TO OUR WONDERFUL FAMILY AND PARTNERS

Just think about it. Over the past twenty years thousands of precious children’s lives have been saved and changed forever because of the combined good work of all of us.

A few months ago I had lunch with some longtime friends and dedicated supporters of Orphan’s Lifeline who stopped by for a visit. I love to talk with our supporters who have had a great interest in the orphan’s lives for a long time. As we talked about the children and work, the first thing that caught my attention was, when referring to Orphan’s Lifeline, she kept using the term “we”. I so love to hear when our donors and partners know everything starts with them. We, all of us, cannot do anything without each other. We are the heroes in these children’s lives... All of us. Another thing she kept referring to is that the children pray and thank God every day for us... All of us... everyone who has given and sacrificed time and money to make their lives better.

I picked one note from a young boy who we started helping many years ago when he was very young. Just one of thousands of children that are and will be forever thankful for your love and support. Travenson’s note reads...

“May God bless you and your family. Thank you for helping dad (director) to take care of us. I love you very much because you share our needs at this so difficult moment. People say that Haiti is locked. There is not enough food everywhere. You can have money and you don’t find what you need to buy. But I know God can change that. Pray for life to come back please. Thank you for allowing us to go to school. My birthday is coming soon. Next Monday! So is Dorothy’s! I can not wait for that day! I think you will pray for me to be a good man of God so I can share God’s love by doing good actions to change lives of the street children and the poor people who are fighting for life day by day. I love you! God loves you and He knows your works! Be happy!”

Travenson

I don’t know about you, but it sure makes me glad to be helping children who are grateful and thankful for the help they have been given.

The third thing that Lauri made reference to was how the Individual Sponsorship Program impacted the church and members. She said that a lot of congregations, like the one she attends, now have an opportunity to get personally involved in the life of an orphan child. They can now watch them grow up and be able to personally encourage them in their walk with the Lord.

As we concluded our visit, she kept thanking me for what we do for the children and I kept thanking her for all she has done for the children. It is so evident in this ministry that our combined effort to glorify God and do His good work blesses all of us. I thank God every day that we will continue to be able, together, to care for His precious orphan children.
For the year ending December 31, 2019, Orphan’s Lifeline International experienced an increase in revenues of 11.1%. One-time donations were up from the prior year and on par with 2018. Special needs were on up significantly. Thus, the growth in 2019 was equally distributed between one time giving and Take a Child off the Street Program.

This is an indicator that growth in 2020 will be less than it was in 2019.

Donor retention remained at approximately 98% and Orphan’s Lifeline had a record number of new donors again in 2019.

Special needs requests were all met and funds were passed through at 100% to each designated need. Graph A represents the Growth History of OLI since it’s formation. Graph B represent 2019 Expense Breakdown. Graph C looks at the breakdown of expenses at the children’s homes.
2019 was a year in which once again, many special needs were fulfilled. Just a few examples are:

**Safe Home, Liberia** – Once again, a large volume of work was completed to improve the conditions of Safe Home in Liberia. Included were Phase 1 construction of the Safe Home School was completed. The Medical Clinic is also coming along nicely with construction upgrades, equipment, beds, bedding, medications and other supplies. A security fence was built. A new truck was purchased for essential transportation needs. Old college debt was paid off as well.

**Home of Champions** - The Home of Champions is a home and school for deaf orphans in Kenya. The facilities at this home had fallen in disrepair over the years and significant repairs and upgrades were done in 2019 to the dining hall and school. They were also supplied with a new computer and printer.

**Shiroh** – Shiroh is an 8-year-old child that is a resident of The Freshfire / Life of favor Homes in Jinja, Uganda. Shiroh became extremely ill and it was determined that she needed surgery to repair a faulty valve in her heart. Shiroh was flown to India, along with Irene, the Director of the home and one other. There she received the needed surgery which in and of itself was successful. Shiroh continues to have some difficulties as the surgery is not healing correctly and she may need another surgery if her heart does not heal correctly.

**Butiki** – General repairs as well as installation of a new septic system.
Life of Favor / Freshfire – New dishes and kitchen utensils, new beds and bedding were purchased. College tuition for several young adults.

Learning Estate, India – New playground equipment and security cameras.

Rose of Sharon, India – New 2-wheeler for transportation.

Errabalem, India – New security cameras, educational grants

CCIM, India – A second story was added to the new building allowing space for 40 new children to be taken off the streets. Beds, bedding, clothing, caregivers, security guards were all hired. Dishes and boxes for personal belongings were purchased. Security cameras were purchased and installed. Sponsors were found for all new children thanks to the Sioux Falls Church of Christ. College tuition was paid for several young adults.

Amazing Grace – A new computer was purchased. College tuition was paid for several young adults.

Nantale’s Children’s Home, Uganda – General repairs were made, college tuition was paid for a few young adults.

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 and 2019. The focus in the Khabarovsk region continued to be on creating infrastructure that protects the children from such budget cuts as they are experiencing. We funded more greenhouses, animal barns and agricultural tools and equipment to help the orphanages be more self-sufficient. We also expanded funding for sports and outdoor activities that connect the children in the orphanages with children and others in their communities. This effort helps to alleviate the cultural stigma attached to orphans and orphanages. 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.
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!

**Safe Home:** Projects at Safe Home will continue. Work will continue on the medical clinic and other projects slated for 2020.

**India** – The government in India is making continual changes to their protocol for the care of orphan children. One such change is the eventual complete separation of boys and girls to separate homes. This would effectively double the costs to care for an equal number of boys and girls.

Because of this Orphan’s Lifeline is exploring the possibility of In-Home care /community center options for the care of girls. We are in an investigative stage at this point and could potentially test the efficacy of such a program with a pilot project in 2020.

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.

Once again, 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! (See Below.)

Yes, much was accomplished in 2019 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!

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**Individual Child Sponsorship Program**

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!
It has been a remarkable year. As you read the highlights of what has taken place this past year, it is easy to see how God has blessed all our work. Many amazing changes have taken place in both the facilities and countless lives. Every year, more and more children are taken from the street into the safety of one of our many homes where all the children can live and thrive. Thank you for making this possible.

It has been amazing to witness countless children grow and develop into fine young adults who love and follow our Lord. This year we celebrated many children who have and are diligently studying long and hard to gain a college degree which will unlock a new world for them. Thank you.

All of these children once were living on the streets in an absolute hopeless condition, digging in the garbage for enough food to survive. Most came from the very poor class and would never have an opportunity to ever be anything else. Looking back, I’ve always wondered what the single event or moment was when they realized their life could be different.

I watched an amazing interview with a renown surgeon who once was a homeless orphan on the streets of India. He was asked how in the world he came from an absolute place of hopelessness to become a doctor. He was asked what gave him hope and what event made him believe he could become a physician. He said, “In India there are really only two classes of people... those who have shoes and those who don’t. One day as I wondered the streets looking for food, a young missionary offered me a new pair of shoes and a warm place to live and sleep, but it was the shoes that changed my life and gave me hope because I now knew I could go to school.” Sometimes that’s just how simple hope and love can impact a person’s life and change it forever.

Please take time this coming year to read the Monthly Newsletter, look over the Annual Report and look through the Calendar... all filled with wonderful information and stories of the children’s lives. And please let us know if you need anything.

Every day, as we open the mail and see your generous and precious gifts for the children, it is truly humbling. Every day we are overwhelmed with joy, amazement and gratitude. Thank you.

By faith in God we are made righteous.

By grace we are saved.

And by our good works we glorify His name.

For all of us, our prayer this year is, “Thank you, Lord, for each and every day we are privileged to glorify you by helping the children who so desperately need and deserve it.”

Thank you!

In His service,

David Board, President