

Hope's Promise Orphan Care Kenya, Vietnam, and Nepal February 2012: "Inside Track"



Children of House of
Hope's Promise Nepal,
photo by Matthew Orsillo

Close the Gap

2011 funding report

Ezekiel 22:30a "And I sought for anyone among them who would repair the wall and stand in the breach (gap) before me on behalf of the land...."

With great thanksgiving, we celebrate that **the gap**, defined as expenditures compared to donations, officially **closed in 2011!** Hope's Promise Orphan Care began the year with a projected gap of \$73,000 and ended 2011 in the black! We are grateful for faithful and generous partners like you who give sacrificially to ensure stable homes for our children in Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam.

As we enter 2012, we ask the Lord to provide those who will continue to "stand in the gap" and donate the same 2011 amounts so that the gap stays closed; but at the same time, dream about what is next....

Prepare a Place

For more children in 2012

Psalms 85:12-13 "The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps."

The US staff team met in early January to seek the Lord's heart for 2012 through Scripture, prayer, and discussion. We dreamed, along with our international leaders in Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam, of new "places" for orphans around the world. Please read about these "places" to the right, and pray about how God might call you to be involved!

Prepare a Place

"God sets the lonely in families..." Psalm 68:6a

Poverty, disease, government corruption or oppression, religious persecution, neglect, and abandonment slash biological families around the world, leaving children orphaned and defenseless. While we rejoice in the Hope's Promise families currently thriving, our hearts break for orphans still struggling to survive.

Vietnam: The HP Short Term Mission (STM) team ducked into a haggard mountain shack. An old woman cradled a tiny baby, 7 months old but no bigger than a newborn. Angled bones proclaimed starvation. Two older boys peered warily from a dark corner. Three children suddenly orphaned when their mother died in childbirth, setting off a chain reaction whereby in this matriarchal society their father was forced by custom to leave his family and community. Grieving and hungry, their eyes are disturbingly expressionless. Due to the intervention of one of the STM members in providing monthly funds to buy milk, the baby is still alive today. HP has identified waiting indigenous house-parents. As soon as funding is in place, the older children will be placed. Next, the baby.

Start up costs: about \$1500
1/2 of annual budget: \$4200
Pledges: \$350/month

Nepal: Indigenous house-parents, a pastor and his wife, are eager and ready to welcome five orphaned girls into their home once funding is secured. House of New Life will be HP's third home in Nepal.

Start up costs: \$1574
1/2 of annual budget: \$2118
Pledges: \$176.5/month

Kenya: Will the third Sanctuary of Hope open for ten children in the same neighborhood where current homes are located? Will Kenyan Christians mobilize to care for several orphans at a time in their existing homes, as in Vietnam and Nepal? Or will the entire ministry re-locate to a compound? US and Kenyan staff are actively seeking the Lord and evaluating orphan care models to discern His leading for what kind of place to prepare. Please pray with us, and contact colleen@hopespromise.com for more information.

How to make a difference in the lives of orphans

Stand in the gap: Consider a monthly pledge or child or staff sponsorship for existing homes to ensure that the gap stays closed. Contact holly@hopespromise.com, or donate at www.hopespromise.com.

Prepare a place: Join a Country Support Team meeting monthly to partner with ministry in Nepal, Kenya, or Vietnam through prayer, encouragement, and fundraising efforts. Contact lorie@hopespromise.com. Or donate directly towards opening new homes at www.hopespromise.com.