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**ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

**YOU CROWN  
THE YEAR WITH  
A BOUNTIFUL  
HARVEST; EVEN  
THE HARD  
PATHWAYS  
OVERFLOW  
WITH  
ABUNDANCE.**

**PSALM 65:11**



# LANA VASQUEZ

Founder & President

We have truly experienced God's harvest of goodness throughout 2022! Even in the hardest times across the world, especially in Burma because of war, we've still witnessed firsthand the overflow of God's goodness and abundance. Everything we do, and everything we are about is "Because of You!"

All of the children we've rescued, and the children we will rescue, we look at them and think, we do what we do "Because of YOU."

The families that we're fighting to keep together through our prevention projects, and the

children whose lives have been saved from getting caught up in drug and sex trafficking, we look at the parents who have made a decision to break the cycle in their families, and we say it's "Because of YOU" and the decision you have made that these kids now have a future full of hope.

To sum it up, we have been **Rescued to Rescue**. Our Rescuer, Jesus, looked at us and said, "I love you, and BECAUSE OF YOU, I chose the cross to save you."

Now, countless lives have been changed because of YOU and the important part you have

in the Life Impact family. Your faithful support has sustained and empowered us to reach, rescue, and raise up more this year than ever before.

THANK YOU for your continued prayer and financial support. We pray that this year, your year will too be crowned with God's goodness.

With all of our hearts,

*Lana*  
& YOUR LIFE IMPACT FAMILY

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# THAILAND

## Supported **FAMILIES**

Each month, we supported **24 families**, most of them being single mother households, in their most vulnerable time of need by relieving them from the immediate pressure to sell their children in order to survive.

## Community **OUTREACHES**

All throughout the year, Life Impact conducted outreaches in the most vulnerable communities that serve as pools for traffickers. These outreaches are two-fold; 1) Preventing the next children from exploitation and trafficking, and 2) Changing the community's heart from darkness to light with the love of Jesus in order to stop the demand of trafficking. Through these outreaches, many lives have been transformed while also being taught about child rights and safe touch!

## **SCHOOLS** *and* **PARTNERSHIPS**

We partnered with **seven boarding homes, migrant schools and children's homes** by providing teachers' salaries, school supplies, uniforms, daily meals and support for over **1,047 children every month**.



## SURVIVING *the* UNTHINKABLE

She is our modern day Cinderella. She was born in Myanmar and as soon as she was born, she was left with her aunt and uncle. Her parents left her to work across the river in Thailand. She often overheard her father and aunt having arguments, but she never knew what was going on. Then her father brought her to Thailand when she was 11 years

old so that she could help with household chores. She has not gone to school and when she came into Life Impact's care she was found with old wounds on her head, face, neck, body, hands, and legs. Her mom told us that her daughter is careless and falls down a lot, but she told us that she was physically abused by her own family.



## BROTHER REUNITED *with* OLDER SISTER

This 7-year-old boy is now free and finally reunited with his 12-year-old sister who we rescued in November! His sister is a relentless survivor who courageously ran away from her father who physically abused her, and now both she and her brother

have a home and a family here at Life Impact where they will always be loved and protected! They are now free to run and play, find healing from the abuse they endured, and encounter the life-changing love of Jesus Christ!



## SISTERS ARE *finally* SAFE

These two young girls were abused physically by their father as long as their young minds can remember. The girls' parents would violently fight and hit each other until one day their mother couldn't take it anymore. Their mother ran away, abandoning her two daughters and falling into the arms of another alcoholic man, leaving the two scared little girls in the hands of their abusive father. One cold night, their father

was in a rage and beat the girls so badly that they decided to make a run for their lives in the middle of the night. It was scary, dark, and they ran far away from home. These little survivors had run approximately 12.5 miles to the closest hospital. The hospital sheltered these brave young girls overnight and called us the next morning. We picked them up and brought them to safety forever!

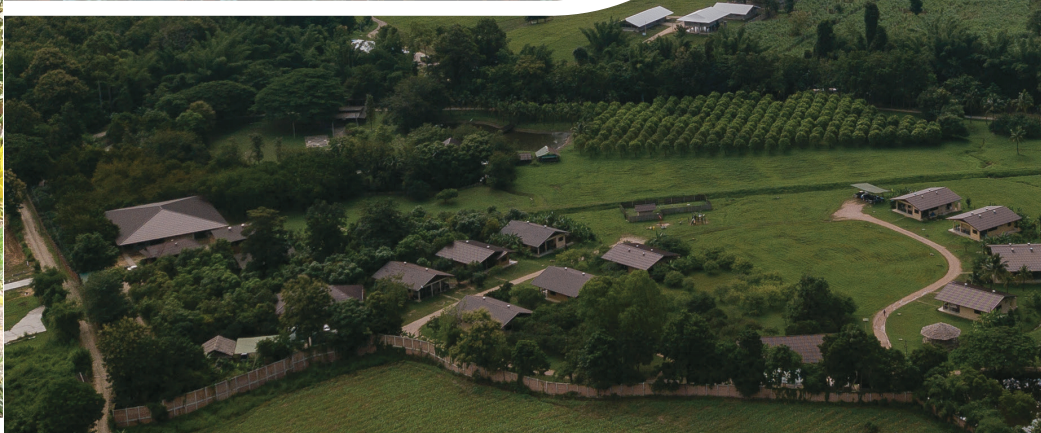




## JOINING FORCES *to* REACH MORE CHILDREN

In 2014, we officially became the first Government recognized Safe Home on the Thai-Burma Border, partnering with the Kingdom of Thailand on behalf of vulnerable, trafficked, and exploited children. They quickly adopted our Prevent, Rescue, and Heal model, wrote a book about it and patterned it along the borders of Thailand!

In 2022, we recommitted to join forces with the government and other local NGO's that are doing rescue work on the Multidisciplinary Task Force. We are a part of this large, government recognized, anti-trafficking network that continues the fight to protect the borders. At one point, as many as 60 women and children were trafficked daily on our border, and together we're relentlessly working to eradicate that number.



## REVIVAL *at the* PROMISE LAND

We have been experiencing revival on the Promise Land with the rescued children! We have seen some real transformations and miracles happen in the lives of our children. The first rescued generation has risen up and taken ownership of the vision and heart of Life Impact. Some of them serve on our outreach team, some on the rescue team, and some are learning about the farm, the land, and IT. We are raising the next generation to know Him, make Him known, and carry the vision until Jesus returns. They are our fruit that remains!

PREVENT

3,040

VULNERABLE PEOPLE & AT-RISK CHILDREN REACHED WITH THE GOSPEL & PROVIDED SUPPLIES, CARE, CLOTHING, MEALS, & MORE!

46,904

POUNDS OF RICE, MILK, NOODLES, VEGETABLES, AND OTHER COOKING SUPPLIES PROVIDED TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER & CHILDREN SAFE

RESCUE

20

INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED

8

CHILDREN BROUGHT INTO THE EMERGENCY TRANSITION HOME

HEAL

84

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17

FAMILY-STYLE SAFE HOMES

12

CHILDREN BAPTIZED

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# BURMA

(MYANMAR)

There are 800,000 people hiding in the Jungles of Burma, unable to go back home for fear of the Burmese Military Junta kidnapping them. These Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) are hiding in caves, squatting along river banks or living under plastic tarps with no place to call home.

We went into these hurting communities, prayed with them (many receiving the love of Jesus into their hearts), provided food, crucial supplies for survival, and coloring pages and activities for the kids so that they had an opportunity to forget about the pain and fear of their current reality and just enjoy being a kid in the jungle!



# Rescued **AMIDST WAR!**

**TWO BROTHERS ARE NOW SAFE AND NO LONGER RUNNING**

Abandoned by their father, and left in the hands of their mentally ill mother, \*Minsoe and \*Doko were living in a terrible situation. At the young ages of five and six, they were trying to survive without the help of an adult. Neighbors recognized what was going on and called for their father to come and get them.

**Dreadfully, Minsoe and Doko's situation continued to darken. Their stepmother abused them for the next four years physically and through methods of starvation.**

They were also deprived of getting to attend school to receive an education.

After four years of ongoing abuse, the boys gathered enough courage to run away and seek help in a local village.

Unfortunately, as the military coup began and continued, the boys had to flee from place to place. That also meant that they weren't able to go to school. Their lives continued this way for the next two and a half years.

Finally, they were rescued from that dangerous situation by Life Impact and are residing on our House of Hope property in Myanmar. Minsoe and Doko now have food, safe housing, education, and get to learn about their sure foundation, Jesus!

Thank you for your support so that children like Minsoe and Doko can thrive instead of run!

You are making a HUGE difference!





# A FUTURE and a HOPE!

## LAND PURCHASED FOR BURMA PROMISE LAND

What a year we had! In 2022, we were able to purchase **12 acres of land** in Burma to build a Promise Land. This home will be a safe and permanent home for war-zone orphans, and our House of Hope children who have been temporarily living in the jungles.

Because of this land and its location, children will no longer have to live on the run in fear, including Minsoe and Doko.

You are making a difference in all of their lives!

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5,550

VULNERABLE PEOPLE WERE REACHED IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP THE IDPs HIDING IN THE JUNGLES AFRAID OF BEING KIDNAPPED OR KILLED BY THE BURMESE MILITARY JUNTA.

15

OUTREACHES PROVIDING FOOD, CRUCIAL EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, MEDICINE, CLOTHING, SHARING THE GOSPEL, & PRAYING WITH THOSE IN THE COMMUNITIES.

18,992

POUNDS OF RICE, MILK, NOODLES, VEGETABLES, AND OTHER COOKING SUPPLIES PROVIDED TO POOR FAMILIES & VILLAGES.



# BRASIL

## RIO DE JANEIRO

### SOCCER PROJECTS

Over 120 children participated in our soccer projects every week in two soccer fields in the City of God. Our team, through soccer, has the opportunity to share the Gospel with these boys who live in a community controlled by drug trafficking.

### PREVENTION BUILDING

Over 160 children, 7 to 18 years old, attend our prevention building weekly where we offer Bible study, discipleship, psychological assistance, tutoring, vocational training courses for the youth, and sewing courses for the mothers as a means to help them learn a trade to support the family without drugs or prostitution.



## JUAZEIRO DO NORTE

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Over 300 children, 4 to 17 years old, attend our community programs weekly across three locations, and **50 kids and families are reached per week**. We offer tutoring, literacy classes, psychological care, sports classes, art classes, and family support. Food baskets, gifts, and vitamins were given to the mothers of kids enrolled in our program. As a Children's Day gift, we were able to take the children to a shopping mall to play games and eat burgers and fries, a first for so many of them! Our teams have also been working hard to create and foster relationship with the communities, counties, and governments that we serve in to help raise national awareness and support.



## AMAZON

### GIRLS PROJECTS

Over 30 girls attend our biweekly programs where the girls receive Biblical devotions and teaching, mental health support, lessons in self-care and self-esteem, along with crafts and other activities to help keep them off the streets and out of prostitution.

### BOYS PROJECTS

Over 40 boys attend our biweekly programs where they receive Biblical devotions and teaching, soccer lessons, physical training, team play and snacks, and encouraged out of drug trafficking.





# HEALING *the* GENERATIONS

## MOM & DAUGHTER ARE RECONCILED

**G**abriela\* is a 13-year-old girl from Rio de Janeiro.

Her mother grew up in a shelter where she was constantly tortured and sexually abused. She became pregnant with Gabriela as a teenager, rejected the baby, and gave her up to a shelter.

Gabriela is enrolled at Life Impact and, in partnership with the church, our team has worked to help re-establish the relationship between Gabriela and her mother.

Today, both are involved in the church, and Gabriela is growing leaps and bounds in her healing process. Her trauma and pain were great, but the love of Jesus is greater, and we've been able to witness the power of God moving in her life, and in her relationship with her mother.

**Gabriela grew up in a shelter where she was beaten, her hands burned, her hair cut short, punished with physical abuse, little food and starvation.**



When she was about seven-years-old, her mother, out of guilt, got her back from the shelter and brought her to her home where she lived with her boyfriend. The boyfriend sexually abused Gabriela and the mother, who depended on him financially, and eventually her mother returned her to the shelter.

Years later, the mother received the gift of salvation in a church in Gardenia, Life Impact's partner church. The church provided support for her to take Gabriela out of the shelter again.

**At a Mother's Day event that we hosted, Gabriela told her mother that she *loved* her for the first time in her life.**

We are grateful for the opportunity we have to support Gabriela and her process to reconciliation and healing with her mom. Gabriela is so loved by our team, and a precious example of someone who was rescued by Jesus to help rescue others!



Our LI Brasil team has been praying about a building in one of the most notorious Favelas called “The City of God” in Rio de Janeiro. It was built by the city nine years ago, never used, and abandoned. In more recent days, it was occupied by drug users and known as the “crackhouse” of the area. We have been in negotiations with the cartel for the release of the building and with the state of Rio de Janeiro for the documentation for Life Impact to take it over.

We are excited to say that we have acquired the building, and renovations will begin soon. **Our goal is 300 children daily to keep them off the streets, and away from a generational lifestyle of dealing drugs and prostitution.**



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6,470

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH OUR PREVENTION PROJECTS & OUTREACHES IN RIO DE JANEIRO, JUAZEIRO DO NORTE, AND THE AMAZON!

650

CHILDREN REACHED WEEKLY, BEING TAUGHT THE WORD OF GOD, RECEIVING TUTORING & VOCATIONAL COURSES, SOCCER COACHING, & PSYCHOLOGICAL CARE, ALL TO HELP KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS, & OUT OF DRUG TRAFFICKING & PROSTITUTION

19,941

POUNDS OF RICE, BEANS, POWDERED MILK, NOODLES, VEGETABLES, AND OTHER COOKING SUPPLIES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

**CHRISTMAS** *in their* **HANDS,**  
**HEAVEN** *in their* **HEARTS!**



## THAILAND + BURMA

Thailand is where all of this started! In 2022, we reached close to **2,000 people across 13 outreaches**.

Our team, national staff, and our first and second generation rescued children worked and prepared so hard for this special time. It's their favorite time of the year!

In the villages, we shared the good news of Christmas and the Gospel through skits, games, and a message. Our teams gave the children and families gifts and supplies, served them a hot meal, and prayed with them.

We were well received and witnessed the villagers listening to the message of Jesus with open ears. In one of the villages we visited, **all 130 adults and children in attendance received the greatest gift of all** when they accepted Jesus into their hearts!

## BRASIL

Started in Thailand and brought to Brasil, we reached **over 1,200 children** in eight of the most dangerous, unreached, and under-valued communities, and actually rolled out a carpet for the kids and families.

Nothing could prepare us for what we witnessed and were able to be a part of this past Christmas season. We served them a warm Christmas dinner buffet, led worship, shared the Gospel, performed skits, and provided the kids a time to escape the horrors of what they see daily with bounce houses, games, candy, and gifts.

It was an honor to see the joy in the eyes and faces of these kids! In a place where starvation and exploitation are a harsh, everyday reality, these forgotten communities received a beautiful banquet from the Lord, and these kids and families felt seen and valued for the first time, **with over 200 people accepting Jesus into their hearts!**





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