

# ANNUAL REPORT



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## WE HAVE MERGED

There have been some significant changes happening within ORA New Zealand and Hope Street this year. ORA New Zealand and Hope Street have been supporting the same international partners and have shared very similar missions and values. However, we have been running two brands and were beginning to see some duplication of work with this model. The first change we have made is to merge ORA New Zealand and Hope Street. Joining together we can have a greater positive impact and improve efficiency. Rest assured, we will continue to honour the histories and cultures of our organisations while strengthening the long-term future for all. We will work together for a common goal of showing God's practical love, building on the commitment and dedication of all who have previously worked in ORA New Zealand and Hope Street. Above all we want to make the process of this merger and rebrand as seamless as possible for our donors, international partners and beneficiaries.

## WHO WE ARE

We are a faith based, child focused, international development and relief organisation serving children and communities living in poverty, regardless of race, gender, nationality or religious belief.

We help to change the lives of impoverished children by equipping passionate locals to transform their own communities. And we connect kiwis with these children, joining hands across our global village.

We currently support international partners in Uganda, Moldova, Myanmar, Bulgaria and Kenya.

## OUR MISSION

Empowering the most vulnerable children and communities to give them hope for the future.

## OUR VALUES

Hear God, promote justice, maintain transparency, encourage partnership, be family, embrace innovation, stay informed.

## OUR APPROACH

**Equip** locals to transform their communities by providing training, resources, support and accountability.

**Protect** the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking & exploitation.

**Future-proof** initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.

**Sponsorship graduates in West Nile, Uganda, with the tools of their trades; building, tailoring, plumbing, electrical engineering, auto mechanics, nursing, and catering.**



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

With the realisation that ORA and Hope Street were two sister organisations duplicating personnel and resources for similar outcomes, something needed to change. Early in 2018 the boards decided at a combined extraordinary general meeting to merge the two into one new identity.

These changes brought:

Combined experience and expertise at board level.

The closure of our Hamilton office and relocation to Auckland, with cloud-based communication become our primary collaborative tool.

The employment of a paid co-director, which has been particularly beneficial with the extra workload of the merger and rebrand process. This process has taken longer than anticipated. Work in this area has been excellent and will bring significant benefits both here and to our partners off shore.

### Major projects

Uganda: Child sponsorship, microfinance, identifying and mentoring street children and project funding.

Myanmar: Living Waters children's home.

Bulgaria: Logos Global Vision support for anti-trafficking programme.

Kenya: Chafisi support for small community development projects.

With the merged board, I feel the new organisation is well placed for the future, with maturity, expertise, professionalism, experience and willingness to be involved. Thank you, you are most appreciated.

*Chris Corney*

Board Chairman

Sponsored children in Uganda receiving new clothes for Christmas



# A SNAPSHOT of 2018

## UGANDA, AFRICA

Hope Foundation works with street children at risk of being trafficked. The team provide on-street mentoring, and run safe homes for those most at risk. Children at Hope Foundation are given a home, education, health care, mentoring, and where possible our repatriation program works to reconcile them with their extended families. The team in Uganda work closely with the local communities and are focused on rescuing, rehabilitating and repatriating children.



Alice

This year the team admitted three new rescued children to the safe home. One of these was Alice, aged 8. Alice lost both parents at five years old. She was taken to live with an uncle, but he didn't care much for an orphaned child in his household. He failed to provide schooling, food, clothes, and parental love. When Alice met a female teacher who needed a babysitter for her infant, she took the job in hope of a little money to buy herself clothes and maybe even some schooling. However the position wasn't all she had dreamed it would be. Alice was used for child labour, overworked and not paid. She was frequently sent to town to run a small business selling mobile credit on the streets in exchange for her free accommodation. At home she was put to work maintaining the household, washing clothes, cleaning and babysitting.

As Alice spent increasing amounts of time working on the street, she was exposed to a life that no eight year old should experience. It was during this time that the Hope Foundation staff identified her as being at high-risk and vetted her for admission to the safe home. Alice is settling well in to the Hope Foundation family. She is attending school, full of joy, and dreams to one day become a nurse.



Some of the children's guardians attend a family day as part of Hope Foundation's child repatriation programme.



Isaac, a rescued street child, graduated high school and was provided with vocational tools to begin study toward an electrical installation certificate.

## MYANMAR, SOUTH EAST ASIA

Living Waters is a children's home in Myanmar's Shan State which provides education and a safe, loving environment for children at risk of being trafficked or exploited. Living Waters focuses on children from illiterate and drug-addicted families. The project also runs medical clinics and outreaches in regions with no health care.

This year we continued to provide funding for the children's home's monthly running costs, allowing the project to secure a more suitable rental property. The children moved out of a home which was overcrowded, unhygienic, and regularly flooded creating a prime breeding ground for dengue fever. The new rental is larger and doesn't flood! There have been zero cases of dengue fever among the rescued children since the relocation.

## UGANDA, AFRICA

ORA Uganda runs a rural child sponsorship program which supports 105 children sponsored through ORA New Zealand. Each child receives education, medical treatment, counselling and extracurricular activities, including a children's resource library. Families also receive counselling. Older children are encouraged to complete vocational training or tertiary education. The program has a strong emphasis on life skills to raise strong members of the community.

ORA Uganda works closely with local schools, vocational training institutes and community leaders. They organise child focused agricultural projects, and also facilitate a successful microfinance program. Eight microfinance groups (64 women) completed the microfinance course and repaid their loans in 2018. They continue to work together and save money.

'Microfinance has brought us team spirit. After paying back the loans I could buy a goat, and I can send my daughter to a good primary school so she can do better academically. I can support my family and husband and run a business. The group loves one another and still does farming together. The group will continue together. We are still saving together weekly. The little we save we give out to each other as loans. We have saved 800,000 UGX (NZ\$325) as a group in one year. This has empowered us to move together as one body. The benefits for my family are we now have a toilet, a bathing shelter, and we are healthy. The children have also changed their attitudes. We were ignorant about saving, but microfinance has given us strength.'

Other ORA Uganda projects funded in 2018 by ORA New Zealand were primary school books for the ORA Uganda library, bedding for children, residential care homes, agricultural wages and tools for a vocational training school.



Microfinance groups receiving their savings



Sponsored children at vocational training school



A sponsorship graduate with his nursing tools



Sponsored kids receiving mosquito nets, sugar and soap



Drip irrigation trials at the Chafisi agricultural project

## KENYA, AFRICA

Chafisi works to educate and empower destitute children and their families. ORA New Zealand is focused on equipping Chafisi to be self-sustainable with projects including agricultural projects. Currently Chafisi is trialling drip irrigation during the dry season and the plants are thriving.

This year we have also funded a water tank at the Chafisi orphanage and school.

## MOLDOVA, EASTERN EUROPE

Children and youth in Moldova are often at risk of being trafficked. We partner with an organisation that runs holiday programmes, after school activities and provides school materials for at risk children. This year we funded school clothes and shoes for children.

‘I’m Doina's and Daniel's mother, I'm a single mother. I have a very hard time raising my children. We do not have money for food, clothes, firewood, medicines. These clothes are a great support for our family. For that I am very grateful. By this I see that God loves me and does not leave me alone. Your support is for me to answer my prayer. Thank you very much. God reward you abundantly! With love to you, from Claudia’



Doina and Daniel with their new winter clothes



Receiving a copy of the Open Eyes brochure at a seminar about the risks of human trafficking

## BULGARIA, EASTERN EUROPE

ORA New Zealand supports LOGOS anti-trafficking education programme. 5,000 copies of a new brochure, Open Eyes, were printed in 2018. LOGOS are using this brochure as one of their tools to minimise the number of human trafficking victims from Bulgaria, distributing it within Gypsy communities and to children in orphanages.

LOGOS has recently rescued a young woman. A relative invited her to London to work in a restaurant, but when the young woman arrived she was expected to be a prostitute. She rang a cousin in Bulgaria, who contacted LOGOS. A plan was prepared to help the young woman escape. A flight was booked for her and a Bulgarian taxi driver in London contacted to pick her up from her workplace and take her to the airport. Within a few hours she was back in Bulgaria, met at the airport by a LOGOS representative. LOGOS has since found her a job in a local restaurant.



# OUR BIG THANK YOU

On behalf of all the children and communities ORA New Zealand and Hope Street supports in Uganda, Kenya, Moldova, Bulgaria and Myanmar, we would like to thank every person who has supported us in 2018 as we work to change children’s lives and equip passionate locals to transform their own communities.

Thank you to those who have supported us financially, prayerfully and through volunteering.

In 2018 ORA New Zealand volunteers donated over 4,000 hours of their time, and we cannot begin to express just how much of a difference this has made to our work. We are also very thankful for the ongoing commitment of our dedicated Board members who give their time and support so willingly.

Finally we would like to thank our international partners, the people who do the real work with the children and communities supported by ORA New Zealand. Thank you for all of your hard work, reporting and support.



Open Eyes distribution, Gypsy community, Bulgaria



Watermelons grown with irrigation, Kenya



Sponsored children receiving tools, Uganda



Care-giver and sponsored child, Uganda



School books for primary children, Uganda



Rescued from the streets, Uganda

## ACCOUNTABILITY

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