


IMPACT REPORT **2021**

A CHILD'S HOPE INT'L





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A BRIDGE OF HOPE FOR CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

God's faithfulness through your generosity
made 2021 one of our most impactful years yet!

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A PERSONAL NOTE FROM
FOUNDER LARRY BERGERON

In the Spring of 2008, Liz and I established A Child's Hope Int'l after I returned from a sub-Saharan trip to Africa a few months earlier. God took me to the "fields of the fatherless" so I could experience what breaks His heart.

It was there just south of Mozambique where a little three-year-old orphan girl wrecked my life. Not only was she an orphan, but she had HIV/AIDs, was homeless and hungry. She became the motivation for why ACHI would exist – to mobilize the church and the community to care for the millions of orphans and vulnerable children in their distress.

Since we began nearly 14 years ago, our vision has been focused on turning despair to hope for the children of the world wherever we find them. We established the four bridges of care (adoption, foster care, orphan care and humanitarian relief) so those we meet in the church and in our neighborhoods could choose a solution matched to their passion and abilities.

There were no paid staff when we began. Since then over 150,000 volunteers have served with ACHI at the Hope Factory™ or at our mobile events. Over 100 children have been adopted into families and during 2021 we continued to deliver high protein food, clean drinking water and life-giving hope supplies to over 15,000 children a day – every day of this year.



Today, a staff of just six people and an incredible community of volunteers have taken ACHI to a height I only dreamed would be possible.

From the beginning, my role has been nothing more than a booster rocket that helps others get off the ground into a place where they can not only see a wider perspective of life on earth but are able to use their gifts and abilities to make things better for some.

Today, it would be easy to remain in this orbit, never looking up to see where we could go next, or looking beyond the horizon to see what else needs to be done. Fortunately, that is not the culture of ACHI. It never has been. We must GO and GROW as the orphan crisis continues and the tragic worldwide problems of child hunger, thirst, and hopelessness remain. However, I am not the person who will lead ACHI to greater heights.

A year ago, we announced that the Board of Directors would be searching for that next stage of propulsion; the right person who would take ACHI to greater heights, Lord willing. I believe that person is Jerry Shannon. With his wife Christy by his side and his 7 children onboard, he has taken the helm of ACHI for the future as our new Executive Director. Please join Liz and I in welcoming the Shannon family to ACHI and praying for the family during this transition.

In concert with the Board of Directors, Liz and I believe he is God's plan for what comes next in the legacy story of A Child's Hope Int'l. It has been a joy to serve with all of you since we began. Be encouraged by what we have done together.

For the children,
Larry Bergeron

Thanks to you
these children have a future
free from hunger, thirst,
and hopelessness.



WELCOME, SHANNON FAMILY!

Like Larry and Liz's story of founding A Child's Hope Int'l, Christy's and my story also revolves around a vulnerable young child we encountered whom God used to break our hearts for the things that break His heart. For us, it was a little 4 year old brown-eyed girl who had been trafficked to beg on the streets of Santa Cruz, Bolivia over 15 years ago.

From that moment onward, we felt compelled to act on behalf of orphans and vulnerable children who needed someone to be a champion in their lives. God used an ongoing journey to eventually expand our family to include three beautiful daughters who were adopted internationally and to move us to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for 8 years to serve the poorest of the poor living in the city's largest slum located beside the city garbage dump.

And it is that same journey that has brought us to Cincinnati to serve as part of the ACHI community. In August, Christy and I, along with 6 of our 7 children, relocated to Southwestern Ohio from Upstate New York and we are so



excited to be serving alongside an incredible team that includes staff, Red Shirt Team™ members, volunteers and financial partners.

There is much to be done in our world today in the areas of adoption, foster care, orphan care, and humanitarian relief. Every day brings with it new stories about pain and suffering for children and families across the globe. While the task is monumental, we have faith that our Father will continue to lead in where and how we are to serve the fatherless.

I consider it a great privilege to be leading A Child's Hope Int'l into this next chapter. The vision that God birthed in Larry and Liz's hearts to care for orphaned and vulnerable children has blessed countless children in over 30 countries around the world. This is their legacy. And it is your legacy, too, as someone who has played a part in ACHI over the years. It is an honor to be the one to whom the baton will be passed as we continue to champion the vulnerable and desperate on the other side of the world as well as in our backyard.

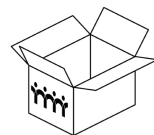
Your partnership has brought ACHI this far, and your partnership will play a vital role in the future. I look forward to meeting you, talking with you and journeying together. Together, we will see God do amazing wonders in our midst and among those considered to be the least, the last and the lost throughout our hurting world.

His and yours,
Jerry Shannon

YOUR GENEROSITY REACHED CHILDREN IN 11 COUNTRIES IN 2021



6.4 million
High Protein Meals



29,630
Hope Boxes®



847,164
P&G Purifiers of Water
Sachets



88,890
Challenge® Newspapers



7,640
Hope Sacks™



13
Fresh Water Community Wells

**100% OF THE HELP ARRIVED SAFELY
IN THE HANDS OF OUR PARTNERS IN 2021.**

In a year when supply chain disruptions rippled across the global economy, we recognize the miracle that this truly was and praise God for his faithfulness.

2021 Program Reach:

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| • Cuba | • Guatemala | • Uganda |
| • Dominican Republic | • Haiti | • United States |
| • Eswatini | • India | • Zambia |
| • Ghana | • Philippines | |

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR LOGISTICS PARTNERS:



**YOU PROVIDED NUTRITIOUS FOOD,
SAFE DRINKING WATER, AND HOPE SUPPLIES
TO 15,000 CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD
EVERY DAY IN 2021. THANK YOU!**

IN A WORLD OF NEARLY 8 BILLION PEOPLE, AT-RISK CHILDREN ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE. AMONG US, YOUNG, IMPOVERISHED AND OFTEN TIMES HELPLESS, THEY ARE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF DISEASE, POVERTY, WAR AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN. YOUR GIFTS CAN TURN THEIR HOPELESSNESS INTO HOPE THAT SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE REALLY DOES CARE.

**MEET A CHILD'S MOST BASIC NEEDS
OF FOOD, WATER, AND HOPE.
SEND YOUR GIFT NOW.**



ICRP

Integrated Community Restoration Plan

Mmaampehia, Ghana

2021 UPDATE: A partnership with Medical Mission, Inc. and local Ghanaian leader James Solomon Mensah.

The vision of the ICRP is to engage, empower, and employ local laborers to restore a healthy environment for families to thrive by focusing on the development of five areas: safe drinking water, sanitation, medical services, agriculture and food, and the hope found in the Gospel.

In 2021, ACHI completed Phase I and II of the ICRP, which included: 1. Providing access to clean water for more than 10,000 Ghanains through the construction of three fresh water wells and 2. Providing high protein food through Hope Boxes® to children and families suffering from hunger.



ICRP PLANS FOR 2022

In 2022, we will work alongside our partners to bring restoration to the Mmaampehia village in Ghana. Together in this new year, we will begin work focused on increased access to sanitation, agriculture development, and food security.

Your partnership in meeting locally identified needs will be critical to transforming communities in this region. You are helping whole communities thrive towards a brighter future!

The ICRP is made possible by the generous funding of the Valmark Global Gift Fund and private donors like you.



YOU PUT FOOD IN HER BELLY AND A SMILE ON HER FACE.

STORY FROM THE FIELD: ESWATINI

Senamile, a 12 year old girl in Eswatini, has been the primary caregiver for herself and her siblings since she was a very young girl. Senamile and her siblings have been walking to a nearby Carepoint everyday for more than 6 years to receive a daily nutritious meal. Once weak and suffering from hunger, Senamile is now a healthy and energetic young lady with hope for the future. She enjoys eating Hands Against Hunger® meals together with her friends. The security of this daily meal has allowed Senamile to see that there is life beyond vulnerability and dreams of the future put a bright smile on her face.

One of ACHI's partners in Eswatini, Adventures in Mission (AIM), has established 39 Carepoints throughout the rural landscape of Eswatini, a home to an entire generation of orphans. Thousands of children like Senamile are receiving daily meals at Carepoints because of the caring love of people like you who volunteer to pack these meals and donate faithfully to make it possible. Your generosity provides food to children like Senamile when it matters most.

Steve McAdams with Adventures in Missions shared that his medical staff weighs and measures the children at the Carepoints on a regular basis and reports over the past decade demonstrate a substantial and consistent improve-



ESWATINI

SOUTH AFRICA

ment in the physical and mental health of the children because of the daily nourishment of high protein meals (Hands Against Hunger®).

Prior to COVID-19, McAdams shared they were seeing a decrease in the number of children experiencing acute hunger in Eswatini because of the success of these Carepoints reaching at-risk children before they suffer from acute hunger.

Unfortunately, despite the progress over the past decade, the number of orphans and vulnerable children in Eswatini experiencing acute hunger has increased due to recent events. "This past year, we estimate that each of our 39 Carepoints have seen an average of 5 children arrive in a state of acute starvation - an increase from previous years due to Covid-19 and ongoing political unrest in the country," McAdams reports.

ACHI believes that hope starts with our nutritious Hands Against Hunger® food. When children are nourished, they can fight off sickness, attend school, and have the capacity to learn. A child that is no longer worried about their next meal is a child free to dream about the future. Because of you, children like Senamile can not only survive - but thrive.

Thank you for not only providing food but a reason to smile for so many children. You can be part of bringing hope and a future to children around the world. Will you join us?

SCAN
FOR IMPACT





CELEBRATING 50 MILLION MEALS

50,000,000

HIGH PROTEIN MEALS SERVED.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO BE KIDS.

REASONS FOR A CHILD TO GO TO SCHOOL.

TIMES YOUR GENEROSITY REACHED A CHILD.



50 MILLION may be hard to grasp but if we could produce Hands Against Hunger® high protein meals at the rate of one meal per second, we would need to work non-stop, 24/7, for 1 ½ years.

Since ACHI was established in 2008, over 150,000 volunteers have used their hands to turn hunger into hope. From South Korea, India, Ukraine, South Sudan, Zambia, Eswatini, Haiti and across Central America, Hands Against Hunger® meals have helped children who were malnourished and left hopeless with no promise that tomorrow would be better. Hands Against Hunger® arrived and gave them hope and a reason to smile.

50 MILLION Hands Against Hunger® meals, weighing about 4000 tons, were delivered by air, ship and hand to

feed children in 30 countries around the world. Through God's grace and careful attention to details, over 99.9% of those shipments arrived safely and were distributed!

We celebrate 50 MILLION with all of you who served as volunteers and donors. Some of you live far away but you are part of this story too. Some of you are married, single, in school, own a business, work full time, part time, attend a place of worship, are retired or are just dreamers about what's next.

You are all part of this incredible 50 MILLION story and we encourage you to stay with us and get involved – because the children are waiting™.

VOLUNTEERS, YOUR HANDS MADE A DIFFERENCE!



“Easterseals individuals enjoy coming to the Hope Factory™ to help those all around the world . Volunteering with ACHI is a great way to get involved in our local community and form bonds with the staff here who welcome us with open arms! We love to serve and help others while also gaining work experience that will help us with obtaining skills necessary for employment. Overall, the joy we receive from doing small acts of service is the ultimate goal and we are grateful ACHI allows us to be a part of that mission.” - Ashley, Easterseals Staff



In 2021,
6,678 volunteers from:

- 11 BUSINESSES
- 31 SCHOOLS/COLLEGES
- 34 CHURCHES
- 11 ORGANIZATIONS

Spent more than 31k hours serving orphans + vulnerable children with ACHI.



Above: Easterseals packing LIFE PACKS during their weekly volunteer session.



MOUNT NOTRE DAME
Empowering Young Women

“MND has embraced building “a bridge of hope for the children of the world’. Our weekly program volunteering with Hands Against Hunger® is in it’s second year and is one of MND’s largest service programs. Many students have shared that they love working with ACHI because they can see the tangible difference they make by packaging Hope Boxes®. In the end, ACHI has inspired me and many other MND students to dedicate their time to children around the world.” - Rachel, MND Student



Above: MND students smile after finishing a pallet of HOPE BOXES after school on a Tuesday afternoon.

Moms

ON MISSION

“Lets be real. Teaching your kids how to serve is not always fun. Sometimes we have to pull up our sleeves, put gloves on, and do the work. Sometimes an unexpected door opens to have hard conversations and watch their little minds be puzzled. Sometimes I find myself in the midst of it asking myself if doing this is even worth it? Do they even get why they are here? Hoping I am planting a seed in their little hearts. Then it happens. A week later they start talking about their birthday money and how they want to feed the homeless, buy food for their friends while loved ones are hurting, they even talk about using their own money on their siblings. I find myself wanting to protect them and do it myself. That’s when I take a big breath and remember why I do this in the first place. Serve with your kids. It won’t just change the world around you, but the world inside your own 4 walls.” - Emily Parks, Moms on Mission



The Church: God’s Solution to Caring For the Orphan.

Written by: Pastor Stan Tharp, Christian Life Center

DAYTON, OHIO - “In the summer of 2009, I was given a copy of the book, A Hole in Our Gospel, by a board member of A Child’s Hope Int’l. When I returned from vacation, I carried the Bible and that book to the pulpit moved by what the Bible said and what that book revealed to me about suffering children. What struck me for the first time, was the magnitude of the worldwide orphan crisis and the numbers of children who suffer from hunger and malnutrition. Just a year earlier, I met with our mission partner in Swaziland, Africa about a “God-sized vision” for our church here in the US and there in Africa. How could we plant more churches and provide hope for the helpless?

Our new Connection Center was being built at that time and when construction was completed, we had some funds set aside for the new Courtyard, a green space where people could enjoy a time of reflection. At the same time, we were considering an event with ACHI to produce high protein food for the orphans and vulnerable children we serve in Swaziland. That event was going to cost the same amount as the Courtyard, which presented a dilemma: do we go through with our plans to build the Courtyard or feed orphan children in Swaziland? I wondered how the church would react.

We chose to feed orphan children and the rest is history. It’s been 12 years since we made that decision and I am convinced it is better to care for the least of these FIRST before you spend on other things that are not eternal.”

Since then, CLC Dayton has produced and shipped over 5 million high protein meals under the leadership of Pastor Stan Tharp. In response to the COVID pandemic, they produced 900,000 high protein meals in 2020 and an incredible 1.2M high protein meals in 2021. After serving Christian Life Center for 30 years, Pastor Stan Tharp admits that he has never seen anything quite like the culture of his church today. Their responsive love to the Gospel by caring for the orphan has led to unforeseen growth in their church.

The number of orphans in the world continues to grow today. Throughout Scripture, we read that God’s heart for the fatherless is overflowing and as the Church, the very body of Christ, we have an opportunity and duty to lead the charge in caring for the fatherless. James 1:27 is clear that as God’s followers, we are uniquely called and oriented to deliver help and hope to the vulnerable here at home and around the world.

If you’d like to talk more about how your church can get involved in caring for the fatherless, please email JShannon@TheChildrenAreWaiting.org.

YOU GAVE THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER

*An overflow
of generosity*

13 FRESH WATER WELLS

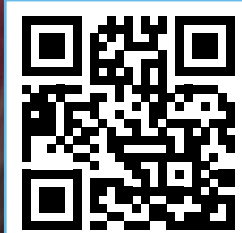
Your generosity allowed ACHI to construct and install 13 fresh water wells in communities without access to clean water in 2021.

2.5M GALLONS PURIFIED

Proceeds from the sale of Promise Water® provided the resources for ACHI to purify 2.5M gallons of water* with the technology of P&G Purifiers of Water. Scan the QR code below to learn more about Promise Water®.

**25,000 PEOPLE NOW HAVE
ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER
THANKS TO YOU**

SCAN TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT PROMISE WATER®



*When the construction of a well is not possible in the present time, ACHI uses P&G Purifiers of Water to provide immediate access to clean water.

Adoption is a living example to the world of how God has adopted us as children through Christ's sacrifice.

"God awakened us to the call to care for orphans and widows as commanded in James 1:27 back in 2010. At that time, we were an Active Duty military family who moved every three years and couldn't provide a stable environment for an adopted child.

In 2014, we transitioned from Active Duty to a Reserve military status and settled down in Northern Indiana. Over the next few years we hosted exchange students and, in 2017, God again moved in our hearts to consider international adoption.

We followed God's leading to adopt and brought our daughter Adah home from India in February 2019. In 2021, God called us to adopt another child from India. We feel specifically called to adopt from India because it has the highest population of orphans in the world.

The biggest lesson we've learned through our adoption journeys is that adoption is a living example to the world of how God has adopted us as children through Christ's sacrifice. After adopting our children, we have a new understanding of the Gospel and how God reconciles us to Himself. We have lost track of how many times talking about our adoption experiences has led to discussions about Jesus, faith, and salvation."

- Josh and Lindsay Seder (Pictured below with their children Elizabeth, Abigail, Adah, and #4 on the way through adoption)



"What a journey to date. Six plus years ago we agreed to babysit for a 2 week old baby girl whose mom was going to prison for 11 months. Grandma was a hospice nurse who had agreed to take the baby, but needed help with the baby during the day.

Based on what we knew at the time, we decided to take classes and get our foster care license. This inspired us to begin our journey as a licensed foster and adoptive family. In the past 5 years, we have fostered more than a dozen children and provided respite to more than 25 other foster parents and foster kids.

During the pandemic we had 5 foster children, from newborn to a special education middle schooler, and eventually became connected to a local program that supports foster families started by ACHI.

We are indeed blessed by the many friendships and support of ACHI. We hope our journey will inspire and encourage others to open their hearts and homes to the many children in need right here in our own community.

Our motto is "keep the tiny humans alive". This provides us with strength and direction daily. We are grateful to be a part of ACHI's mission of providing hope for orphans and vulnerable children around the world."

- David and Lynn Funck



*The ACHI Adoption Grant helps people accomplish their dreams for their families.
Our Linsley Scholarship Fund helps young foster students pursue their post-secondary plans.*

YOU GAVE HER
A REASON TO SMILE: *hope*



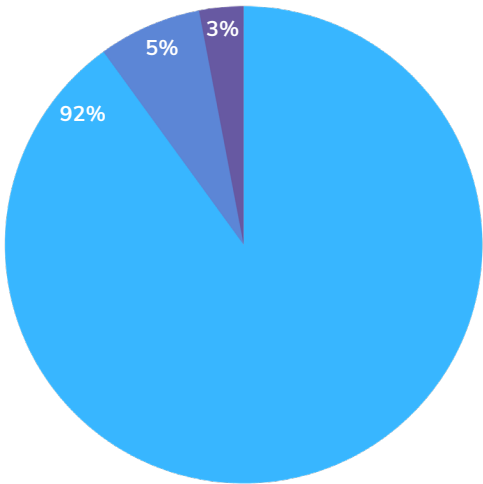
OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Jerry Shannon | Executive Director |
| Doug & Karen Peters | Chairman & Treasurer |
| Paul & Deanna Linsley | Members & Secretary |
| Michael White | Compliance Officer |
| Cameron & Kelly Bernadsky | Members |
| George & Sophia Thankaraj | Members |
| Angela Stutz | Member |
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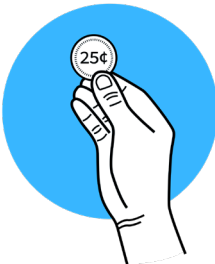
God's faithfulness through your generosity

ACHI is committed to steward the resources God gives us to provide help and hope to orphans and vulnerable children around the world. We strive towards the highest level of integrity and our commitment to transparency and accountability have earned the highest ratings from independent watchdog groups like Charity Navigator and Guidestar so that you can be confident your gifts are reaching the children who need it most.

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES



92%
OF TOTAL DONATIONS ARE
SPENT DIRECTLY ON THE
CHILDREN WE SERVE.



FEEDING A CHILD DAILY
FOR LESS THAN
25 CENTS

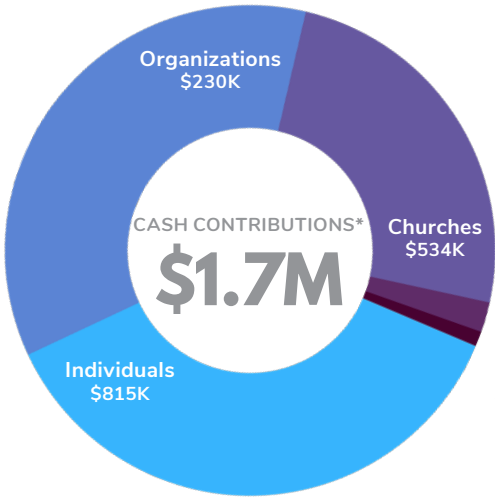
\$2.5M TOTAL REVENUE*



\$1.7M
Cash Contributions

\$822K
In-Kind Contributions

"Exceeds industry standards and
outperforms most charities in its
cause." - Charity Navigator



*2021 Fiscal Year projected
through end of year.



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We exist because
the children are waiting™



There are many ways to give. They all start with your generosity. For more information on planned giving, vehicle donation, stock donation, monthly giving, and more, please visit TheChildrenAreWaiting.org or call 513.771.2244.

Private donors covered 100% of this newsletter so that
your gift can go directly to the children who need it most.



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