

2020 Year in Review

**Transforming Families
Dissolving Borders
Through Faith**



SAVING SUSAN
ONE CHILD. ONE STEP.

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

Greetings Friends of Saving Susan Ministry,

Earlier this year we wondered what ministry would look like at the end of 2020. God has truly delighted us far beyond our expectations, especially given the turmoil of this year.

This assures us of the sovereignty of God and encourages us to continue in caring for those children He places under our care. Greater things have been accomplished in 2020, through the prayerful direction of God. We could not have done it without your involvement, support and partnership. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As we close 2020 we celebrate three new church partners and one new orphan community partner. Further expansion is right around the corner. Next year we anticipate our first Next Steps students graduating college, and this is where we pray God's transformation shines through as they impact lives for Christ in their workplace and communities.

We hope you can take a few moments to read this "Year in Review" and reflect upon what God has done through this ministry in 2020, despite the challenges we all faced. We pray you will be inspired to take a further step with us as we partner in God's work to transform and disciple these children.

Even with all these blessings we come boldly before God and ask for more. We ask Him to provide more so we in turn can serve more children. I would ask you to pray about taking a step with us. Join us in the mission field on a "field trip" to Cambodia or Guatemala, become a Parent Partner, or sponsor the education of a future Christian leader in our Next Steps Program. There are so many ways, like this, that you can impact orphans' lives for the Kingdom.

"Just as the scripture says about the one who trusts in him: Because he has sown extravagantly and given to the poor, his kindness and generous deeds will never be forgotten." 2 Corinthians 9:9 (TPT)

Jay and Tracy Arntzen
Co-Founders



Parent Partner Program



44

Children
With Parent
Partners



9 Partnered this Year



35 Children Needing
Parent Partners
in 2021



Parent Partner Feature: The Gordon Family and Solomon

Hear from Stu and Leah Gordon, our first Parent Partners at new partner Imparting Smiles in Cambodia

We are honored to be the very first Saving Susan Parent Partners in association with Imparting Smiles Children's Center, in Poipet, Cambodia. We visited Imparting Smiles with an SSM missions team in August of 2019 and saw the fruit of God's work in that place. Founder and director Steve Hyde has multiple facilities for children in Cambodia, and Imparting Smiles serves as home for 30 orphans in Poipet, in the northern part of the country along the border with Thailand.

Stu met Solomon while watching a soccer game on site. Solomon was playing a Cambodian marble game with a few kids but had a forlorn look that gave Stu pause. He began a halting conversation with Solomon and learned that he was 14, and has a brother at Imparting Smiles as well. After the soccer game, Stu and Solomon spent time together until the Saving Susan Ministry group had to depart. In a very short time, Solomon had made an indelible impression on both of us and we thought about and prayed for him often.

At that point the partnership with Imparting Smiles was not finalized, but as soon as it was, we asked if we could Parent Partner Solomon. (He is the second child we Parent Partner with through SSM). Steve Hyde at Imparting Smiles readily agreed and set up weekly calls with translator Lat Khon.

We now talk to Solomon typically for 20-30 minutes every Sunday morning on a video call, and Solomon seems to enjoy the calls as much as we do. One of his key prayer requests is in sync with his Biblical name—he asks that we pray that God will give him wisdom as he grows and matures into a man.

There are 27 orphans without Parent Partners at Imparting Smiles that could benefit in a big way from Parent Partnership. We encourage anybody that is interested to first pray for God's leading. If the Lord is saying "Yes," please don't say "No!" Believe us...a kid on the other side of the world can warm your heart and make you smile just as fast as a child of your own can!



Solomon, now 15 years old

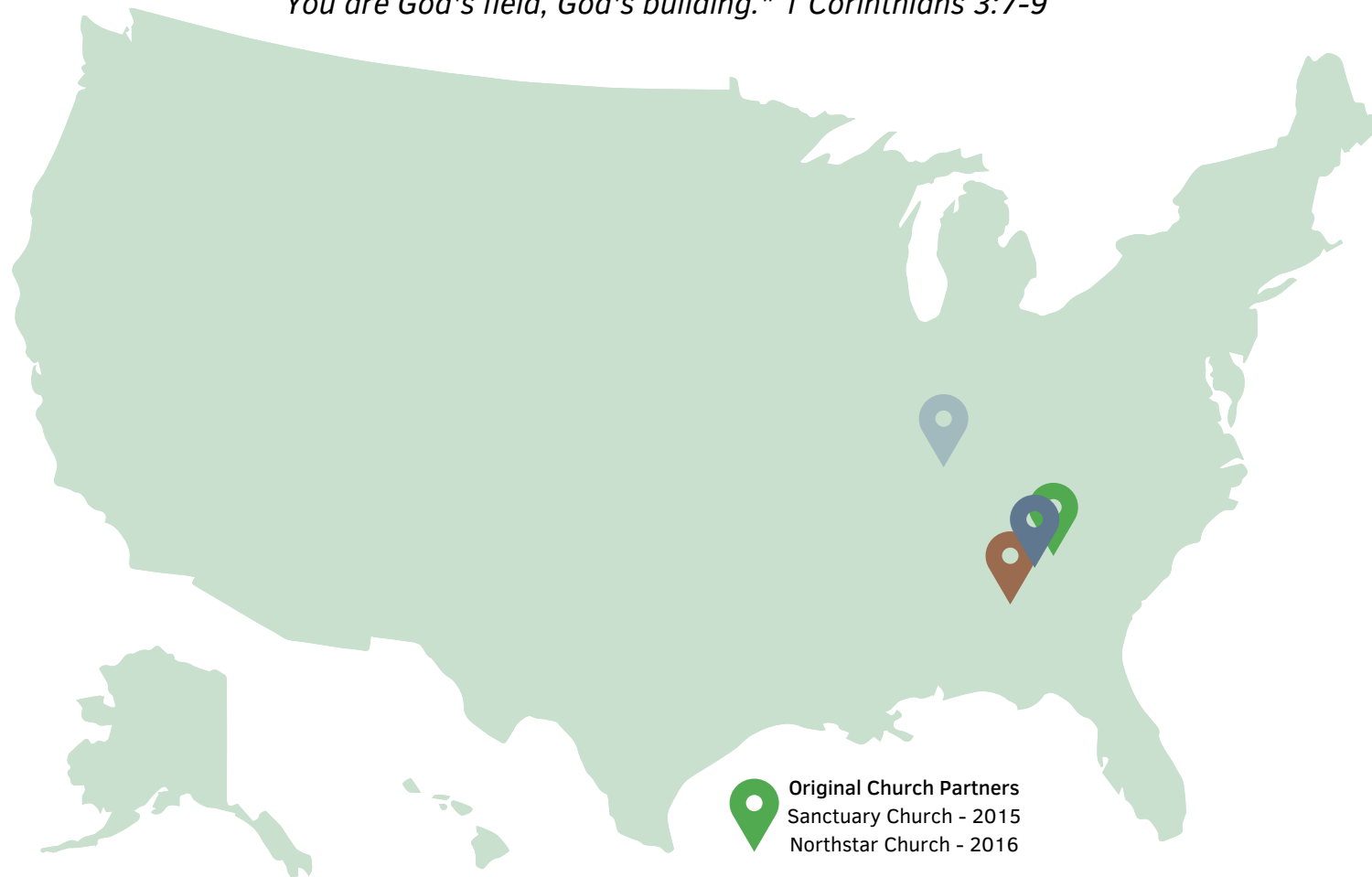


Stu and Solomon together at Imparting Smiles in August 2019

CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS

We are committed to long-lasting ministry impact in serving orphans through connecting nationwide churches with our global orphan community partners. Our vision is to come alongside churches to support their mission work and introduce our unique orphan care to the church.

"So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building." 1 Corinthians 3:7-9



3 New Church Partners in 2020!



Hendersonville, TN



Powder Springs, GA



Roopville, GA



God has heard our prayer
and we praise Him
for the blessing.

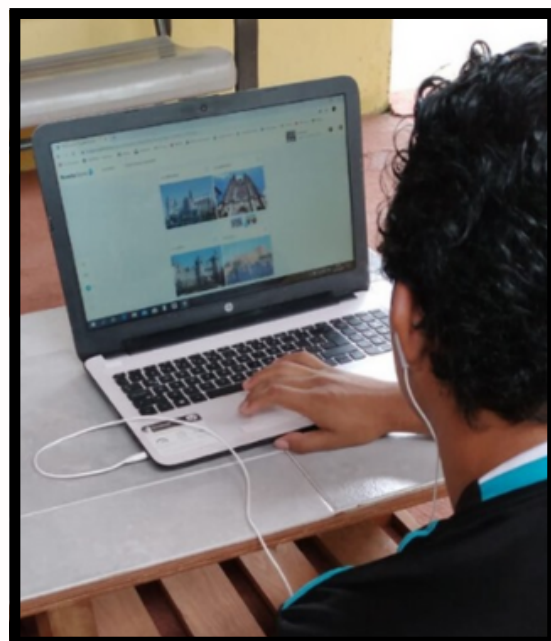
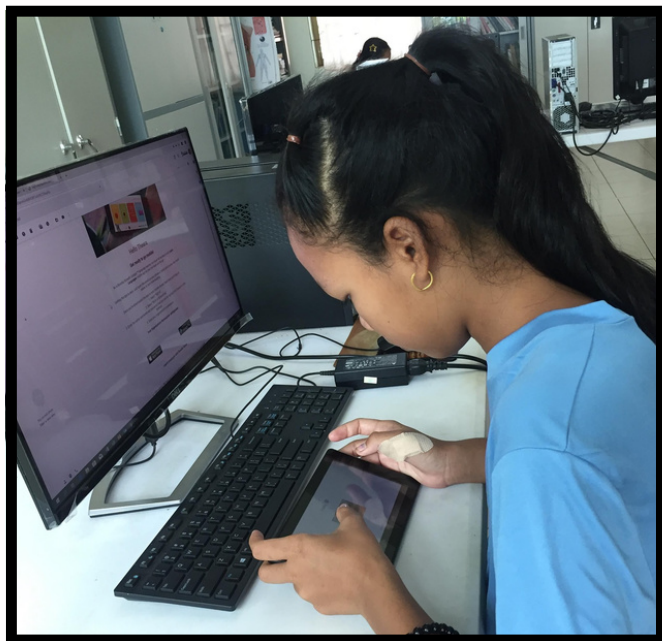
ENGLISH LEARNING

12 Pioneer students completed year one of Rosetta Stone English learning.

28 Total students now enrolled in Cambodia and Guatemala

Priceless

Learning conversational English leads to improved Parent Partner relationships & opportunities in education & vocation.



MUSIC ACADEMY FEATURE

"The Bileg Quarantine Music Academy"

Professional musicians, Oliver Rafael and Ryan Castro, led our music academy at Bileg Solid Rock from March until September. Their original three month commitment turned into six months due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The children thrived under the extra instruction while school was out and they ended the camp with a beautiful recital, including solo and group performances. Thank you to Ryan and Oliver for pouring your talent for music into the children and for disciplining them!



Thank You to Our In-Country Missions Partners!

COVID-19 prevented us from visiting missionary partners in 2020. We are thankful for them and their faithfulness to God's mission as they persevered and served well.

We look forward to resuming trips in 2021 and seeing each of them!



Dr. and Mrs. Castro and the entire staff at Bileg Solid Rock in Kampong Thom, Cambodia



Onesimo Feliz and the entire staff of Horizon at House of Hope in Zacapa, Guatemala



Steve and Noit Hyde and the entire staff at Imparting Smiles in Poipet, Cambodia



Pastor Sihok and his family and church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Greg and Sarita Miller of Greg Miller Ministries in Zacapa, Guatemala



Mark and Jessica Nietz and the entire staff at Grace House in Phnom Penh, Cambodia



Next Steps Program

2 New Students
in 2020



Mai-Mai - Teacher



Narciso - Baker



11 total students are now funded through Baskin-Bowler Scholarships!



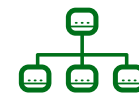
Sopheak - Teacher



Pov - Doctor



Sreyrov - Management



Sona - Doctor



Chanty - Accounting



Sreyleak - Teacher



Soun Mesa - I.T.



Hugo - Architecture

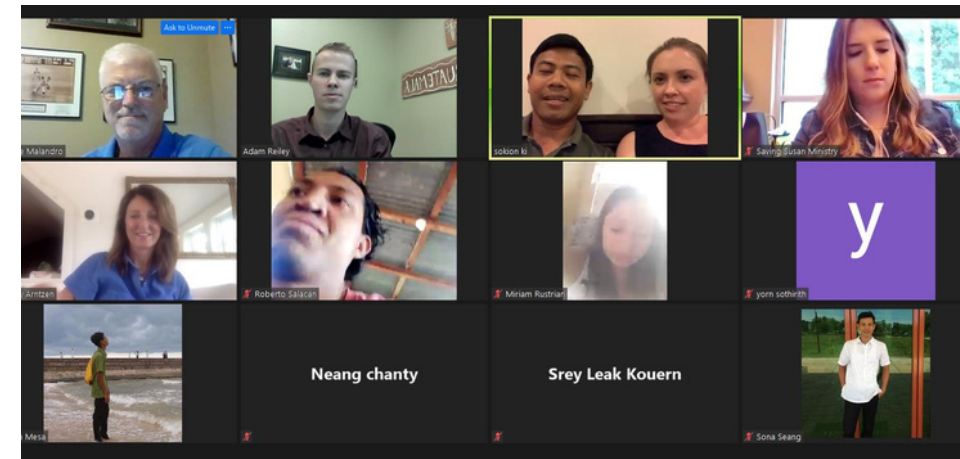


Miriam - Nursing



Next Steps Program

We are discipling orphan students to be Christian leaders in their country through our Next Steps Program.



We welcomed the Ki Family to the Saving Susan family in September! Sokion and Katie Ki live in Phnom Penh, where Katie teaches at Asian Hope International School. Sokion partners with us as a Discipleship Pastor to our Next Steps college students in Cambodia. He has a degree in Theology, and a background in pastoring and mentoring students and young adults. We are thrilled to have him and his entire family in-country to minister to our college students!

This year we started regular Next Steps Program Zoom calls. These have been a special time for our students in Cambodia and Guatemala to meet and fellowship with one another, their Parent Partners and the Saving Susan staff.

This special time is centered on prayer, devotions, and encouragement as the students share about their lives, their studies, and what they are learning about in their faith walk.

Next Steps Program: The Community Behind Our Students

Featuring Narciso, a 23 year-old studying Baking at Intecap Trade School in Guatemala.

Narciso's Church Community



Greg & Sarita Miller, Missionaries & Mentors



Narciso



SSM Staff



Patricia, his Parent Partner



Northstar Church Parent Partner Families



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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Thank you to our donors for your continued generous giving, especially in light of COVID-19!

We remain committed to our:

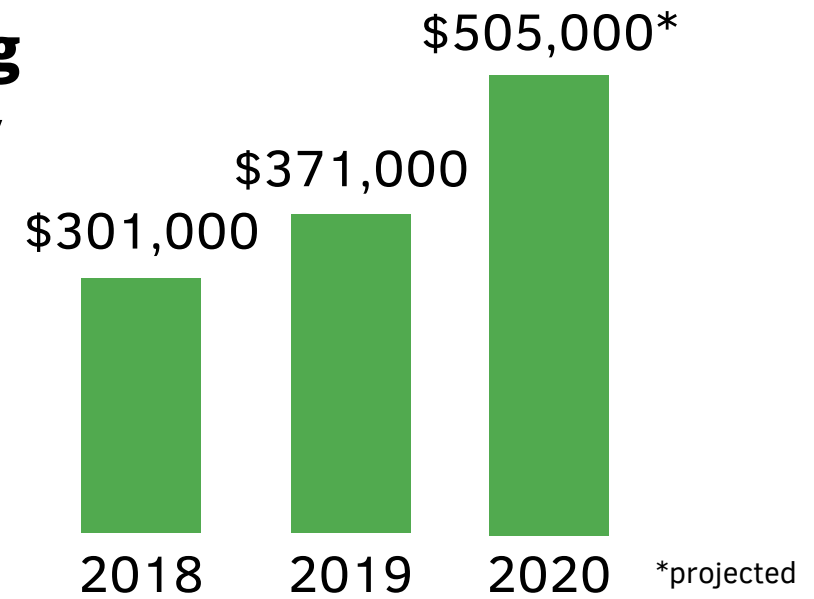
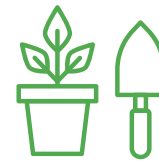


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Every Dollar Donated Reaches the Children

Giving to Saving Susan Ministry

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required."
Luke 12:48b ESV



2020 Tennis & Pickleball for Susan

\$40,000 raised!



- \$18,000** for dorm improvement projects
- \$16,800** for college scholarships
- \$2,500** for Rosetta Stone English learning in Guatemala
- \$2,700** for Dream Clothes at Imparting Smiles in Cambodia



Next Steps Sponsorship

In 2020, God laid out a plan for us to connect businesses and individuals in the same line of work as our Next Steps students to sponsor their education. It is a wonderful way for sponsors to give back and help orphans achieve their dreams.

We were blown away at the response! Sponsorships fully fund 9 out of 11 Next Steps students and partially fund the remaining two scholarships.

