



2018 MID-YEAR

IMPACT REPORT

 Lifesong FOR Orphans



GLOBAL ORPHAN CARE

Reaching orphans & vulnerable children with the Gospel, basic needs, education, discipleship & long-term support.



NUMBERS OF IMPACT

8362

CHILDREN SERVED DAILY

1315

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

81

MINISTRY SITES

13

COUNTRIES



WE BELIEVE GOD CALLS US TO CARE FOR ORPHANS WITH YOU, WE ARE REACHING MORE THAN EVER

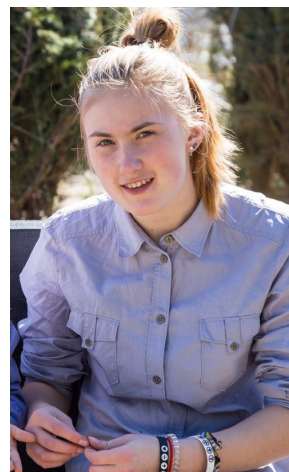
GOSPEL FOCUSED ORPHAN CARE



HAITI In May of 2018, we celebrated with the angels in heaven when 5 students and 3 adults became the first to be baptized at our ministry in Bercy, Haiti. This ministry is relatively new, but the fruit is already becoming evident. Our team on the ground is sharing the Gospel with the local community, finished it's first year of high school for 101 students, and providing 35 children with 24/7 care in family style homes.

UKRAINE While there have been many baptisms as a result of God's working through our team in Ukraine, one story stands out. A young girl, Ira 15-year-old, accepted Christ at church. God showed His glory through this young soul and encouraged to be faithful as He does His work in these young souls.

ASIA Despite persecution and local government pressures, our ministries in India and Southeast Asia are continuing to see children come to the Lord. In one of our newer homes our staff cares for children with disabilities as they wait to be adopted. Even though many of these children are young, we trust that God's hand is upon them and that they will receive the Lord as their personal Savior some day.



+ Children, *top banner*, in Ethiopia, during morning prayer and assembly. Baptisms, *top and middle*, in Haiti. Ira, *bottom left*, who accepted Christ recently. Pastor Vino, *bottom right*, with children in Thailand.



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 Graduates, *opposite top*, celebrate being the first graduating class in Zambia. Grace, *opposite bottom*, teaching in Liberia.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

ZAMBIA 100% of the graduates passed their grade 12 exams, administered by the official Examinations Council of Zambia. In a province where only 75% of all students passed this year, we praise God for this incredible accomplishment. This is the direct result of our students' hard work and our teachers' faithful effort.

Today, in Zambia, only approximately 37% of students even attend secondary school. And of those 37% who begin, only 8% complete it. Yet God is using faithful supporters of Lifesong Zambia to raise up generations of students who will finish the task and serve Him with their lives.

One of the graduates is Charity. Her story is full of redemption and this past year she was baptized.



LIBERIA This past school year our ministry in Liberia had more graduates than ever from kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grades, and our second high school graduate. We are excited by this growth and are so proud of these students. They have worked hard, and we are thankful they have the opportunity to attend school!

In Liberia, receiving an education is a privilege, especially for girls. Statistically, only 4 out of every 10 Liberian girls attend school, and the rate declines sharply in the upper levels.

Grace is one of the girls our team took in during the Ebola crisis. Now she is going to college to study teaching and also teaches one of the kindergarten classes at our school.

FAMILY PRESERVATION

WE BELIEVE God intended all children to be in a safe and loving Christian family. Direct care in children's homes or orphanages is often not needed. Thousands of the children we serve live with one parent or a relative caregiver. We are working to strengthen that family bond, by helping alleviate some of the urgent needs families in poverty have—food, access to clean water, clothing, and education to name a few. Beyond this, we share the Gospel and disciple caregivers through church services and Bible studies.



65%

OF CHILDREN WE SERVE
 RECEIVE CARE TO HELP
 PRESERVE FAMILIES



Shauna's House, *top*, the first Lifesong transition home in the Chernigov region of Ukraine. Chernigov team, *middle*, celebrate the opening of Shauna's House with a meal. Shauna Yelton, *bottom in the black shirt*, with graduates in Ukraine.



The real work is spiritual, we are doing our best to love like Jesus—holistically. But the single most important thing is to bring them Jesus.

— BRENT BAKER
ZAMBIA DIRECTOR

A NEW TRANSITION HOME

SHAUNA'S HOUSE opened its doors this spring. This is the fifth transitional living home in Ukraine, but the first in the Chernigov region. This home is special because it was a gift and legacy of Shauna Yelton.

In 2015, Shauna, lost her battle of cancer but gained her eternal reward. She was a dear friend of Lifesong and visited the ministry in Ukraine often. Now orphanage graduates will have a safe, loving family style home to transition into independent adult living.

One of those graduates is Yaroslav. He shared, "I was helping with construction through the process and I'm very glad that we've finished! I'm moving into this beautiful place!"

The young adults who move into Shauna's House will be loved, mentored, and taught the love of Christ. All of this because of one woman's incredible love for orphans and vulnerable children (even in the face of devastating cancer) and her husband's commitment to honor her incredible life and legacy!



2658

CHILDREN
SPONSORED



6,697,962

MEALS SERVED TO
CHILDREN IN OUR CARE



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We knew the Lord was leading us to adopt, but the finances were a significant factor to consider.

Through the blessing of Lifesong's matching grant, we were able to finalize our adoption to bring Steele home as a beloved son.

– STUBBS FAMILY
ADOPTED THEIR SON FROM CHINA

ADOPTION

Every child deserves the love of a family.

The Stubbs family knew the Lord was leading them to adopt. They also felt the weight of the financial cost of adoption, but they trusted since God had called them He would also provide.

As a pastor and single-income family, they knew they had to rely on the Lord's provision and the support of others to bring their son home as soon as possible. **The matching grant awarded by Lifesong encouraged their friends and family to donate with confidence, knowing that their support was essentially being doubled.** As they shared in a testimony to our office, *"The process was set up so well for us- everything we needed to get started was provided by Lifesong which allowed us to focus on the other time consuming parts of the adoption process. We are so thankful for the generosity of Lifesong to help bring our son into our family."*

During their adoption process their son was moved from the caring foster home he was in while waiting to be adopted back to the orphanage he spent much of his young life in. Due to serious medical needs the Stubbs worried that he would not have the same level of care he needed.

Thanks to the support of many individuals, family and organizations like Lifesong, the Stubbs were able to bring their son home without additional delay.

Many of our families face what seems like unsurmountable circumstances during their adoption journeys. However, we have seen God's faithfulness time and time again. Often we see givers like you who have given exact amounts needed to complete this step or that step. Or a final gift given right when needed. Each gift is helping orphans become sons and daughters.

NUMBERS OF IMPACT

453 FAMILIES

awarded grants, interest-free loans or fundraising support in the first half of 2018 to bring their children home through adoption. **Over 7000 children since 2002!**



\$1,032,300

awarded in matching grants & interest-free loans since January.



\$1,928,600

raised by families through our crowdfunding platform and fundraising tools.

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with churches and ministries to support their adoptive families.



OVER 450 ADOPTION FUNDS

administered at no-cost by Lifesong, provide adoption funding and post-adoptive support to Christian families.

23 funds started this year!



300 FAMILIES

supported by fund partners this year.



\$393,000

in adoption grants and loans given by **40 fund partners** to **116 families** not part of their church.



SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS

LIFESONG FARMS started with an idea in Ukraine by two of our graduates. They wanted to give back to the ministry that had supported them, not only with their time and talents, but with God's multiplication. Now this part of our ministry is foundational in each ministry we serve.

The farm in Ukraine has seen tremendous success in profits and ministry. This past year the first season of berries is producing on the expanded second farm near Chernigov. A further blessing, using the skills our Ukraine team has learned they traveled to our farm in Zambia to start hydroponics there as well.

Not all of our sustainable businesses rely on agriculture though. In Haiti and Zambia, we also operate guest houses that employ caregivers of the children we serve. These also help to serve visiting mission teams as well, providing more income to directly impact the children we serve.

We believe God gives children talents and blessings to lead the next generation. This means we make small investments in their opportunities now to produce greater impact in future ministry.



100%
TO CARE FOR
ORPHANS

**ANOTHER
EXCEPTIONAL YEAR**

CHARITY NAVIGATOR awarded Lifesong for Orphans with its highest rating, 4-Stars, with a perfect score. Only 8% of charities receive a 4-Star rating in consecutive years.

100% TO CARE FOR ORPHANS Thanks to TMG Foundation and key partners all of our fundraising and administrative costs are already covered. **100% of your received donation will directly help children in need.**

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