



2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



Letter from the Founders

Dear Friends of Saving Susan Ministry,

It seems almost unbelievable that we have been led by God in this ministry for seven years. This time is just a glimpse of what is meant by "1,000 years is like a day for the Lord." We have been blessed by the call to a front row seat of the beautiful display God is doing through SSM. We know this is a privilege and we do not take it lightly.

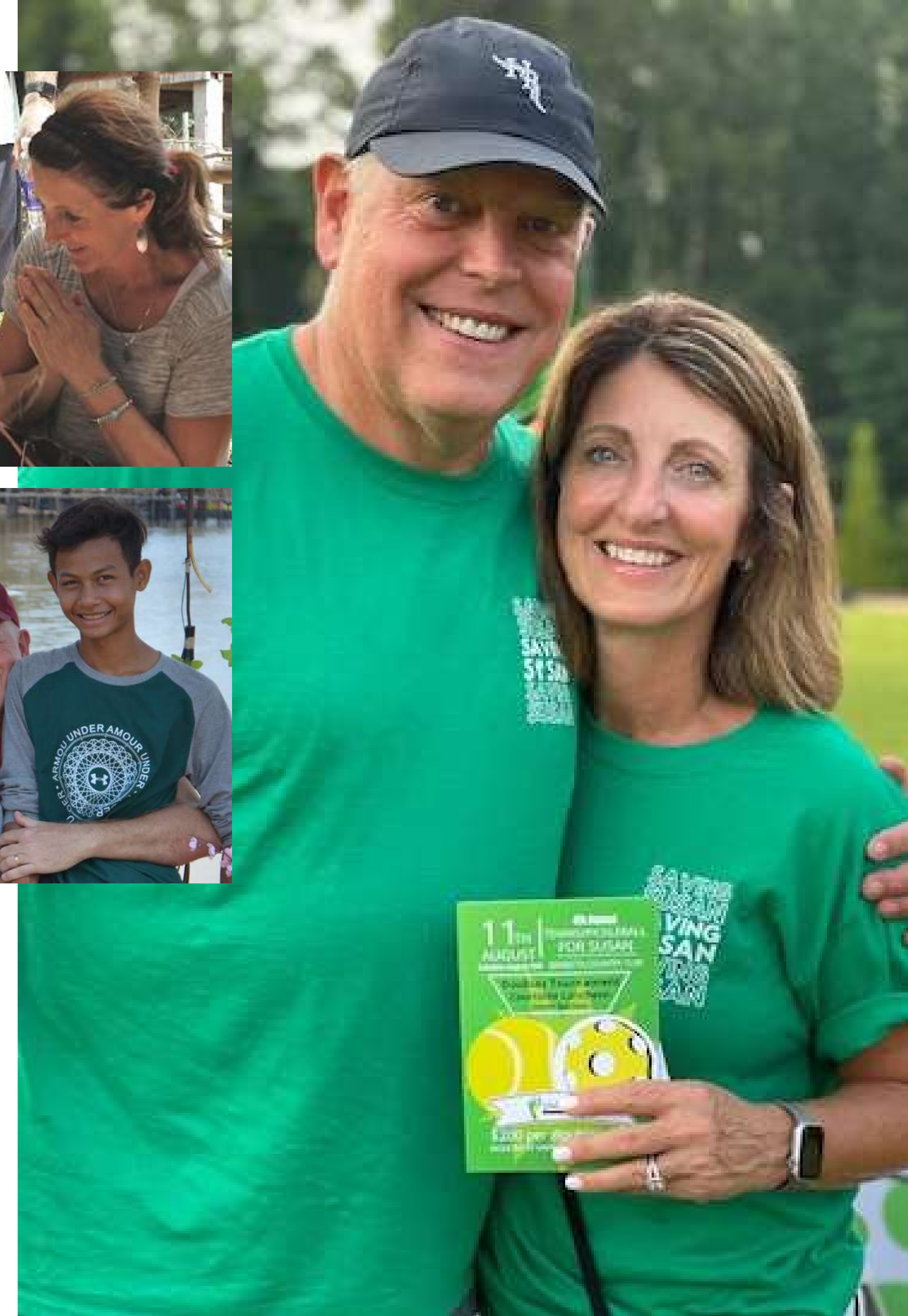
The ministry's biggest challenge of 2021 was not being able to travel to Cambodia. We were blessed to take a small leadership team to Guatemala in June. For our parent partners and donors, it has been over two years since you have spent time with the Saving Susan kids and our friends who pour into them daily. If you have been on a trip with us we recognize you must miss friends in Guatemala and Cambodia. May 2022 be a time we are reunited. Honestly, we know that only God knows when we will step foot again in those countries, but we remain hopeful.

It is easy to reflect and stand in awe at what the Lord has done once again this year. The psalmist of Psalm 136 teaches us to praise God for his endless unfailing love. We have witnessed this again in year seven despite the challenges of being separated even from some of you. One of our greatest desires is for this ministry to outlive its founders; that the work God has laid out will continue on until Jesus comes back again. We are thankful for our ministry champions who hold great promise for continuing this commission well beyond our time.

At the end of seven years of ministry, we realize that life transformation is happening. If you are reading this please know you have had an impact on these precious lives. We could not do this work and it glorify God without our donors, board members, parent partners, church partners and, most importantly, our prayer warriors. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We are humbled to be found worthy but know it is because Christ is in us.

**" MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND PROTECT YOU. MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU. MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR AND GIVE YOU PEACE."
NUMBERS 6:24-26 (NLT)**

- Jay and Tracy Arentzen



Meet Our Team



Jay & Tracy Aertzen
Co-Founders



Adam Reiley
Operations Manager



Nancy Dow
Financial Coordinator



Emily Westbrook
Ministry Coordinator



Allyson Overstreet
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Partner Relations

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Steve Malandro



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Parent Partner Program

by the Numbers



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CHILDREN WITH PARENT PARTNERS

8

PARTNERED THIS YEAR

37

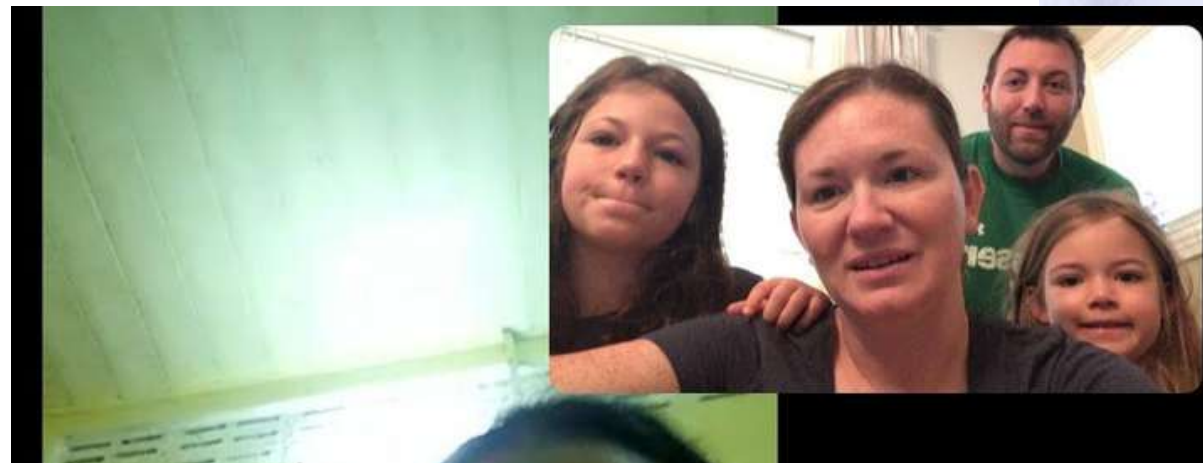
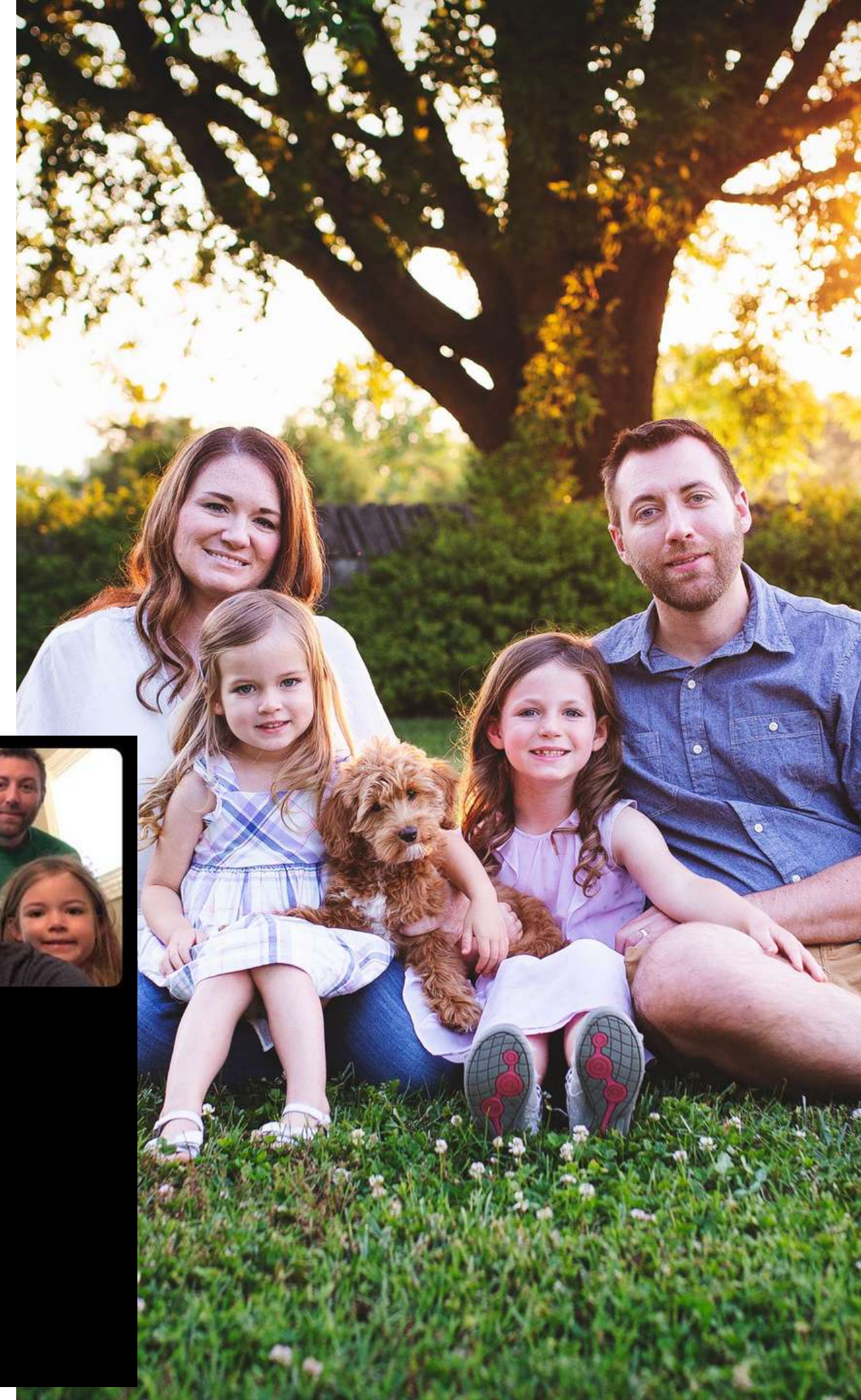
CHILDREN NEEDING PARENT PARTNERS

Schneider Family Parent Partner Spotlight

We have so many wonderful Parent Partners who pour into the lives of the orphans they have chosen to care for. One of these is the Schneider family, who began Parent-Partnering in August 2020 after they heard about the opportunity from Parent Partners Bill and Allyson Overstreet at their home church, Indian Lake Peninsula Church.

Conrad and Sara Schneider already have two beautiful daughters, but God called them to extend their family to three more beautiful girls in Cambodia. Initially the Schneider's applied to Parent Partner a 9-year old girl at Imparting Smiles but soon found out that she had two sisters and God ultimately led them to add all three girls to their family. "It means so much for us to be able to share our resources and most importantly the love of Christ with these girls. The scripture from John 14:18, 'I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you,' really speaks to us that, in the same way God did not leave us as orphans, we felt called to walk alongside children with the love of Christ so they would know how loved and accepted they are."

The entire family has been blessed through the commitment to Parent Partner. Says Sara, "It has been a blessing for our girls to know and love Tang, Tay and Tiew so that they can grow in their understanding of how to share the love of Christ, give generously, pray for others continually, and understand how children in other parts of the world live. I think it also speaks to how we are all part of God's family regardless of our culture, background, or ethnicity and this has been a beautiful lesson to share with our children." Thank you Schneider family for opening your hearts and walking alongside these three young women.



New Partnership

Manos de Compasion

We are rejoicing in a new partnership with a really special orphan community. We praise God for bringing us together in such a special way through missionary friend Glenn Stewart.

Located in Santiago Atitlán, Manos de Compasión was established in 1999. Dave and Deborah Reichard are second-generation missionary directors of the home. Their vision is to raise up abandoned, abused, and forgotten children to be men and women of Christ. Currently there are over fifty children under their care.

Dave envisions God's blessings for the partnership: "We are super excited to partner with Saving Susan. We have had a big need for years regarding help in the mentorship of young adults after they leave the home. We are confident our partnership will help our young adults become better disciples of Jesus!"

Parent Partnering only takes several hours a month but has impact for a lifetime. Will you consider Parent Partnering a child at Manos de Compasión?



Field Trip

Guatemala 2021

Due to global travel restrictions, our only field trip took place in June to Guatemala. God blessed our team with safe travels, reunions with old friends, and a beautiful time with new friends and children.

Our first stop was in Zacapa at House of Hope, where we gathered in fellowship and prayer with the staff. We also enjoyed time with the kids that included Bible teaching, water games, and a special meal together. While in Zacapa, we were blessed to be able to spend quality time with our Next Steps students and visit their schools in-person. Next we traveled across the country to Manos de Compasión, our first on-site visit and getting to know the staff and kids. The time ultimately resulted in an agreement to partner in the care of their orphans. Such a beautiful place with a long history of caring for very special kids.

We are praying that borders will open and allow us to take more trips like this next year.

Email us at info@savingsusanministry.org if you would like more information on our 2022 field trips.





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TEACHING



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VETERINARY

Next Steps Scholarship Program

Meet the young men and women currently in our Next Steps Program. Each face comes from a broken past filled with abandonment and scars. By God's grace they have been lovingly nurtured through orphan community partners and the support of their Parent Partners.

Most orphans have little opportunity for success. Our Next Steps Program is brightening the outlook for each student through college or trade school funding, discipleship mentoring and accountability, and providing opportunities for them to use their skills to give back to their orphan communities. The young men and women you see on this page are future Christian leaders in their country.



SREY POV
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NARCISO
CULINARY



SREY LEAK
TEACHING



SONA
DOCTOR



MIRIAM
NURSING



POV
DOCTOR



CHANTY
ACCOUNTING



SOUN MESA
I.T.

Discipleship Mentors



MARIO & ROSE MORALES
GUATEMALA



SOKION & KATIE KI
CAMBODIA

Our First College Graduate

Sopheak

In September, Sopheak became the first student to graduate from our Next Steps Program. Sopheak, along with medical students Sona and Pov, were the first students to enter the college study program in 2017. Sona and Pov are now in their fifth year of medical school, while Sopheak graduated with a 4-year degree in Teaching from Royal College in Phnom Penh.

Sopheak has the sweetest spirit and is a beautiful example for the many young men and women who are following in her footsteps. Her journey as a pioneer was not easy, but she persevered and was encouraged along the way by her "sister and brother" Parent Partners Ben and Jen Lalande, directors of her orphan community, Dr. and Mrs. Castro and their staff, and our Next Steps Program discipleship pastor Sokion Ki and his wife Katie, along with many others who invested in her.

Sopheak is now serving as a Teacher at her orphan community, Bileg Solid Rock, where she is investing her talents and training into the lives of orphans like her. Congratulations, Sopheak, on your success! You are an inspiration to so many around you, and a shining example of the vision that we have for every child who walks through our Parent Partner and Next Steps Programs.



SOPHEAK ENTERS BILEG SOLID ROCK CHILDRENS HOME



MET JEN WHO BECAME HER "SISTER" THROUGH THE PARENT PARTNER PROGRAM



ENTERED ROYAL COLLEGE IN PHNOM PENH THROUGH THE NEXT STEPS PROGRAM



GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE WITH A DEGREE IN TEACHING



BEGAN A JOB AS A TEACHER AT SOLID ROCK ACADEMY AT BILEG



ASSOCIATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In April 2021 we launched the Associate Board, a group of seven professionals between ages 20-40. This dynamic group is committed to mobilizing the younger generations to engage in our ministry.

The Associate Board held three meetings and its first fundraiser, Cycle for Susan, which was a big success. The group has their eyes set on even greater impact in 2022!



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**ADAM REILEY
CHAIRMAN**



**EMILY WESTBROOK
SECRETARY**

Cycle for Susan



Associate Board member Jessica Fisher led the way in June for the board's first fundraiser. She and her fellow cycling instructors at Twisted Cycle led a free class and shared the mission of our ministry with class members.

Cyclers were encouraged to donate to Saving Susan in lieu of class fee, and the event raised over \$2,500 for sports equipment and programs for the orphans we serve!

Green Tie GALA

The Green Tie Gala, held November 13th, was an incredible evening of impact. We partnered with ambassadors of our ministry, who invited friends and family to attend as their guests. As we shared stories of impact with the 175 attendees, God stirred in the hearts of the listeners and we were amazed at the result.

Five couples are praying about becoming Parent Partners, and over \$227,000 was raised! Our commitment is that 100% will go directly to our programs that serve the orphans we partner with.



TENNIS & PICKLEBALL *for Susan*

In the heat of August, Tennis & Pickleball for Susan hosted more than 50 players and 75 luncheon attendees. The highlight was hearing from Parent Partners Carla and Darren Price about the incredible impact their child, Vanessa in Guatemala, has had on their lives.

Over \$28,000 was raised for our orphan community partners for worthy causes including sustainable food production, furniture for dorms, quality school curriculum, sports equipment, musical instruments, vocational training, and dream clothes.



Financial *Blessings*



Pledge

*Every Dollar Donated
Reaches the Children*

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

\$124,000

\$279,000

\$345,000

\$530,000

\$690,000

**WE ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR OUR
CONTINUED AND GROWING DONOR SUPPORT.**

"EVERYONE TO WHOM MUCH WAS GIVEN, OF HIM MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED." LUKE 12:48B

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS FOR AN INCREDIBLE 2021!

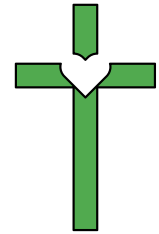
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