



WHO IS INTERHOPE?

Most Americans are surprised to learn that there are more than 100 million abandoned and orphaned children in our world today. Most of these do not live in institutions or foster care, but struggle to survive on the streets of the world's cities. They sleep under bridges and in abandoned vehicles or buildings. They drink contaminated water and eat discarded food from waste containers and garbage dumps. Because of this, these children—who are exceedingly precious in the eyes of our Lord—are preyed upon by drug gangs, Islamic militants, sweat shops, and the child sex industry.

The following is a letter from Jure, one of the boys we removed from the sewer a few years ago. He writes to express his feelings about his rescue from a life of abandonment and drug addiction.

**To my American friends (those who sent HOPE! to me):**

*When I see the photo of me under the street, I feel pain because I can remember being in that hole just like a rat in the sewer. I felt like a worthless animal. I saw boys like me walking in the city with their mothers, eating in restaurants with their families, smiling and living normal lives. They had so much love. What was wrong with me? Why was I just a rat, living in the trash? At night I wanted to die, and so I breathed the glue fumes and injected drugs into my body. I wanted my life to end. I felt all alone. I was angry sometimes and tried to hurt others--the boys down there. They beat me up pretty bad. The darkest time for me was in the winter because it was so cold. I heard the church bells one night and someone said it was Christmas. I just wanted my life to end. I thought no one would even care, but I was wrong. I found out that there are some people in this world who care a lot! Pastor Neils and some of the men from the church started coming around. They had food and tried to talk to us, but we were really mean to them. We thought they would stop coming, but they didn't. One day I was bored and hungry and I decided to talk to him. He said, "I know something about you." I said, "You don't know anything about me." He said, "I know that you are very special and you don't belong down there in sewer." After many days, I decided to ask for his help to leave street-life forever. Now I know the*



**Before and After**

*truth. Now I know that I was never alone and I was not worthless. God was with me and HE sent those men to help me. They asked me if it is ok to print my photo. **It makes me sad to look at it, but it also is proof that there is always HOPE, even in the worst situation, even when it may seem that all is lost and darkness has taken you. Even in the darkest place there is hope.***

BMZ Church is blessed to partner with InterHope! Please join us in supporting Sustainable Solutions for InterHope and the least of these. Your gift as a part of the Christmas offering is 100% directed to the field, with zero deductions for expenses or overhead. This means that you are not supporting an "organization" but are sending "manna" directly to the mission field--directly to the least of these. In this way, you participate in the Great Commission. We invite you again to give generously to Sustainable Solutions for InterHope.

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# Sustainable Solutions

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*And the King will say:  
"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these, you were doing it to me."  
Matthew 25:40*

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# BE THE SOLUTION THIS CHRISTMAS!

## InterHope Sustainable Solutions

BMZ Church is excited to partner again with InterHope Missions this Christmas! **BMZ Church has supported InterHope for 15 years. Sustainable Solutions was initiated in 2015.** *Sustainable Solutions* enables InterHope to produce their own gardens and purchase livestock to enable the orphanages to be more self-sufficient in the face of ever-rising food costs.

Food is the greatest need in providing for the abandoned and rescued children of InterHope. In addition, the children learn valuable life skills while they help in the care of the farming plots and livestock. Even as the cost of food continues to increase in Asia, *Sustainable Solutions* has continued to drive down the cost of food...

YEAR	DAILY COST OF FOOD PER CHILD	# OF CHILDREN CARED FOR	TOTAL RAISED
2014	BEFORE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS (cost per child/day approx \$ .75)		\$30,354
2015	\$ .75	686	\$27,255
2016	\$ .64	675	\$46,375
2017	\$ .59	684	IT'S UP TO YOU!

NOTE: DOLLAR AMOUNTS DO NOT INCLUDE MATCHING GIFTS

Mushroom house built last year. Mushrooms grow in the dark, suspended in pods

### Examples of Sustainable Solutions that you can sponsor:

- Small flock of ducklings with feed: \$50
- Two dozen chicks with feed: \$40
- Breeding pair of piglets with feed: \$150
- 55 tilapia/carp with feed: \$225
- Mushroom house: \$3000...an amazing gift for our kids because it is a high profit item in high demand.

Keep in mind that food costs includes several thousand additional meals monthly for staff, volunteers, and the poor who live nearby.

Why orphanages are willing to share their limited resources... →

Can I give a gift in Memory or Honor of someone?

YES! You can request an **In Honor Of Card** to let them know that a donation has been made in their name!



### How do I support Sustainable Solutions?

You can write a check (we will send in one check to InterHope at the end of December). Please write *InterHope* in the memo or use one of our prepaid giving envelopes. Drop your monetary gift off at Worship, or mail to the BMZ Church Office at 107 W. Oak Street, Boscobel, WI 53805. Or give online at [www.bmchurch.org](http://www.bmchurch.org)



**INTERHOPE HAS 8 ORPHANAGES AROUND THE WORLD.** Last year, we focused on *Galilee Home* in Burma. This year, we are going to share about the two orphanages in Cambodia, *Elephant Mountain* and *His Father's Heart*. Here are some quick facts about Cambodia:

- Cambodia is roughly the size of Washington state and has about 16 million people
- Cambodians, at present, are an estimated 95% Buddhist, 2-4% Christian, 2% Muslim
- Cambodia had a vibrant Christian church for much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century due to the Christian missionaries, until the Khmer Rouge, a communist totalitarian regime, instituted genocide of intellectuals, religious (especially Christians), and anyone deemed an enemy of the state from 1975 to 1979. An estimated 1.7 million people died in the infamous "killing fields," leaving only 200 Christians in Cambodia
  - Over the last 20 years, mission work in the country has helped spread the Gospel. Today, the number of Christians is estimated at 500,000. Evangelical churches are experiencing the most growth at about 8-9% annually. This is the fastest growing Church in Asia, and the 4<sup>th</sup> fastest growing in the world

**Interhope is part of the growth of Christianity in Cambodia.** That is why the orphanages share their precious resources. Interhope has two orphanages in Cambodia. Both have small-scale farming and a large



common room which is used for church services. The rescue and care of Cambodian orphans remains the centerpiece of our outreach. They reach out in many ways to those around them. Our orphan homes are full, but as beds become available, we welcome a steady stream of new children who have been rescued from brothels, sweatshops, trafficking, life on the streets, or any form of abandonment.