



**SAVING SUSAN**  
one child. one step.

# 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



# LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

**“So here we are in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in YOUR strength and glory. In your generous love we are really living at last” Psalm 63 2-4a  
(The Message)**

We are truly overwhelmed by what God has done through Saving Susan Ministry in 2019. As we approach 2020, year six, we are humbled to take part in the work He is doing and look forward with great expectancy to where He will lead next.

People tell us, how wonderful is the work we are doing. Our hearts tell us that the wonder is God inviting and allowing us to be part of and have a role in the work He is doing. He loves these children so much, and as Jesus died for each one we strive to come alongside each one.

The lives of these precious kids have impacted us in ways words cannot describe. We are living proof the Spirit of God is moving among the nations and the more we seek Him the more He reveals to us.

Our values continue to stay focused on the reversal of the effects of abandonment and helping these kids realize the plans God has for their lives. We believe an absolutely necessary element is education and, through the best education available, open doors will lead to where God is calling them as they become young adults. These kids have so much potential within their countries and within God’s kingdom.

We commit every dollar donated for a child will reach him or her. The testimonies of their lives are possible through the help of our Parent Partners, donors, prayer warriors, team members and those who go with us. Next to God, we are most grateful for the missionaries in-country who pour their lives into these beautiful kids.

Beneath everything we do is a foundation of prayer. EM Bounds taught us much on prayer and we believe his teaching; “Prayer is the greatest of all forces, because it honors God and brings Him into active aid.” May this ministry always honor God and rely on HIS aid. We rely on your prayers and ask for your continued prayers.

We are grateful to each of you for trusting us and joining alongside of where God is moving.

-Jay and Tracy Arntzen  
Co-Founders, and blessed by it



We are grateful for our Prayer Warriors who faithfully gather each month to pray over our ministry!

# MEET OUR STAFF



**JAY & TRACY  
ARNTZEN**



Ministry  
Co-Founders



**ADAM  
REILEY**



Operations  
Manager

Responsible for  
staff management,  
process  
development, &  
ministry growth.



**NANCY  
DOW**



Financial  
Coordinator

Manages  
financial  
transactions,  
bookkeeping, &  
supports ministry  
logistics.



**KRISTI  
LAUGHLIN**



Ministry  
Coordinator

Coordinates  
day-to-day  
operations of the  
ministry



**ELAINE  
RAMIRO**



In-Country  
Coordinator

Serves at Bileg  
Solid Rock in  
Cambodia &  
helps with  
Parent Partners  
calls & much  
more!



**ZOE  
MILLER**



In-Country  
Coordinator

Serves at House  
of Hope Zacapa  
in Guatemala  
and helps &  
helps with Parent  
Partners calls &  
much more!

# 2019 BY THE NUMBERS



**1** New Orphanage Partnership  
Imparting Smiles, Cambodia

**35**  
Children  
With Parent  
Partners

**4** Partnered this Year



**38** New Children Needing  
Parent Partners  
in 2020

## ENGLISH LEARNING

Saving Susan Ministry implemented a new online curriculum with Rosetta Stone in August 2019. Our Parent Partnered children each have a tablet with the program loaded on it. English learning leads to closer relationships with our Parent Partners and better educational and employment opportunities.



## MUSIC ACADEMIES

**"Children who study a musical instrument are more likely to excel."**



In 2020, Oliver Rafael & Ryan Castro, professional musicians & recording artists, will spend five months teaching our kids in Cambodia!



Our Guatemala children continued receiving instruction from music teacher Francisco and we plan to expand group class instruction in 2020!



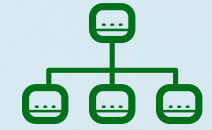
Sopheak - Teacher



Pov - Doctor



Sreypov- Management



Sona - Doctor



Chanty - Accounting



Sreyleak - Teacher



Soun Mesa - I.T.



Hugo - Architecture



Miriam - Cosmetology



We welcomed **6** new students into our NEXT STEPS PROGRAM.

**9** lives are being impacted by Baskin-Bowler Scholarship Funding.

# CAMBODIA NEXT STEPS FEATURE: SOPHEAK

Sopheak grew up an orphan at Bileg Solid Rock orphanage in Kampong Thom, Cambodia. She met her soon-to-be Parent Partner Jennifer Lelande in 2014 when she was 16 years old and Jenn came to the orphanage on a mission trip with Saving Susan. Jenn had a special connection with Sopheak and they bonded quickly. Sopheak was mature, and Jenn thought she was one of the staff, but soon found out that she was one of the orphans and sensed in her a lack of family and the love that comes with being chosen. Jenn was too young to Parent Partner Sopheak by herself, and her parents came alongside her to share in the commitment. Since that time, Jenn and Sopheak call each other best friends and sisters. They have talked weekly over video calls for years and grew even closer through visits to Cambodia, including a recent one in September 2019.

When Jenn married her husband, Ben, he also came alongside her in the Parent Partner journey. Sopheak is now entering her third year at Royal College in Phnom Penh and studying to be a teacher on a full scholarship through the Next Steps Program. When she first entered university, it was very difficult for her. Phnom Penh was a new, big, overwhelming city. She felt lonely and discouraged and called Jenn frequently for support and encouragement. Jenn helped her get through this difficult time and Sopheak is now flourishing. She is a fantastic student, and gives back to her orphanage home when she heads back during her holiday breaks. When there she helps the kids with their studies, translates English on Parent Partner calls, and helps wherever she can.



# GUATEMALA NEXT STEPS FEATURE: MIRIAM

## Congratulations to Miriam, from House of Hope Zacapa, for graduating from INTECAP!

Miriam graduated in October 2019 with a Cosmetology certification from vocational school, INTECAP. She will continue studying for further certifications at INTECAP.



Miriam at graduation with her siblings.



The entire orphanage celebrating her graduation!





## CAMBODIA

MARCH 29-APRIL 4

A leadership team of 5 explored a new partnership in Poipet and visited our kids at Bileg.

AUGUST 8-19

A team of 15 loved on our kids & attended graduation at Bileg Solid Rock, bonded with new children at Imparting Smiles, & made church visits with Pastors Sihok & Joseph.



# 2019 MISSION TRIPS



## GUATEMALA

SEPTEMBER 21-26

6 team members made a vision trip to an orphanage on Lake Atitlan. They also spent a few days with our kids at House of Hope Zacapa, hosting a living water-themed activity day, sharing a Thanksgiving dinner with the entire orphanage, and buying the children "dream clothes"!



"IF WE CARE ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, WE MUST CARE FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN."

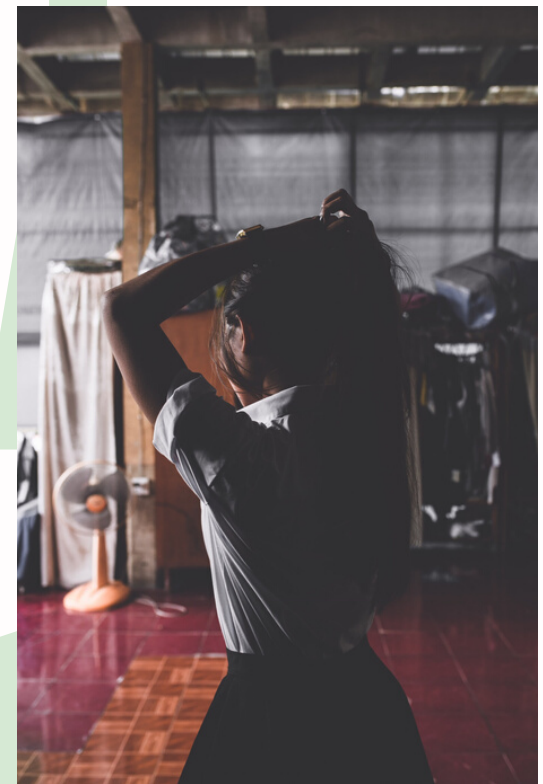


## Effects of Abandonment

In addition to their inherent vulnerability, "Orphans, due to the absence of consistent, personalized love and affirmation, are all the more eager for the false affection and sense of belonging promised by traffickers."

## Sobering Statistics

60-85% of children in human trafficking in the U.S. come from the foster care system.  
260,000 of the 16 million people in Cambodia are trapped in sex slavery.  
In Guatemala, nearly 60% of the 50,000 victims of sex trafficking are children.



## Our Solution

Supplementing the amazing care provided by our orphanage partners, Parent Partners pour into their child's life personalized love and affirmation.

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# FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

## Genesis Give Spotlight

### DECEMBER 2018

Genesis Elevator gave the gift of giving to our orphans. In lieu of a regular Christmas gift, Genesis donated \$50 to a child in the name of each client so that child could buy a gift for someone special in their lives.

### JANUARY 2019

The children spent a day shopping for gifts. Sopheak, from Bileg Solid Rock, gave a Bible to her professor and the Spirit lead her to share her faith when giving. Other orphans bought clothes, school supplies, and shoes for loved ones.

### FEBRUARY 2019

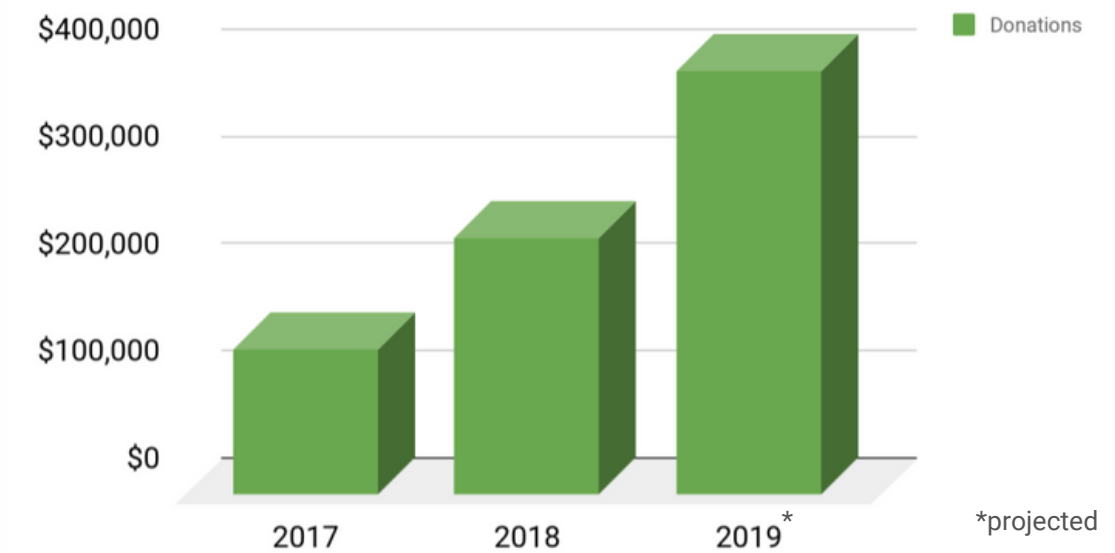
Genesis' clients each received a handwritten thank-you note from these children.



**100%**  
COMMITMENT  
TO CARE FOR  
**ORPHANS**

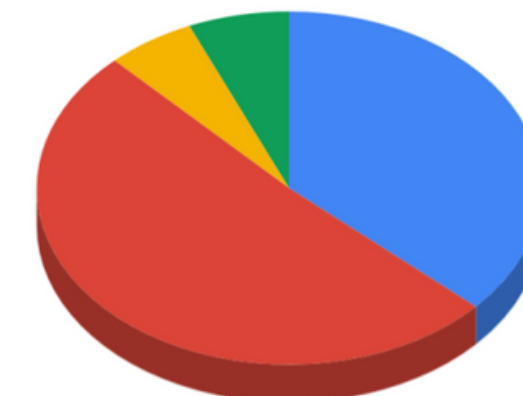
Thanks to Genesis Elevator and other key partners, **100%** of our administrative costs are covered. **100%** of your donation directly helps your partnered child.

### Donations to Saving Susan Ministry



### Tennis for Susan Raised \$38,673!

● Bileg Basketball Court ● College Scholarships ● Dream Clothes for Orphans  
● Allocated for HOH Zacapa Project



# Thank you to all of our supporters for an incredible 2019!

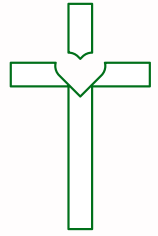
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in our mission in 2020 & beyond:



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