ANNUAL REPORT

2018

Orphan's Lifeline Int'l
Saving, Rebuilding and Healing Broken Lives
Wow... What a year and where has the year gone? It seems like every year there is more to do and less time to get it done. 2018 has been a remarkable year! As you read through the stats you cannot help but see that amazing things have taken place.

This past year we were blessed with enough special gifts to do a lot of critical and necessary repairs on many of our homes. The repairs, refurbishing, rebuilding and upgrades were so desperately needed and we have even more scheduled for this year.

All of our children have been well-cared-for and continue to thrive. It has been a joy to watch them grow and develop this past year. Every child is studying hard in school and striving to learn all they can, knowing their education is a special gift and key to a better life for them. All of the children are in church every week and have study and prayer time every day. I’m sure when you read their letters you cannot help but see how much God means to them and how thankful they are for your gifts.

From all of us at Orphan’s Lifeline... We thank you for making our mission your mission. It truly is amazing what can be accomplished in these children’s lives when we walk by faith and trust our Lord. People are always asking us how we wound up caring for so many homes in so many places around the world, and they ask “Why did you start caring for this orphanage and not another one down the road?” All I can say is that God had his hand on it. God did it. He opened a door and He made it known that these children couldn’t survive without help. Sometimes He used individuals or missionaries who knew the directors or had seen the children’s struggle. Sometimes it was another congregation or group that the burden of caring for the children became financially overwhelming. But God always had His hand in making these needs known.

Most of the time we did not have a clue where the extra funds would come from to take on another home. There again, God has His hand in it and says, “Ask and I will provide.” Always, again and again, wonderful people have stepped forward and said, “We will help. We will make saving orphan children our mission too.” Some give just a little and some give a lot. Whatever you give, it is always enough.

For the last 18 years God has made sure the children never go without and has seen that there is always just enough. He has provided abundantly for this good work. Some say this is not a way to run a mission, never having a big reserve account... and I can’t say that I haven’t worried at times. But isn’t that what faith is really about... putting your absolute trust in the one who can and does always come through? Our Lord and Savior will NEVER fail us. That is why He deserves all the love, praise and glory we can give Him.
For the year ending December 31, 2018, Orphan’s Lifeline International experienced an increase in revenues of 11.3%. One-time donations were down significantly from years past and special needs were on par with average years but down from the year before because of significant special needs in 2017 compared to 2018. Thus, the growth in 2018 is largely attributed to the Take a Child Off the Street Program.

This is significant because it is predictable revenue that allows for sustainable & responsible growth compared to other donor motivations. Donor retention remained at approximately 98% and Orphan’s Lifeline had a record number of new donors again in 2018.

Special needs requests were all met and funds were passed through at 100% to each designated need. Graph A represents 2018 Expenses Breakdown. Graph B represents the Growth History of OLI since it’s formation. Graph C looks at the breakdown of expenses at the children’s homes.
OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

2018 was a year in which once again, many special needs were fulfilled. Just a few examples are:

**Safe Home, Liberia** – Dorms were remodeled. A complete water system was installed, bringing fresh, clean water from a well to the dorms. The medical clinic was built and became operational. School remodeling was partially finished. Fish ponds were brought back to life. Agriculture was reintroduced. A piggery was built.

**Life of Favor, Uganda** – A much needed new roof on the children’s home! Other remodeling was done as well.

**Nantale’s, Uganda** – Fresh paint and a new refrigerator!

**Butiki** – Repairs as well as new beds, mattresses and bedding.

**CCIM, India** – Final painting, wiring & plumbing were completed on the new children’s home. CCIM also held a gathering for past Alumni. While many could not attend, more than a dozen did, and were a shining example of the success of this home in every single case!
**Russia:** As sanctions continue and the economy of this massive country continues to falter, it is the services to those in need that continue to suffer the most from cuts to social services. OLI sent record funds to both regions in 2018. The focus in the Khabarovsk region was on creating infrastructure that protect the children from such budget cuts as they are experiencing. We funded greenhouses, animal barns and agricultural tools and equipment to help the orphanages be more self-sufficient.

**In Barnaul,** where the facilities we care for have no opportunity for such infrastructure, the focus remained the same; as orphanages and hospitals received food, clothing, medical supplies and medical equipment.

**Mexico:** OLI had the opportunity to help with a very special project at Manos de’ Amor! A young child named Gael who has never heard a single sound was given the gift of hearing! Surgeons implanted devices in Gael’s ears that allow him to hear and have opened his world to a whole new dimension with opportunities that would have never existed otherwise. He has started daily therapy to help him with speech and get him moving on his education which is far behind due to his disability.
As always, thousands of children were cared for every day in 10 countries. They were provided with food, clothing, medical care, education and spiritual instruction every day. Children graduated from the homes and moved on to jobs or continuing higher education. New children were taken off the streets and are being given the same life-saving and life-changing opportunities as their predecessors.
The coming year promises to be filled with many challenges and opportunities!

**CCIM:** When CCIM was built, it was done so in such a manner that there would be opportunity to build a second story on the home. This will become a reality in 2019! That means that there will be room to take another 40 children off the street and give them a loving home and a real chance at a good life!

Construction will begin soon and the Director hopes it can be finished around June. Between now and then, he will work to identify the first of the 40 children who will be brought into the home.

More caregivers will have to be hired. A nurse will have to be hired as well. Beds and bedding, clothing, hygiene supplies, dishes and utensils are among some of the things that will be needed to make this happen.

**Safe Home:** Projects at Safe Home will continue as well. There is still much more to do at this rapidly growing little village for the orphans in Liberia. The school remodeling will continue and a fence will be built for security. More work at the clinic is needed and more medical equipment will be purchased and staff hired. Agriculture and animal husbandry will both be expanded as well.

As always, throughout the 10 countries we work in, there will be repairs needed in every home. Dishes will break, clothes and bedding will become too worn for use. And the list goes on.

In addition, OLI will work to take an additional 100 children off the streets! That means finding more loving and caring people just like you to become our partners in this mission!

Yes, much was accomplished in 2018 and much is planned for the coming year. We couldn’t have achieved any of it, nor have the confidence to look forward to more growth without you. It is truly an honor and truly humbling to have so many partners willing to take action on their compassion. Thank you and God bless you throughout this coming year!
How we provide the level of care, food, clothes, home, education, medical care and hundreds of other needs is sometimes very complicated. Sometimes I have to ask “How in the world did we get that done?” I am constantly amazed at the talent of our Orphan’s Lifeline staff and our orphan home directors. It’s always easy to see God’s hand in everything we all do for the orphan children.

I always struggle to adequately thank you for what you do for all the children. Without you nothing could be done and I know that would break our Lord’s heart. Our very purpose on this earth is to serve God and do His good works that glorify Him. I can think of no greater work than saving orphan children. Thank you! One of our partners told me last week, “Dave, serving God is thanks enough.”

In His Service for the Children

David Board, President

Take A Child Off The Street

Some of the Lives You Changed in 2018

All it takes is a compassionate heart who sees the need and is willing to invest in a child’s life to literally save their precious life by becoming their personal sponsor. This is a serious commitment to provide the $3.20 per day to totally provide a home, food, clothes and the education an orphan needs to forever alter their life. Your donation of $100 per month will totally provide the nurturing and care a child desperately needs to survive. Please prayerfully consider saving an orphan.

You will be the person in a child’s life who made hearing the Gospel and learning about Jesus’ love for them possible. Every six months you will receive a progress report and current picture of your child.

We would love to talk to you about sponsoring a child. Please call Tim at 406-257-0868 or email him at timm@orphanslifeline.org. You can also go online at orphanslifeline.org to learn more about taking one more child off the street. God bless your decision!