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CHRISTMAS OF HOPE

The Christmas of Hope celebration is one that all of us here at Expect Hope look forward to every year with anticipation. This year, donors from around the United States came together to provide a beautiful Christmas celebration for each of the more than 500 children in Expect Hope's child sponsorship program. The celebration included a holiday meal and snacks, fun games and activities, and a special Christmas Gift of their own. During the celebration they also learned about the meaning and purpose of Christmas!

For many of the children in our program, this year may have been the first time in their life that they had ever celebrated Christmas. Because of the extreme poverty and circumstances these children have experienced, some of them may have never received a gift at all. But because of the love and generosity of all of our child sponsors, each child felt loved during this Christmas season and were given a special gift of their very own. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all for making this Christmas a joyful and memorable time for all of these children!



ALBANIA EARTHQUAKE



On November 26th, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake tore through the city of Thumane, Albania and could be felt up to 230 miles away from the epicenter. This earthquake lasted for 30 seconds and the resulting damage and more than 500 aftershocks killed 52 people and injured approximately 3,000 more. We are devastated by this tragedy as the people of Albania are close to our hearts, but we praise God that everyone in our programs have been safe.

The communities in which our programs are located, such as Thumane and Tirana, have buildings that have been declared unsafe to enter. One of these buildings is our Hope House located in Thumane, due to a main pillar that has sustained damage. We have been working with professional engineers in the area to assess the damages and see what repairs will need to be done in order for this building to continue to bring hope to the children and families of Thumane. We will be visiting Albania within the next couple weeks to gain a deeper understanding of the damages that have been done and see how we can come together to help Albania rebuild after this earthquake. Please keep Albania in your prayers as we continue to help rebuild in this time of need.

A TRIP TO JOLIBEE

A brand-new experience is one of the most exciting moments in life. Some new experiences are big and some may be smaller but one thing is for certain, the wonder and awe that these moments produce is incredible. On January 5th, the children in Expect Hope's program in the Philippines had a wish granted: **to eat at a restaurant for the very first time.**



For those who may be unfamiliar, Jollibee is a very popular fast food restaurant chain that was founded in the Philippines and serves items such as fried chicken, spaghetti, and hamburgers. This chain is iconic in the Philippines and many of the children in our program dreamed of one day being able to eat there. What may seem like a simple fast-food meal to many of us is considered a rarity in many of the impoverished and rural areas where our Hope Houses are located. This trip to Jollibee was the first time ever that many of these children had eaten at a restaurant, and their joy was clear to see! During their time at Jollibee, the children got to meet the Jollibee, order meals, and enjoy the brand-new experience with their friends.

We love to share these stories with you and we are so thankful for each of our supporters who make these moments possible for these children that were once living on the street and hungry.



PLANS FOR 2020

With 2019 rolling over into the new decade we would like to say a big thank you to all of our partners who have joined in to aid in our mission to see a world in which every child is freed from injustice and given a future full of hope. 2020 marks the beginning of our 5th year of operation and we have some big plans to share with you!

Philippines - The Eagle Center

The Philippines Hope House was opened in May of 2018 and has truly been a community impacting facility. In this home, children have been given safe shelter, healthy food and clean water, new clothing, access to health-care, education support, and most importantly, love. After seeing the success of the Hope House, we felt called to work towards building a second building that would increase the capacity and safety of this facility to bring hope to children for decades to come. In 2020 we are excited to announce that we will be breaking ground on a new boy's dormitory located on the Hope House property which will be called the Eagle Center. This new building will host a variety of programs that will equip these young men to find success in their education, stay in school, and prepare for a future where they can find a career that they are passionate about. Ground will be broken in the next few months and we will continue to share progress updates with you as this building comes together!



Nepal Hope House Expansion

Our newest Hope House located in Kawasoti, Nepal has quickly become a source of light in the surrounding community and has supported the needs of children who have been abandoned by their parents or unable to be supported by their families. This location currently has two single-story buildings that are providing shelter and care to 28 children on a daily basis. Our newest building which was opened in September of 2019 has the capability to be extended to three stories which will have the capacity to support the needs of even more children in the community and surrounding areas. This facility will continue to bring hope and light to the community in Kawasoti, Nepal and we are excited to continue to expand our efforts in Nepal.



MEXICO GROUP TRIP

Are you ready to join a worldwide justice revolution and provide hope to the hopeless?

We want to personally invite you to join us in June of 2020 to be a part of a team that will permanently change the lives of thousands of people in the region of Nayarit, Mexico.

We believe that the nation of Mexico will be radically impacted as a direct result of this incredible trip. We have had the opportunity to expand our efforts to Tepic, Mexico and provide sustainable support to our childcare facility in this area, providing 16 children with food, clothing, shelter, access to healthcare, and most importantly, love. Our heart for this trip is to serve the lives of thousands of individuals through a variety of large-scale outreaches and delivering hope to those who have experienced extreme injustice.

If you have ever wanted to travel the world and use your gifts and talents to bring the love of God to thousands of individuals then **this is your opportunity**. During this trip, you will participate in a variety of different ministry excursions such as food outreaches, building projects, church services, working hands on in the orphanage, and helping impoverished children and families. We want you to join us in making an impact in the lives of those in and around the city of Tepic.



On June 2nd, 2020 we will embark for a 6-day trip filled with opportunities for you to directly change lives in Mexico.

Visit us online at Expecthope.com to learn more and begin the sign-up process.

We can't wait to change the world with you! (Space is limited, registration deadline 2/15)

TO OUR SUPPORTERS

To all of our incredible supporters who make the mission of Expect Hope possible, we cannot express how thankful we are for your continued support and generosity. Over the past 5 years we have been able to expand our efforts into 5 countries and support over 600 children on a sustainable basis. Seeing the impact that has been made in these areas has been so inspiring. Not only have these children received the care they need to thrive, the communities that our facilities have been planted in have seen the love of God through outreaches and the programs that are taking place each day. We are so excited for what's to come in 2020 and are so grateful for your continued partnership with us in the vision to see a world in which every child is freed from injustice and given a future full of hope.

Thank you for changing the world with us,

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