started helping with his leprosy efforts through Charlie during Covid and then began working directly with Murty in 2022.

- LEPROSY CARE

Ways to __ Give

Ok guys. $40 pays for one doctor to visit our Leprosy Center. $60 provides a basic sewing machine for one of our Tailoring Centers in India. It's also the average cost of computer training for a boy or girl for a full year or the cost of providing a goat to a family in Kenya to help sustain them.





But also, maybe it's time! You've loved being a part of The Hope Venture for a while now but you've never joined our Backbone Team. Not gonna lie, it's currently one of our biggest needs for growth for the next generation of this organization. Who is going to keep taking us into the future? Maybe you? :) Yes friends, let's do it!

LEPROSY CARE

Every four minutes someone new is diagnosed with leprosy in India. Our Leprosy Care Project provides doctor visits twice a week, food rations, and tutoring/tailoring for those in the area. Roughly 42 people here have leprosy and another 60 are relatives living as outcasts in extreme poverty.



BACKBONE TEAM

We send 100% of all project donations overseas. That means we need a separate source of funding for things like monthly rent, our electricity bill, staff payroll, and even things like sticky notes and pens. Our Backbone Team funds all the back-end and operational costs of The Hope Venture. Maybe start at $50/mo and grow from there!



INDIA COMPUTERS

Often times, these students have never touched a computer before. In computer class, they get to learn things like graphic design and typing. Learning computer skills not only gives students a better chance at job opportunities in the future, but it's also a transformation in how they see themselves.







GOATS

For $60, our Goat Project serves those in Kenya living in extreme poverty. Many of the families are affected by severe droughts. Due to the harsh climate, it is difficult for some animals to survive, but goats are resilient. This project provides free goats to families in need, which then serves as a source of income and nutrition. The region where this project is located is home to widespread poverty and malnutrition.



$40 LEPROSY CARE

Provides one doctor visit to our Leprosy Center

$50/mo BACKBONE TEAM

Begin your journey on our Backbone Team

$60 INDIA COMPUTERS

Average cost of providing one year of computer training for a student

$60 INDIA TAILORING

Provides a basic sewing machine for a tailoring center

$60 GOATS

Provides a goat

$40 Find your level, then pick your project **$60**

Parbati

How the scripture we read, the places we go, and the people we meet inform the decisions we make

Cynci with Parbati and her husband





Parbati (2025)

Parbati Rawat doesn't have food.

"I've had so many problems in my life" and she broke down in tears and sobbed in my arms. She was hungry. She showed the wear and tear of struggling everyday, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year… perhaps a lifetime… of so much struggle.

And she didn't fit the system.

We give food rations to the people with leprosy in the area… 42 of them… and now to their kids, another 38, so 80 people total there. Parbati lives in this same area, experiences so much poverty that she begs for every meal and doesn't always get it. She has medical issues, something with her eyes especially, but she doesn't have leprosy.

Here I was talking with her. Holding her as she cried mostly, actually. And a scripture I've been memorizing was coming to my mind: *Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing for his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.*

This trip I realized that this is what I still say, "*Go I wish you well.*" I mean, it's not all I do: this scripture and several like it (we call them our HV Foundational Scriptures) led me to start The Hope Venture which yes has helped over 100,000 people now. But for this one person, Parbati, what was I going to do? I mean we can't help everyone.

Often I've felt OK in situations like this—well, you're never ok—but I felt like I was doing what I could and being strategic and systematic in the way I was helping. Yes, I couldn't help everyone, but I was doing my part and I didn't need to get too upset about the Parbati's because there were so many other people that we were helping and we really were doing all we could. I mean, we're spending every dollar we can to help people, with the best strategy we can think of. I can feel good about that. I've also learned there's more I can do in those situations: I can pray. Right then and there, with that person, I can pray for them, and God WILL hear me and it is significant that I can pray for that one person. That is huge. Thank you God.

But… faith by itself…

This particular day, I couldn't shake this scripture from James. And another from Luke: *the one with food should…* And another from 1 John: *Jesus Christ laid down his life… anyone who has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?* And another from Proverbs 3: *Never walk away from someone who deserves help* (Parbati deserves help); *your hand is God's hand for that person* (oh Lord surely You'll use someone else if I can't do anything for Parbati—I'm helping the 42 with leprosy and their kids and that's all the money I have Lord). *Don't tell your neighbor "Maybe some other time"* (that's what I was maybe going to say) *or "Try me tomorrow" when the money's right there in your pocket* (the money was literally right there in my pocket).

Maybe you feel this sometimes. God doesn't want us to live in guilt all the time—I do believe that—so what are we to do? Well here I was and I couldn't shake the scriptures this time. I didn't want to shake them. I want to be faithful. Even if I thought I already was faithful, what about today? Is there anything more in this new day that God is calling me to? I could hear each of His words in those scriptures. I can't just say they don't apply to me; I'm covered; I'm good; I'm doing my part. What if today, this day, I would listen to His finest whisper? Was there more?

We can't help everyone. But we can help who God shows us to help. Let's do that.

That day we approved the immediate addition of food rations for Parbati and her husband.

photos by: Carli Huston and Cynci Petersen

Ways to __Give



Ok, friend can I talk to you 1-1? If you've made it this far, maybe you're ready to change one life in a huge and significant way? Our Student Sponsorship Project is one of the greatest ways you can know you're changing a real life. It's 1-1, we'll even send you a selfie video with your student. You can send them letters, and we'll send you a photo for your fridge to keep them in your prayers. It's special. It's real. It's life-changing.



Or maybe you've already been sponsoring with us and now your student wants to go on to college. You know what keeps people in poverty? No voice in decision making. With a very limited education, exploitation is far too common. Young women and men get pushed down and often end up right back in poverty. Help us to grow to at least 1% of our recipients getting a seat at the table to become decision makers who pour back into their communities!



"My goal is to use my knowledge and skills to help marginalized communities achieve optimal nutrition and improved well-being."

-Florence (recent college grad)







$68/mo KENYA HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors a high school student at $68/month



Maybe even come with us next summer to Kenya to visit them!







$68/mo COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Continue to provide a scholarship for a student to go on to college

Ways to __ Give



Ok. Have about $100 you want to give? Think about it this way; do you want to empower a woman with a new skill? Try our Tailoring Project! Or maybe you remember having to wear a school uniform that didn't fit anymore? Or is health your thing? You can feed a child for an entire year, pay for a doctor or clinician in the slums of Kenya, or have you heard of our Leprosy Care Project? :) I'm mentioning leprosy one last time in this year's catalog because it costs us over $35,000 to run each year and no one should have to suffer with this anymore. We can make a difference!

HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We started this project in 2021 as students in Uganda were finally getting to go back to school after two years lost to the coronavirus. Imagine young high school girls in poverty being out of school for two years. Their bodies grew but their ability to purchase adequate clothing diminished. These girls found themselves in humiliating outfits and needed help. Thankfully our partner Dr. Emma and his team at Passion Christian Ministries stepped in and started making uniforms for these students.



$77 HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Provides a complete uniform which includes 11 different items depending on age and gender of student (sometimes we break this up to give only the items the student currently needs)

We hope to provide 200 of these in this year!





$96 MATHARE MEDICAL CAMP

Pays for a doctor or clinician to lead one medical camp in a slum in Kenya





$100 LEPROSY CARE

Pays for tutor's salary for one month for children living in a leprosy colony

FEEDING CENTERS

Our Feeding Center Project provides free, nutritious meals on weekdays for kids who live in an area of extreme poverty and don't have enough food. We currently run eight centers in India. Each feeding center provides daily food for about 50-90 hungry kids and adults. In addition, we come alongside these kids, provide tutoring at the center, and seek to turn the direction of their lives. Provide a meal for just 50 cents or feed a child for an entire year for $140!



$140 FEEDING CENTERS

Provides a daily meal for one child for one whole year







$140 INDIA TAILORING

Provides a 6-12 month tailoring course for a woman in India

Ways to __ Give



Hi again. :) Ok we're getting into some bigger needs. Did you know we provide scholarships for teen moms to go back to school? Some of them have been raped, abused, or abandoned by their families. We also train women in poverty how to tailor. Some of these tailoring students excel and then we purchase a higher-end fashion machine for their skills.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEEN MOMS

For several years we have partnered with Wakisa Ministries in Uganda, which has led to us also partnering with Youth for Christ in Uganda. Both are centers for pregnant teenagers that not only care for the moms while they're pregnant, but they also empower the moms for life after their babies are born.



$145 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEEN MOMS

Pays for a month of schooling for these moms on average

INDIA TAILORING

Our Tailoring Project seeks to equip women that come from poor economic backgrounds. Many of these women have the desire to work but just don't have the skills to do so. Not only do our tailoring classes improve their employability, but it gives these women a safe place away from the stress of home-life for community and sisterhood.



$210 INDIA TAILORING

Provides a higher-end fashion sewing machine for a tailoring center



Don't mind me… just making my way up to some remote areas in India. :) Maybe you've noticed a few areas where we're increasing our medical outreaches. Why was I born in a place where I have easy access to medical care and others weren't? It's not fair. For just $230 you can provide an entire medical outreach for a remote area of India! Or for $300 a new computer to a remote school.





$230 JACK NORMAN MEDICAL

Provides medical outreach in remote villages of India





$300 INDIA COMPUTERS

Provides a computer in a remote village of India

Seeking just 10 more computers

Ways to __Give



When students receive backpacks of school supplies from us and then get older, they sometimes need additional resources to enable them to continue their schooling in upper high school or college. Our India Scholarships provide for that need. Maybe you gave a backpack in a VBS 10 years ago and now you're in college. Maybe your gift of a scholarship now would go to one of the same students you helped 10 years ago!

INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Some students in India already have a connection with The Hope Venture, either through our Backpack Project, our Feeding Centers, or even our Jawadhu Hills Project. Due to living in extreme poverty, they lack the funds to access quality and/or further education. A $330 donation provides a scholarship to help these high school students improve their educational opportunities or even pursue higher education.



$330 INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS

Average cost to provide a one-year scholarship to India students







$430 UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

Provides a month of food for parents who are with their children at this clinic



Also I love our Malnutrition Clinic. You're going to keep hearing more and more about how this is saving lives.

UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

This project funds Dr. Emma's malnutrition clinic and outreach program. He and the staff there do incredible, life-saving work, to not only stabilize the kids, but also to bring hope and training to their moms for when it's time to leave the clinic and return home. This project is meeting a real and extreme need in Uganda and we're so thankful to partner with Dr. Emma!



$470 UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

Provides medical outreach to save lives in remote villages of Uganda

SKILLS FOR TEEN MOMS

This is a new project for us in Uganda. We've loved helping these young teen moms get back into formal schooling, but some of them would prefer to just get some quicker skills so they can start making some money. A three-month hairdressing course is our latest addition to this skills training project.



$520 SKILLS FOR TEEN MOMS

Provides three-month hairdressing courses to two teen moms in Uganda







$550 FEEDING CENTERS

Average cost to run a Feeding Center in India for one month



Veg rice

I'LL HAVE WHAT THEY'RE HAVING!

Every weekday our Feeding Centers across India are cooking up fresh meals for kids in their communities. We got to sit with the incredible women who lead this day in and day out this past summer and learn one of their recipes. Hours spent dicing and slicing fresh veggies to make this vegetable rice. If Priya were here she'd show you how to thinly slice a tomato even when you don't have a cutting board—though we would recommend the cutting board when you try this at home:). This meal is a staple at these centers, and our partners have shared the recipe with us. If you have kids, invite them to help! It can be a great way to talk about what life is like around the world with them. Or maybe you could invite friends over for dinner and let them try it!





Prep: 20 min

Cook: 30 Min

Serves: 4 People

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 inches ginger
- 8 cloves garlic
- 1 medium onion *diced*
- 2 medium tomatoes *diced*
- (optional) 2 green chilis *finely sliced*
- 1¼ cup vegetables (carrots, green beans, and/or peas) *diced*
- 1 tsp kashmiri chili powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp ground cloves
- 2 cups basmati rice
- 4-6 mint leaves
- ¼ cup fresh cilantro, *finely chopped*
- ½ cup curd or Greek yogurt
- (optional) 4 hard-boiled eggs *sliced*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Add garlic and ginger to a blender or food processor. Blend until it is a fine consistency.
2. Heat 2 tbsp oil in a large pot over medium heat
3. Add diced onion and cook for about 3 minutes, until it starts to soften. Stir in the ginger-garlic paste and cook for an additional 30 seconds.
4. Add chopped vegetables, tomato, and green chilis and stir into onions. Cook for 2 minutes.
5. Add chili powder, cinnamon, and cloves and stir. Salt to taste.
6. Add rice and 4 cups of water, cover, and bring the heat up to medium-high. Cook for 15-20 minutes until all the water is absorbed and the rice is tender. Salt to taste.
7. Add cilantro and mint leaves and cook for 1 more minute.
8. Add in the curd/yogurt before serving. You can either add it all and mix it in or have people top their own rice bowls with a dollop.
9. Top with sliced hard boiled egg, chopped fresh cilantro, and sliced green chilis (if you want more spice).

Ways to __Give



Ok these are some bigger needs. But some of you are ready for these. Maybe it's you. Some of you know Wakisa has earned our trust for their hard work and life-saving care. Help them send some teen moms to cooking or tailoring programs so they can get back on their feet. Or provide a tank to keep water clean for years to come!

SKILLS FOR TEEN MOMS

This project provides various vocational skills to moms through local courses, such as tailoring, cookery, hairdressing, knitting, agriculture and more. The hope is to empower self-sustaining employment which will in turn provide stability for them and their children. Business skills and start-up kits will be offered as able, alongside the vocational opportunities, to improve the chances of success.



$705 SKILLS FOR TEEN MOMS

Provides a six-month training in cooking or tailoring for one teen mom in Uganda





$728 KENYA WATER & SANITATION

Provides a water tank in areas of Kenya with limited access to clean water

And if you're not a monthly kind of donor but still like being a part of our student sponsorships and college scholarships, they're $816/year so you can do that annually.





$816 KENYA HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors a high school student annually in Kenya







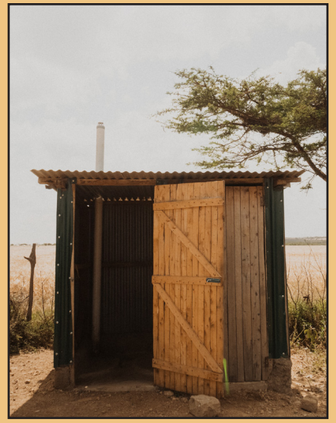
$816 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Provides an annual scholarship for a college student in Kenya or Rwanda

Lastly, if you're trying to jump up to giving $1000 this year, maybe a new toilet in Kenya is your best next step!

KENYA WATER & SANITATION

Communities in remote areas of Kenya face the same struggle as many around the world face: dirty water. This project provides wells, toilets, and even sanitation trainings for people who would otherwise go without these basic necessities.



$1k KENYA WATER & SANITATION

Provides a toilet for a family in Kenya

$700 Find your level, then pick your project $1k



I met Jacqueline on my first trip to Rwanda. It was 2021 and we were exploring doing something we would call "Pilot Projects" to try to build some new partnerships. We were outside the offices of Acts4Rwanda, where dozens of school children were gathering for a daily meal provided by the organization. Jacqueline was serving the younger children and I hopped in next to her to scoop up some food… I think maybe she was passing out some cookies and I was scooping mac-n-cheese?

Jacqueline and I got to talk. She was friendly and had dreams of going to college. She had been sponsored by Acts4Rwanda up through high school but now wasn't sure what was going to happen since their sponsorship ends after high school. Her housing was going to be a big challenge. And she needed a computer if she was going to continue in science. And tuition was of course on her mind. It was all daunting. But meanwhile, we were brand new to Rwanda. We'd have to start small. How small? Well it turned out that one scholarship would have to do.

Jacqueline.

Yep, Jacqueline was The Hope Venture's first ever Pilot Project recipient.

We prayed and collaborated with Acts4Rwanda. We made a Project Plan, signed an MOU, articulated clear reporting requirements and reviewed the project 6 months in. Then in 2022 we were able to add four more students, and now a dozen. Recently we heard from Jackie (ok, yes, we've gotten to know her more!) as she just graduated from college and wanted to let us know she just landed an internship with the World Bank!

God does see and know our burdens. He can bring people together from across the globe… to bring hope, to provide a computer and housing, to feel His love, even to get some mac-n-cheese and a cookie.

Dear Hope Venture Team,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for sponsoring me throughout all four years of my undergraduate studies. Your support has been invaluable in enabling me to pursue my education and grow both academically and personally.

I am also excited to share that I have recently been offered an internship with the World Bank. This opportunity marks a significant step in my career journey, and I know it would not have been possible without the foundation you helped me build.

Looking ahead, I aspire to use my skills in transportation engineering and sustainable development to contribute to Africa's progress. My goal is to combine my academic knowledge with practical experience to improve infrastructure, enhance mobility, and create inclusive solutions that benefit communities.

Thank you once again for believing in me and for your continued support. I am committed to carrying forward the values you instilled in me and to making the most of this opportunity.

With sincere appreciation,

Jacqueline Muhayemariya



Ways to __ Give



Few people are blessed to have the kind of resources needed to fund these opportunities. Yet I've seen it come from even college students and young families. Giving extravagantly can be a huge joy! Whether it's providing sanitation training for 50 people or all the costs of a week-long medical camp in the slums, it's a privilege to impact lives like this.





$3.2k KENYA WATER & SANITATION

Provides sanitation training for 50 people in Kenya

MATHARE MEDICAL CAMP

Mathare is a slum in the capital of Nairobi, Kenya. It is home to some of the poorest people in the world. Our partner, Fanuel, grew up here and knows the struggles of the families. The poverty and disadvantages are so prevalent that few receive the healthcare they need. Each medical camp provides free healthcare to those facing medical issues who lack the financial means to go to the local hospitals. It's a basic need yet out of reach for so many.



$5.1k MATHARE MEDICAL CAMP

Provides a week of medical supplies and stipends for five doctors to treat children in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya





$7.1k UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

Pays all the costs to run the malnutrition clinic in Uganda for one month



And I'd love to invite you one last time into our Malnutrition Clinic Project. This project goes out into villages, finds children who will die within 24-48 hours, and brings them and a parent back to this clinic to save their lives. It's in Uganda and $7,100 covers all costs for one month.

$2k Find your level, then pick your project

$9k

Ways to __Give



As crazy as it seems, many of us can fit this category! Not everyone, but imagine, what better investment can there be than doing your Father's work? He cares about the poor and needy and we invite you just to ask God if He'd want to use you to be a part of these awesome opportunities.



Maybe even join your family or friends together to provide ongoing water to thousands of people, or be one of The Hope Venture's insiders as a Backbone Thor (think thoracic spine, key vertebrae) :) giving at least $10,000 each year to our Backbone Team, or get wild and help us truly build our college scholarship fund so we can stop saying no to so many students and reach our goal of just 1% of our recipients completing college.





$10k KENYA WATER AND SANITATION

Maintains our Water Project in Kenya for a full year and provides clean water for thousands of people





$10k BACKBONE TEAM

Be one of the key vertebrae of our Backbone Team, providing $10,000 or more annually to our Backbone Team

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Our College Scholarship Project seeks to provide further opportunities to students in Kenya and Rwanda who have finished high school and are seeking further opportunity. Many of these students even have been sponsored through The Hope Venture's High School Sponsorship Project. Currently our budget for this is roughly $150,000 annually and that still leaves us short of 1% of our recipients becoming college grads.



$50k COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Help us grow our fund to help 1% of our recipients gain college educations

$10k Find your level, then pick your project **$50k**

16 years of your generosity changing lives

16 years ago we had a vision of bringing people together to impact the world without any scams. We wanted you to know right where your money was going. 100% of it. Today it's still the same: 100% of your project donations go straight overseas to those projects.



2009

One life. It all started with one life, Ghayatri, who got a backpack of school supplies.



2012

6,477 lives had been impacted through seven projects in India and Kenya.



2019

Over 50,000 people had been impacted through ten projects, in 50 locations, throughout three countries.



2025

Over 110,000 people have benefited from your generosity. Over half a million meals have now been distributed through just one of our 30 projects in five countries.

100%

100% OF YOUR PROJECT DONATIONS...

100k

...IMPACTING OVER 100,000 PEOPLE

People like Lakshmi

When we met Lakshmi in 2024, she was a student at our tailoring center with a dream to one day get out of debt. She's a wife and mom of two kids, and for years wanted to learn how to sew. When we saw her again this year, her dream had become reality: she had gotten out of debt, was making a profit from her tailoring business, and implored us to start more tailoring centers throughout India. These centers are not only providing relational care for these women, but also economic stability. That combination has helped provide a new sense of dignity—one that empowers them to provide for and care for their own families.



photo by: Carli Huston

One of the things we tried to focus on during our trip was “Entering & Exiting” well. Meaning: how can we be a blessing to each place we step in and out of. We sought to listen, value, and help kids know we are people just like them. Sometimes with a game like Simon Says :)

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Thanks for coming on this journey with us. Our hope is for you to have joy and for us together to display the kindness and lavishing love of Jesus to this world. May you find freedom in Him as you give to what is on His heart, wherever that may be.



thank you



A couple who has received care from a medical outreach in rural India.
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