



Hope's Promise

Adoption & Orphan Care

A Family for  
*Yabsira*

Annual Report | Fiscal Year 2016





## Our Mission

Transforming lives through the Christian ministry of adoption and orphan care.



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Can you imagine being alone, vulnerable, and without hope? That isn't God's plan for children. His solution—and our passion—is

*Family.*

# One Ministry One Focus Two Paths



At Hope's Promise, we have one focus: finding a family for every child. Hope's Promise was founded on the belief that every child needs a loving Christian family. **Our first path, domestic and intercountry adoption** accomplished that mission. In 2002, Hope's Promise leadership realized that adoption was not a possibility for most orphaned children around the world. Wanting to do more, we added a **second path, global orphan care**, to our ministry and now work in Kenya, Nepal, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe.



A Family for *Nima*



## A Message From Our Executive Director

Dear Hope's Promise family,

Kelel and Senait are siblings born in Ethiopia to a mother who already had several children and was sick with AIDS. When she was unable to care for Kelel and Senait, they lived in an orphanage and became a small fragment of the millions of orphaned and abandoned children around the globe. Meanwhile, half a world away, God was transforming the hearts of a couple in Colorado to welcome a new son and daughter. The road home was long and difficult, but even before Kelel and Senait met their new family, God began knitting all of their hearts together into a beautiful fabric that will last a lifetime.

Can you imagine a world in which every orphaned child has the opportunity to grow up in a nurturing Christian family like Kelel and Senait do now? That's our vision at Hope's Promise. All that we do and every dollar we spend focuses on transforming lives through family. As you read the 2016 Annual Report, you will see that God has blessed us with another year of being able to make a significant difference in the lives of children and families through intercountry and domestic adoptions and global orphan care; our family tree is growing.

In recent years, one of our biggest challenges has been to financially support every child in the program. In 2016, one important goal was to obtain full sponsorships for every child in our Global Orphan Care program. Although we fell short of that target, we did gain 85 new child sponsorships (a 400 percent increase from 2015).

Another vital goal was to strengthen our identity as an organization. To do this, we embarked on a yearlong journey to redefine our mission, vision, and values. With support from one of our corporate partners we successfully sharpened our focus, developed a new strategic plan, and rebranded Hope's Promise with an image and logo that more closely represent our mission. Through this process, we also increased board and staff ownership and created renewed excitement and commitment to our Hope's Promise mission.

A major accomplishment of 2016 is receiving our Hague reaccreditation through the Council on Accreditation –which is no easy task! The Hague Convention is an



Beth Woods greets Maureen, a sponsored child with Hope's Promise, during a visit to Kenya.

international treaty created to help prevent the abduction, exploitation, and trafficking of children, while also ensuring that intercountry adoptions are serving the best interests of children. This accreditation renewal allows us to continue to provide adoption services for intercountry adoptions with the highest level of excellence and integrity.

As we venture into the year ahead, our goals are to:

- Develop and implement a strategy to close the gap between expenses and contributions in our Global Orphan Care program.
- Continue to navigate domestic and intercountry adoptions through an ever-changing landscape.
- Further develop our Care Fund program so that we can continue to provide financial support to women who are experiencing unintended pregnancy but who may not ultimately choose adoption.

The 2016 Annual Report tells a remarkable story of life transformation through family. It's the mission God has given us, and we are honored to carry it out. On behalf of the Hope's Promise team, I want to thank our dedicated board of directors, who faithfully give of their time and talent; our clients, who continue to entrust their dreams to us; and our ministry partners, whose generosity makes our work possible. Together with God's grace, we are accomplishing great things!

With gratitude,

*Beth Woods*

Executive Director

## Our Growing Family Tree



“Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”

Colossians 2:7 (NLT)





## A Family for Bennet

### What We Do

## Adoption

Adoption often starts from a place of loss and brokenness: loss of fertility, loss of a parent, loss of a dream. But out of broken dreams, God expands hearts, opens minds, and brings to life a beautiful picture of redemption through family.

For those pursuing either intercountry or domestic adoption, we provide services including home studies, state and Hague required training, pre-adoption counseling, and post-adoption follow-up and counseling. Our domestic adoption program offers options counseling to women and men facing an unintended pregnancy, while also offering adoptive families the resources they need to move forward with their adoption dream. Finally, we are committed to being a reliable resource for those in the community who want to know more about adoption.

Although these are impressive credentials, we most pride ourselves in our unwavering commitment to the children whom we serve. We are child-focused, always keeping the best interest of the child as our top priority.

### What We Do

- Intercountry adoptions
- Domestic adoptions
- Pregnancy counseling
- Adoptive family assessments and state-required training
- Post-adoption support
- Community resource adoption education

## Adoption Highlights

- 🏠 35 children placed into loving families through domestic and intercountry adoption
- ✓ 45 families approved for adoption
- 📄 93 expectant parents counseled with accurate information regarding their pregnancy options
- 🎓 59 hours of adoption education provided to professionals in Colorado

## Social Workers: Unsung Heroes

In a constantly changing adoption landscape, our social workers counsel clients through amazing joy, deep sorrows, and many frustrations. The adoption process, whether intercountry or domestic, is never seamless, and each adoption has unique challenges. Any time of the day or night, an expectant mom or hospital social worker can call our emergency hotline seeking assistance with an adoption plan. Within hours the team is mobilized, and the process is underway.

With kindness and compassion, our team of social workers addresses even the most complicated challenges with patience and hope. Through it all, God gives our social workers grace and strength to keep them focused as they go through the long and highly rewarding process of bringing children into loving Christian families, ever growing our Hope's Promise family tree.



## A Family for Eli



# Global Orphan Care



A Family for  
*Esther*

## Orphan Care Highlights

-  53 orphaned children provided with family care in three countries
-  102 students sponsored through the Thrive Education program in four countries
-  85 new child sponsorships added
-  1 Connection Team trip to Vietnam including staff, volunteers, and board members
-  1 successful audit of the Kenya orphan care program

Images of children eating food out of garbage heaps and drinking nearly stagnant water from a sewage-filled stream overflow in Mathare Valley slum. It's one of the most desperate places in Kenya. Alone in front of a tiny shack, a child's eyes reflect a hint of despair. People walk by uncaringly as if the child is invisible. Even when he cries, no one comes running to comfort him. There is no one.

The orphan's cry is the same all over the world. Alone, hungry, diseased, and with no one and with no one to care for them, what will happen to them?

Through the Hope's Promise unique model of care, orphaned and at-risk children are placed into nurturing Christian families in Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam. In Zimbabwe children can remain in the care of extended relatives, allowing Hope's Promise to supplement their income by providing educational scholarships for the children. It's an exceptional model that makes the complete care for a child's spiritual, physical, educational, emotional, and social needs possible. Children join families with long-term stability and connection in mind, and the parents consider each child a permanent member of their family. Most importantly, the Hope's Promise model provides a child with the love of a family, a sense of belonging, and hope for their future. These programs are made possible by caring sponsors in the United States.

## Countries We Serve



### Kenya – A Father's Love

In December 2016, Steve and Joyce Kariithi took on the role as house parents in our second home in Kenya. They have gone from parenting two young children to raising thirteen, including seven teenagers. Steve is an attentive and engaged father, a mentor with our Thrive Education sponsorship program, and a pastor in the community. Steve is a man of character and conviction and is a wonderful role model for our children.



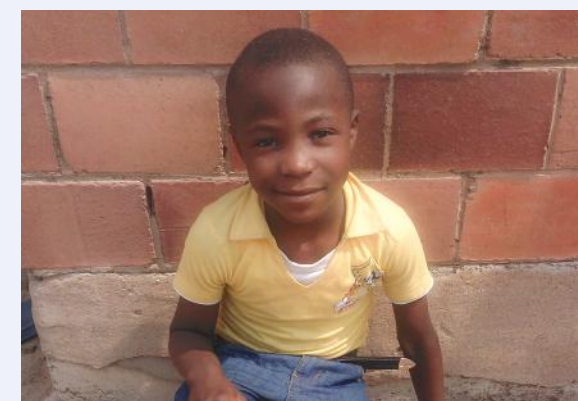
### Vietnam – Growing God's Family

With four families of thriving children in the Hope's Promise Orphan Care programs in Vietnam, there is always excitement. This year, Christmas brought even more joy than usual. Our staff in Vietnam organized evangelistic outreaches in their respective communities across south and central Vietnam to share Christ's love through film. The number of children who came exceeded the organizers' wildest imaginations: 1,282 in all. Even more amazing was that 276 of these children made decisions to receive Christ! God gave Hope's Promise the best Christmas gift ever—more children in our heavenly family.



### Nepal – God, a Safe Hiding Place

With two Hope's Promise homes in Nepal, creating stability for the children continues to be a high priority. Since the 2015 earthquake, resources are still limited, and the country faces many challenges. Despite the hardships, our Nepali families endure, confronting the daily struggle with courage. Psalm 32:7 has more meaning than ever before: "You [God] are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance."



### Zimbabwe – From Sorrow to Joy

At only three years old, Brilliant was abandoned by his parents along with his younger brother. Concerned neighbors found the boys alone and sent them to live with their grandmother. Now seven years old, Brilliant is enrolled in school thanks to the Hope's Promise Thrive Education program. While his earthly father left Brilliant wanting, his heavenly Father has been there to continue growing his little heart.





A sponsor for *Maureen*  
400% increase in sponsorship from 2015

2016 Ministry

# Achievements

## DeMarcus Ware Scores Major Points for Hope's Promise

Just one month after the Denver Broncos' Super Bowl victory put them in the national spotlight, the team's defensive captain, DeMarcus Ware, announced that he would be selling a "B-Ware of D-Ware" T-shirt with a portion of the proceeds going to Hope's Promise. As an adoptive father himself, he was captivated by the mission of Hope's Promise and wanted to do something to support the children we serve. DeMarcus also invited Hope's Promise staff to spend the day at the Broncos' training camp to bring further exposure to the ministry. We were encouraged by DeMarcus's heart for orphans and adoption and are grateful for his unbelievable generosity.



Beth Woods with DeMarcus Ware

2016

Accomplishments

-  Rebranding
-  New strategic plan
-  New bus for Kenya's Hope's Promise families
-  Tribute to Ray Freeman
-  Additional funds raised from Denver Bronco DeMarcus Ware



## A New Bus for Hope's Promise Kenya

The Hope's Promise families in Kenya were in dire need of reliable transportation. Getting 24 children (plus adults) around safely is always a concern. Sponsors and donors with a heart for our Kenyan families came together to raise the needed \$29,000 in just 30 days. Thank you to all who made this generous gift of transportation possible.

## The Ray Freeman Memorial Golf Tournament

On September 12, 2015, the day of the Hope's Promise first annual golf tournament, our founder's husband, Ray Freeman, was quietly ushered into heaven. We later decided to rename the tournament for Ray, who loved to golf. In 2016, friends of Hope's Promise gathered at Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton, Colorado to play and give tribute to the life of Ray Freeman. The fundraising efforts were successful, bringing in \$23,000, but being able to honor Ray and his family for all they have done for children around the world had even more of an impact.



Ray Freeman in 2009 contemplating his next shot.



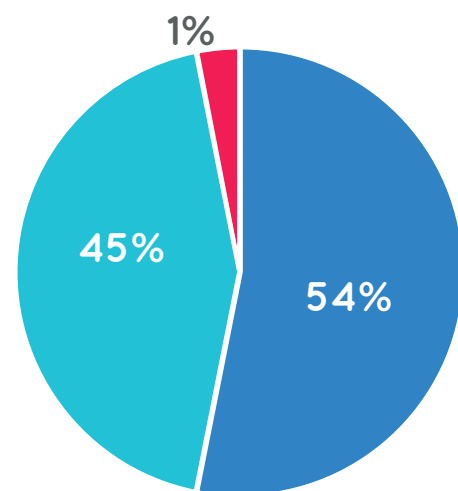
# Financials



## Income

Adoption Program Fees - \$512,716  
Contributions - \$422,279  
Other - \$2,962

**Total Income - \$937,957**

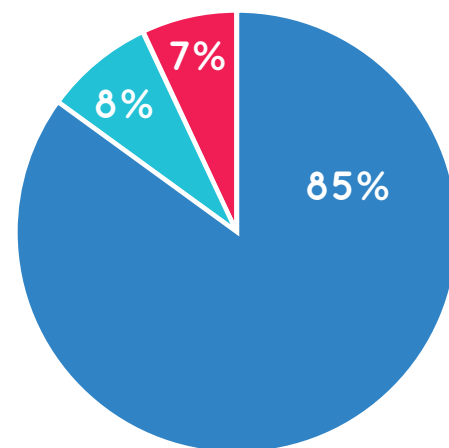


● Adoption Program Fees  
● Contributions  
● Other

## Expenses

All Programs - \$750,644  
Fundraising - \$65,532  
Administration - \$62,404

**Total Expense - \$878,580**



● All Programs  
● Fundraising  
● Admin



Financials

Statement of Financial  
Position as of December 31, 2016

December 31, 2016	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash	\$ 317,994	\$ 304,635
Accounts Receivable	71,338	47,373
Prepaid Expenses	5,121	2,678
Total Current Assets	394,453	354,686
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, at cost:</b>		
Building	84,846	84,846
Vehicles	43,000	20,000
Equipment/Furniture	38,771	39,211
Leasehold Improvements	1,925	1,925
	168,542	145,982
Less Accumulated Depreciation	75,820	70,044
Net Property and Equipment	92,722	75,938
<b>OTHER ASSETS:</b>		
Lease Deposit	1,075	1,095
Total Other Assets	1,075	1,095
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 488,250</b>	<b>\$ 431,719</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,341	\$ 8,059
Accrued Expenses	26,866	29,614
Deferred Revenue	-	3,380
Total Current Liabilities	38,207	41,053
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Unrestricted	405,078	379,644
Temporarily Restricted	44,965	11,022
Total Net Assets	450,043	390,666
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 488,250</b>	<b>\$ 431,719</b>

Statement of Activities | Year Ended December 31, 2016

December 31, 2016	2016		
		Temporarily	
REVENUES:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Child adoption program fees	\$ 512,716	\$ -	\$ 512,716
Contributions	378,469	43,810	422,279
Miscellaneous/Interest Income	2,962	-	2,962
Net assets released from restrictions	9,867	(9,867)	-
Total Revenue	904,014	33,943	937,957
EXPENSES:			
Program	750,644	-	750,644
Fundraising	62,404	-	62,404
Administration	65,532	-	65,532
Total Expenses	878,580	-	878,580
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	25,434	33,943	59,377
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	379,644	11,022	390,666
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 405,078	\$ 44,965	\$ 450,043
	2015 (Memo Only)		
		Temporarily	
REVENUES:	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Child adoption program fees	\$ 615,107	\$ -	\$ 615,107
Contributions	370,088	7,440	377,528
Miscellaneous/Interest Income	255	-	255
Net assets released from restrictions	3,236	(3,236)	-
Total Revenue	988,686	4,204	992,890
EXPENSES:			
Program	792,670	-	792,670
Fundraising	85,512	-	85,512
Administration	72,355	-	72,355
Total Expenses	950,537	-	950,537
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	38,149	4,204	42,353
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	341,495	6,818	348,313
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 379,644	\$ 11,022	\$ 390,666



A Message from Our

Board Chairman



Board Chairman, Ron Manske.

Dear Hope's Promise family,

On behalf of the Hope's Promise Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support in 2016. Since its inception, Hope's Promise has impacted thousands of lives. Over the last 26 years, more than 1,000 children have been placed into loving Christian families, both internationally and domestically. Women and men dealing with crisis pregnancy have been counseled, cared for, and encouraged. Globally, dozens of orphaned and vulnerable children who were hopeless now have permanent, loving Christian families, and orphaned children who live with extended family but were in need of support have been given educational scholarships to help them break the cycle of poverty.

My own family has been the recipient of God's grace and goodness through Hope's Promise. My wife and I adopted two children through Hope's Promise, and we couldn't be more grateful for the love and care provided to our family over the years. For the last six years, I've had the privilege of serving on the Hope's Promise board, and I have come to appreciate from the inside that this is a quality organization. Our Executive Director, Beth Woods, is a passionate and dedicated leader second to none in ministry. The standard of excellence started by our founder, Paula Freeman, has been continued by Beth and remains a vital part of the DNA of Hope's Promise. The knowledgeable staff members are dedicated to their mission and serve with excellence and determination. They truly see their work as a calling, not a job! And finally, I'm amazed by the many volunteers who sacrificially give of their time, talent, and resources to serve our children and clients.

When you support the ministry of Hope's Promise, you are partnering in the care of the most vulnerable

people of our world--unborn and orphaned children. You are doing what James 1:27 talks about in demonstrating "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless . . . to look after orphans and widows in their distress." Thank you for standing with us to make this important work possible.

As we close the books on 2016, I want to once again thank you on behalf of the Hope's Promise Board of Directors for your faithfulness in prayer, volunteering, and financial support. We are so grateful for you and look forward to many more transformational years ahead!

In Christ,

*Ronald F. Manske Jr.*

Ron Manske  
Hope's Promise Board Chairman

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Board of Directors



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Master's in Engineering  
Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering  
Adoptive Dad

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Corporate Treasurer & Senior Director of Finance,  
Young Life  
Colorado CPA License  
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Executive Director | Beth Woods

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Adoptive Mom

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## A Family for the Unborn

### Our Plan

# Moving Forward

### Navigating the Changing Adoption Landscape

Adoption is a dynamic and challenging field. Inter-country adoption has so many moving parts that it is difficult to keep up with the changes. A country can open or close its borders at a moment's notice. Also, regulatory agencies are all lobbying for various global legislation, often with competing interests. Domestic adoption continues to be legally complicated as well. With our God-given mission to bring children into families, we are constantly navigating these challenges with patience and integrity.

### Developing the Care Fund

We serve more than 100 women in crisis pregnancy each year by providing them with options counseling, connecting them with community resources, and helping them to understand all of their long-term options. Some of these women choose adoption, a process which is then covered through the fee for services paid by adoptive parents.

Women who choose to parent are also provided with tools and counseling to bring stability to their growing family, and while those services are free to the mother, they do cost the staff time and other resources. The Care Fund was created to provide these essential services to birth mothers to help them go from crisis to stability. With \$10,000 a year, we can continue providing these critical services and are currently working towards a funding strategy.

### Fully Funding Our Orphan Care Program

The children in our Orphan Care program are thriving. In each of the countries where we have a presence, we have strong leadership and gifted parents and staff. They are truly God's hands and feet to the children we serve. We are also confident about our methodology and best practice policies and procedures. However, fully funding our program continues to be a struggle. With tremendous growth during our program's start-up, we outpaced our available financial support. In recent years, trying to increase fiscal responsibility, we have temporarily stopped the program's expansion to allow time for sponsorship funding to catch up. In 2016, we had a lofty goal of increasing the number of sponsors to fully support our program. Although we made significant progress, we are still short of that goal. A special thank-you to all of our new sponsors who have joined our sponsorship family and faithfully donate each month to support our children abroad.



# Because of You

On behalf of the staff and board of Hope's Promise, we can't thank you enough for your prayers, partnership, and financial support. With a challenging mission to serve the world's most vulnerable children, we truly couldn't do this work without you!



## A Family for Nima and Mamata



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A Family for  
*Hannah*



**Hope's Promise**

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“Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9