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SEE THEM THROUGH
AS THEY BECOME STUDENTS
WHO THEN BECOME ADULTS

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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LETTER FROM THE CO-DIRECTORS

Faithful Partner,

In 2008 *Restoring Hope's* first "church children's homes" opened and now 15 years later we are on the verge of Hope Restored: hundreds of children successfully reunified with family caregivers, assisted by their local church and 25 (so far) who have graduated from college with a passion to serve others.

In update reports and informal conversations, we regularly ask the children and students what they dream of doing in their future and so often they respond "helping children like me." Because of you, after 15 years of *Restoring Hope*, our vision is being realized.

This is the first time we have created an annual report. As a ministry of Operation Saturation, which remains the parent 501c3 for *Restoring Hope*, our financial information has always been within the Operation Saturation annual report, but this year we wanted to inform our partners in a more direct way. In this report we will discuss triumphs as well as challenges, but we want to both celebrate and inform as to what God has done in the precious lives of these children and families who have made the commitment to stick to hope, a restored hope, in the face of early life tragedy.

As our faithful partner, we thank you for believing in what God is doing in overlooked South Asia, and we're excited to discover what Jesus has in store as we move forward together in 2023 and beyond.

We're grateful for your commitment to our village,



Co-Directors
Sean and Paige Whiting

Sean & Paige



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HIGHLIGHTS *By the numbers*

24

Large scale regional gatherings of *Restoring Hope* churches during the 2023 summer and Christmas celebrations.

25

Graduates from college, the first in their families, who have come through the *Restoring Hope* ministry.

86

Pastors, social workers and support staff committed to the holistic restoration of these 700 orphaned and vulnerable children and their caregiving families.

150

Families with two parents but vulnerable to economic hardship who are part of *Restoring Hope's* "Family Strengthening" efforts through local village churches.

212

Average annual *Restoring Hope* funding partners the past five years.

250

Students expected to be in college or vocational training school in June 2023.

550

Families with an orphaned child who have lost one or both biological parents and are a part of a *Restoring Hope* church.

700

Total children (and almost as many families) being served by *Restoring Hope* churches in our region of South Asia.

\$428,000
Donations to
Restoring Hope
in 2022.

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CURRENT CHALLENGES *By the numbers*

Earning a college diploma is rare for the servant caste and agricultural villages of "rising" South Asia. The majority of *Restoring Hope* children and families subsist on day-to-day basic essentials until their education offers new opportunities. *Restoring Hope* has always aimed to help children learn their way out of poverty and become mature servant leaders who follow Jesus.

3

Number of pastors lost to Covid and accidents in the past three years.

14

Number of our current students choosing vocational training instead of a traditional college degree, which after counseling and academic evaluation, *Restoring Hope* supports and encourages.

15

Number of youth dropping out of *Restoring Hope* the past five years due to lack of interest in studies, vocational training or reunified family circumstances.

33

Children who have been arranged in early marriage* as is practiced in village life, usually ages 16 – 18.



*These early arranged marriages by families are provoked by cultural and rural customs and fears. However sudden, *Restoring Hope's* pastors and staff on the ground support these (primarily) girls and couples emotionally and spiritually through their early marriages.



2023 marks 15 years of *Restoring Hope's* care for children, students and families in South Asia.

Starting with 80 children in 8 church-based residential homes, we are now reaching 700 children and families in our network of care. We anticipate hundreds more graduates, baptized in Jesus and ready to serve their communities as doctors, lawyers, school teachers, pastors, and city leaders. Mahini is one of our first graduates:

Story of Mahini



A student of engineering with a servant heart to give back to others, meet Mahini*.

Mahini's father passed away when she was very young. In South Asian rural villages this is nearly impossible to overcome, but the local *Restoring Hope* church pastor stepped in to offer help for Mahini. As Mahini grew up learning about God's love and becoming well educated to learn her way out of poverty, she embraced the message of servant leadership that all *Restoring Hope* children are taught.

Mahini now 24 and just at the cusp of her career as she applies to work for a local private company as a software engineer! Her words from the recent report received shared her progress and future dreams for herself:

"I finished my 4th year project and my final year. I got good marks in my electrical engineer subjects. Now I am waiting for my bachelor graduation degree certificate and after that, I will join a local private company. I want to share my thoughts and my projects with all of the poor, neglected, and orphaned children (through computer language skills and communicating through software engineering)."



Mahini is one of two *Restoring Hope* Alumni Coordinators helping to continue the community long after graduation and exiting the ministry.

*used as pseudonym

Finances



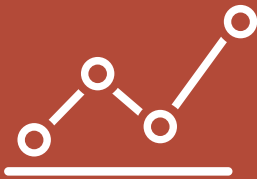
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EXPENSES AND INCOME

2022 Expenses: **\$383,065**

2022 Income: **\$428,543**



BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31ST

\$241,683.88

*An emergency fund established during and after the pandemic, combined with favorable exchange rates, have given us a temporary cushion and will assist us in affording the tuition of the incoming wave of college students expected to increase our budget between 15-20% annually over the next five years.



SOURCES OF INCOME

92% Individuals and Families

4% Churches

3% Foundations and Organizations

1% Businesses



AVERAGE ANNUAL 2018-2022.

Donors: 212

Donations: \$462,000

Projected Ministry Cost in 2023: \$480,000

VISION AND INVITATION

We are so grateful for you and your partnership with these youth who are, against all odds, ready for a life of impacting their communities.

Given our growing experience with transitioning orphaned children from residential care to family-based care, *Restoring Hope* is now considered a leader in best practices of orphan care in South Asia. In light of this, we are leveraging this experience and influence for helping other ministries and organizations learn to implement the very best practices in orphan care. The multiplication of family-based care and support is a priority in our overall vision.

Thank you for your consideration of our Annual Report and for your partnership with us to bring hope in Jesus to South Asian orphans, their biological families and communities.

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