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#### SUSTAINABLE FREEDOM IN SAFE COMMUNITIES

As I write this annual report letter, I offer greetings on behalf of our international teams, more than two hundred and forty professionals strong, committed to serving and protecting the children in Rapha's care. We remain deeply grateful for you, our partners, who make it possible for our teams to do this critical work every day.

As our mission statement declares, Rapha International exists to combat trafficking, sexual exploitation, and abuse—one child at a time—through aftercare for survivors, prevention for the vulnerable, and engagement for all. We believe that our faithful partners understand the mission of Rapha well, but we realize that we have not spoken enough about our broader vision statement. The vision of Rapha International is to see all children living in sustainable freedom within safe communities. We understand and embrace that the God-given model for children is to grow up within family and community. Our deep respect for this model compels our constant drive toward more community focused social work endeavors and outreach.

Rapha continuously strives for excellent and effective survivor care, but no matter the excellence of our programming, we understand that the institutionalization of a child is never the best that God intended for them. **A child's heart yearns for their family and community.** While Rapha's professional social workers and counselors pursue the goal of reunification whenever it is safely possible, this is a complex process that must be carried out strategically, understanding that some children will never be safe within their own families or communities.

While trafficking and sexual exploitation is ended for—one child at a time—through Rapha's residential survivor care program, these grave injustices must also be addressed at the community and systemic level. When perpetrators are legally prosecuted and communities are educated concerning the dangers and consequences of these crimes against children, sweeping systemic change is poised to take place.

More than a decade ago, I was able to travel with a small group of Rapha social workers who were accompanying Veha\* back to her village for the first time since her court case had ended and her traffickers had been sentenced to prison. This first home visit would play a role in determining whether thirteen-year-old Veha could safely reintegrate back to her community.

Veha's older sister had moved to a large city a few hours from their village, and unbeknownst to her parents, she had become deeply involved in drugs and trafficking. When she asked her parents to allow her little sister to visit her in the city, Veha had been so excited to go. Twelve-year-old Veha had never traveled beyond the outskirts of her village before and she had felt so grown up as she encountered the city for the first time with her sister. **Soon after her arrival, Veha's sister sold her to a powerful trafficker who owned several massage parlors.** Veha's parents had been heartbroken when their daughter disappeared for many months. They never stopped looking for her although they had no financial resources to pursue justice for their daughter. When Veha was finally rescued by law enforcement officials, she was placed in Rapha's care to keep her safe while her traffickers were prosecuted and she began her healing journey. Because her case had been so dangerous, she had been unable to leave the security of Rapha's campus and although she had spoken to her mother and father on the phone several times, she had not seen her family in almost a year.

Note: Survivors names are changed for confidentiality and security.

Our trip to Veha's village lasted several hours. Our van slowly navigated the difficult clay path, as we neared her village. I was seated by the window and Veha was sandwiched between me and a social worker who was gently holding her hand as she began to excitedly recognize landmarks along the way. Suddenly, I was startled by pounding against my ear coming from the other side of the window. A small woman was jogging alongside the van. Her face was streaked with dirt and tears and she was yelling, "Veha!" Veha came across my lap and began beating on the window with both her hands, "Mak! Mak!" The driver stopped the van, and I found myself in a sacred moment—suspended between mother and daughter—both with hands and foreheads pressed against the glass. When the van door opened, Veha flew out. She and her mother fell on each other, weeping in the middle of the road.

Half an hour later, as we sat on short plastic stools under the family's stilted home, Veha came down the ladder with two cousins, clad in sarongs and chatting as they made their way to the large clay pot filled with water behind the hut. They continued their happy discourse as they poured small bowls of water over their heads and shoulders. While Veha had access to running water at our campus, her preference would always be to bathe in a sarong around that clay pot with her cousins. While Veha slept on a comfortable mattress at Rapha's campus, she would always long to roll out a woven mat on the wooden floor to sleep next to her parents and siblings. Her heart was for and with her family. The best way to care for Veha from this point forward would be to care for her family.

The work of Rapha International does not end at the residential survivor care campus. In fact, that is only the beginning. **We want you to understand the complexities of this work, and to celebrate the victories which are taking place in the lives of child survivors, their families, their communities, and their countries.** As you read this report, you will encounter several examples of Rapha's vision and commitment toward helping safe families and communities in which children can thrive. With your continued partnership, we can work to affect individual as well as systemic change, and for that, we remain incredibly grateful.

With Gratitude,



STEPHANIE GARMAN FREED

CEO AND CO-FOUNDER

Stephanie S. Lund

#### BEACONS OF HOPE AND HEALING

Rapha's survivor care campuses are beacons of hope and healing for wounded hearts and we do not take that responsibility lightly. Using evidence-based therapy models and measurable assessment tools, we are able to better understand each survivor and tailor a treatment plan to her specific needs. **Using a strengths-based approach, girls served by Rapha are empowered to take control of their futures.** 

In 2021, we continued to provide high quality training for our overseas staff with the Assessment of Survivor Outcomes and the foundational elements of TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention), an attachment-based, trauma-informed therapy designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children.

Cora\* came to Rapha at age twelve. She had an extremely traumatic background which had spanned the entirety of her childhood. She did not remember a time when sexual abuse was not part of her daily experience. **Sex trafficked at age nine, she had become adept at compartmentalizing her thoughts and feelings to avoid showing any weakness to others.** When she first began her treatment at Rapha, she did not want to share about her trauma or even speak to her counselor. Utilizing the fundamentals of TBRI, her counselor began focusing solely on therapeutic rapport. This is an essential element of Trust-Based Relational Intervention which involves prioritizing the relationship before beginning more formal therapy.

Over time, Cora slowly began to develop trust with her counselor. She began to feel safe enough to contemplate her future, a turning point in her counseling experience. **She became an active part of her own healing because she believed that healing was possible.** Through weekly scaling questions, another element of TBRI that promotes self-assessment and reflection, she began to identify when she was shutting down and dissociating from her emotions. Cora is now an engaged and active part of her own healing and continues toward her goals and plans of becoming a nurse.

The social workers at Rapha's survivor care campuses are invested in helping girls like Cora reach their goals by thoroughly preparing them for reintegration. The Assessment of Survivor Outcomes (ASO), is a tool developed by the International Justice Mission which assesses a survivor's reintegration-readiness in the areas of safety, legal protection, mental wellbeing, economic empowerment and education, social support, and physical wellbeing. The measurements taken by this assessment provide guidance in helping each survivor find sustainable freedom outside of Rapha's walls.

Unfortunately, the complex trauma left behind by prolonged exploitation and abuse often hinders smooth reintegrations, transitions, and uninterrupted progress. For some, every day is a battle. Success at Rapha is reflected when a young woman has the tools to reach out for support and to restart if necessary. At Rapha, we ensure that a young woman has been equipped with the tools to navigate her life more safely, and to understand her worth and her worthiness of healing, hope, and freedom.

Rapha is able to provide these life-saving resources to survivors of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, and abuse because of your partnership. Every dollar you give to Rapha is an investment in the future of a survivor like Cora whose life is forever impacted by your generosity.

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DAYS OF SAFETY AND CARE

COUNSELING VISITS

551

MEDICAL VISITS

37,332

2,466





ANGIE BROWER, MSW, LCSW SURVIVOR CARE DIRECTOR



#### CAMBODIA

Despite constant challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, our team worked hard throughout 2021 on the goals we set out to achieve. As we reflect on our accomplishments, it is with a spirit of celebration and gratitude for how the Lord continues to provide for us.

We were able to add staff members to our team and made promotions that led to positive growth in our program. Our team benefitted from a variety of training opportunities. New staff care initiatives were implemented that are essential to reducing stress and burnout and to providing better quality care for the girls we serve. We saw our girls rise to the challenges of last year with greater maturity. We are thankful for our team of House Mothers who led them in prayer and praise when they faced some of the most challenging days of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In 2021, we created and implemented a pilot program for older girls who are preparing to reintegrate back to their families and communities. This program allows survivors to practice independent life skills within the safe environment of Rapha's Survivor Care Campus. One residential cottage is designated for this group of girls where they live more independently and learn to handle more responsibility. They manage a monthly stipend, shop, cook for themselves, and learn to manage their household, time, and relationships.

We continued with an exciting program in 2021 for girls nearing the end of their time in Rapha's residential program. In accordance with emerging research by Wade Landers of Blackbox International, Rapha organized a "rites of passage" event for girls preparing for reintegration. Children who live with their families and in community often experience natural rites of passage that mark important milestones. While children are in a season of protection and treatment at Rapha, it is important that they have special moments that indicate a new chapter in life. This year, girls preparing for reintegration in Siem Reap, Cambodia went on a special retreat and learned specific lessons about relationships and other safety and life skills. They each received a platinum ring and a traditional Cambodian outfit.

We are thankful to God for his goodness and thankful for support and encouragement from our community of partners who make this all possible. As we reflect over the past year of 2021 and look forward to the future, "let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds," Hebrews 10:24.

#### **THEARA**

COUNTRY DIRECTOR - CAMBODIA

#### **JENNI**

ACTING DIRECTOR - SIEM REAP

Note: The last names of international staff are omitted for confidentiality and security.

#### **OUR MISSION:**

TO END THE TRAFFICKING, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, AND ABUSE OF CHILDREN — ONE CHILD AT A TIME — THROUGH AFTERCARE FOR SURVIVORS, PREVENTION FOR THE VULNERABLE, AND ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL.



# THAILAND

Looking back at 2021, the words that come to mind are "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13.

Every time a new girl arrives at the Survivor Care Campus, our hearts are filled with thankfulness that we will have the opportunity to share healing, hope, and freedom with her. Care at Rapha is individualized for each survivor, and her case management team works together to implement the keys to freedom—basic care, safety, counseling, medical services, education, vocational training, social work, and legal advocacy.

In Thailand, one of the greatest challenges is that there are more victims in need of rescue than there are safe places for them to find healing and treatment. The number of underage survivors is increasing every year, but the capacity of the organizations that serve these survivors is still limited. When young people are rescued from exploitation and trafficking, a lack of appropriate survivor care can result in repeated victimization and a return to the world of exploitation, abuse, and trafficking.

To respond to this growing need, Rapha continually expands partnership with other NGOs and government agencies. We work to find creative ways to share resources and meet needs as a community.

For example, in 2021 Rapha International deepened our relationship with the Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children (TICAC), a task force led by the Thai Royal Police to tackle online child sexual exploitation and abuse. When TICAC identifies survivors of online sexual abuse or exploitation, they can be brought immediately into Rapha's holistic and professional survivor care program. Girls in Rapha's care are provided with extensive training in detecting and preventing online abuse. Several days each week, Rapha social workers facilitate the TICAC hotline that provides resources and professional intervention for survivors of online sexual exploitation. Sharing knowledge, resources, and time with other organizations strengthens the response to human trafficking in the entire country of Thailand.

It is the goal for every girl in Rapha's care to be reintegrated back to her family or to a safe community. Our government and NGO partnerships also provide opportunities for training, internships, and support for our reintegrating girls. Some are graduating from university and are hired by organizations fighting for vulnerable people in Thailand. Some are returning to work with us at Rapha International!

Thank you all very much for continually supporting the ministry of Rapha. **Your support sustains our mission and makes a difference in the lives of many vulnerable children.** 

#### **TASANEE**

COUNTRY DIRECTOR - THAILAND

# OUR VISION: FOR ALL CHILDREN TO LIVE IN SUSTAINABLE FREEDOM WITHIN SAFE COMMUNITIES.



#### **IDES SPOTLIGHT**

On behalf of Rapha staff and the vulnerable children we serve, we would like to extend a special thank you to our friends at International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES). IDES assisted with critical Rapha projects in 2021, including support for a new school bus for children served by Rapha's Kids Club in Mae Sot, Thailand as well as an upgrade to the security system at our Survivor Care Campus in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

The mission of IDES is to meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to partner with them to serve those in Rapha's care.



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#### HAITI

The security situation in Haiti has steadily declined over the last several years, and became acutely severe in 2021 as gangs continued to increase their control of marginalized communities. In 2020, a USAID-funded survey revealed that nearly a quarter of Haitians report having been a victim of crime in the previous year, and one in five report the presence of gangs in their neighborhoods. The majority of sexual violence victims are women and girls. Gender based violence is used by gangs as a weapon to humiliate, terrorize, and reinforce control over local populations. A report by the Protection Sector in Haiti states that "since June 2021, on average, 75 victims per month, including children as young as 2 years old, have been subject to rape and sexual violence mainly in the areas of Delmas and Crois-des-Bouquet."

In response, Rapha has increased its capacity to advance trauma-informed care among survivors of sexual exploitation and trafficking in persons in Haiti, with the support of the Spotlight Initiative, the Resilience Fund, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF), and UNICEF. Resources have been deployed to address the multifaceted needs of women and girls who have been affected by gang violence in the most marginalized communities in Port-au-Prince.

The projects undertaken within these partnerships are breaking cycles of exploitation and are providing peace and safety for Haitians in the midst of unimaginable violence. Families are being relocated to safe shelters, women are being trained in small business management, young survivors are receiving critical mental health and medical care, and teens are being trained in risk mitigation and social norms that promote safety.

Throughout 2021, construction continued on Rapha's new Survivor Care Campus with estimated completion in Fall 2022. This expansive and beautiful campus will allow Rapha to more than double our capacity to serve underage survivors in Haiti. As exploitation and trafficking continue to rise in Haiti, Rapha remains grateful to the doTERRA Healing Hands Foundation for providing the construction funding to make this campus a reality and to our monthly financial partners who make this work sustainable.

Even in great adversity and challenge, Rapha is committed to continuing to fight for peace, hope, and freedom in Haiti.

#### **GERSON NOZEA**

**COUNTRY DIRECTOR - HAITI** 





#### LISTEN NOW

Rapha launched a podcast! In 2021, Rapha staff produced a limited series podcast about Building an Organizational Culture of Care. Topics like child protection, training, policy building, and financial transparency (and more!) are covered in these compelling conversations. At Rapha, we are passionate about continually learning and growing, and we invite you to come along with us in this series. Find the episodes on our website at rapha.org/podcast or search for Rapha International on any podcast platform.

# **GRACE SPOTLIGHT**

At the 2021 International Conference on Missions held in Richmond, VA, Rapha invited representatives from the organization GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment) to present on child protection and abuse prevention as part of Rapha's workshop track on building an organizational culture of care. GRACE's mission is to empower Christian communities to recognize, prevent, and respond to abuse. Their dedication to that mission was evident as they shared with ICOM attendees about difficult topics—including spiritual abuse, grooming behavior, and sexual abuse.

The heart of Rapha's mission is to protect children. It is deeply important to us that churches and ministries hear GRACE's message and join us in learning more and doing better in the area of child protection and responding to incidents of abuse. Visit GRACE's website at *netgrace.org* and follow them on social media at *netgrace\_org*.





#### PREVENTION: A SACRED TRUST

"True navigation begins in the human heart. It's the most important map of all." ~ Elizabeth Kapu'uwailani Lindsey

Once again, we thank our Kids Club sponsors who remained faithful and generous during another challenging year. When schools closed intermittently again in both Cambodia and Thailand, our Kids Club staff worked diligently to ensure children received their school assignments and stayed engaged in learning. Many children in Cambodia do not have access to education. Through Kids Club, children have an opportunity to break the cycle of generational poverty with higher education and vocational training. These children are tutored after school and they are yearning to learn new skills.

Despite unique challenges facing each community where Kids Club operates, Rapha staff ensure that families have food supplements, emotional support, and spiritual encouragement. God's faithfulness and provision was a sweet blessing to these families.

Recently, two little boys - Borey and Kiry\* - were enrolled in the Kids Club program. They were provided with the resources necessary to go to school and their family was given rice to supplement their food supply. One day when a social worker was visiting the boys' home, she noticed that their baby sister was badly malnourished. The baby, 3-month old Rotha, was severly underweight and behind in her development. The social worker reported the situation to the staff at Kids Club and they were able to provide the family with extra food resources. The Kids Club social work team also connected the family with a partner organization that focuses on serving infants and their mothers. Because Kids Club was there to support the family, baby Rotha is now healthy and happy. When she is old enough to start preschool, she will be a Kids Club child too!

On behalf of Kids Club, we are overflowing with thankfulness for your partnership and generosity during 2021. God never puts a trust in our hands more sacred and holy than a child-especially a vulnerable child. You have probably heard Benjamin Franklin's quote that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." It's easier to stop something from happening in the first place than to repair the damage after it has happened. That's exactly what Kids Club is doing!

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**PATTY FANCHER** PREVENTION DIRECTOR



## 897 SPONSORED CHILDREN THOUSANDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED



In 2021, Rapha staff spent time intentionally engaging with organizations serving vulnerable communities around the world. Conversations revolved around growth and change-and reflection on the model of child sponsorship.

Rapha's sponsorship program has been conducted with the best practices available to us—with high priority given to transparency, safety, and dignity for all. An oft repeated quote at Rapha is Maya Angelou's, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Over the past months, our dedication to knowing better and doing better has led us to reconsider the model of one-to-one child sponsorship for our Kids Club prevention program.

When one child is sponsored, that individual child is provided with resources and a place to learn and grow. Every sponsored child-however-has neighbors, friends, and classmates who are without a sponsor. When communities lack resources and experience systemic challenges, even sponsored children suffer. Those issues are most effectively addressed through support and partnership that involves the entire community.

We have been dreaming of a way to expand our impact. We have been exploring modalities that will protect more children in a more sustainable way. In the coming months, Rapha will take steps to explain expansions and transitions in our prevention programming. We hope you will join us!

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#### A WORD ABOUT FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

At Rapha International we are committed to financial accountability and transparency. Our team cares deeply about pursuing this mission with excellence.

Rapha has earned the highest status by Candid (previously, Guidestar) as a Platinum Participant in addition to receiving accreditation from the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. Every year we undergo months of detailed audits from independent auditors reviewing financials from our global operations, then we consolidate all this information into transparent reports for you, our supporters. Here is a snapshot of Rapha's financial position in 2021:

2021 Revenue: \$4.7 Million 2021 Expenses: \$3.7 Million

2021 Expenses Breakdown: 82% Program Services

8% Management and General

10% Fundraising

2021 Ending Net Assets: \$7.4 Million

You can find more than 300 pages of financial and programmatic information available directly on our website at *rapha.org/financials*. 2021 reports are subject to independent audit, which will be made available at *rapha.org/financials* once finalized. Hear Travis and other Rapha staff discuss financial transparency in the third installment of Rapha's limited series podcast, Building an Organizational Culture of Care. Listen at *rapha.org/podcast* or search for Rapha International wherever you listen to podcasts.



TRAVIS BUCHAN

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER







#### CULTURE OF CARE

At Rapha International, we are passionate about the prevention of exploitation, trafficking, and abuse. One way that Rapha works to prevent these injustices is to equip churches and organizations to develop policies that promote safety and protect people. We refer to a healthy organizational culture, supported by robust policies and procedures, as a Culture of Care. A Culture of Care benefits those our organizations serve, those serving, and those who support financially. In 2021, Rapha staff recorded three installments of a limited series podcast on Building an Organizational Culture of Care, and sparked conversations about culture building in Richmond, Virginia, at the International Conference on Missions (ICOM). Rapha's CEO, Stephanie Freed, took the stage at the ICOM in November 2021 to interview Jeff Vines. Jeff is the pastor of One&All Church in San Dimas, California, outgoing president of ICOM, and former mentee of Ravi Zacharias.

In February of 2021, a report was made public that uncovered the conduct of the late Ravi Zacharias. The investigation, conducted by an independent firm, uncovered lurid details of calculated, ongoing sexual abuse by Zacharias. **He took advantage** of his stature in the community and the trust of his organization to keep the abuse concealed.

When spiritual leaders misuse their power, they cause enormous harm. Revelations about the conduct of Ravi Zacharias have rocked the foundations of many who once considered him a spiritual leader. Sadness, denial, anger, and hopelessness have marked the experience of those coming to terms with what Zacharias did.

At the ICOM, during his conversation with Stephanie, a discussion of that personal struggle for Jeff Vines, led us into a larger conversation. What does Ravi's story mean for churches and organizations today? How can we restore trust, implement accountability, and protect the vulnerable?

Vines said to more than 4,000 ICOM attendees: "Those of us in leadership who are on the wrong path are depending on the fact that you don't want to know about it. **Any organization in this day and age that does not create systems of accountability will eventually come to ruin."** 

In addition to the main session shared by Stephanie Freed and Jeff Vines, Rapha sponsored a workshop track at the ICOM focused on accountability and transparency in organizational culture. The track featured talks by ECFA's Jake Lapp on financial transparency, representatives of GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in a Christian Environment) on child protection, and Kip Lines from CMF International on maintaining accountability on the mission field. Christie O'Brien of Salty Church of Ormond Beach, Florida shared about the dynamics of power and control. I was joined by Melissa Yao, Executive Director of the National Trafficking Sheltered Alliance, to discuss policy issues involving whistleblowing and reporting misconduct.

In response to the conference, Christianity Today published a story entitled, "Prompted by Ravi Zacharias's Abuse, Missions Organizations Are Urged to Assess Accountability." Rapha is grateful to be a part of an exciting movement to ensure that safety, accountability and transparency are integral to the culture of Christ-centered organizations.



Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

**MAYA ANGELOU** 



ARYN CRAWFORD, MPA
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

#### FREEDOM FOREVER

At Rapha International, we are committed to ending trafficking, sexual exploitation, and abuse – one child at a time. Through aftercare for survivors, prevention for the vulnerable, and engagement with you, our vision has become clearer. Because of your generous support, we can hope for a future where all children live in sustainable freedom within safe communities.

You have invested in Rapha because Rapha's mission reflects the change you would like to see in the world. You give because you mean it—you want freedom, hope, and healing for the girls and families we get to serve. We are privileged, proud, and thankful to stand alongside you and to act as your hands and feet in this work that is so near the heart of God.

Did you know that you can also give in a way that ensures your dollars keep on giving for years to come? When you give to Rapha International's Freedom Forever Fund, you're giving to an endowed fund that we hope to grow into an asset that will supply Rapha's operational needs in perpetuity. When our operational needs are met, it allows us to look to where we need to go and serve next. If you want your giving to underwrite Rapha's future and ensure more children are served in more places, the Freedom Forever Fund is a great way to give.

Another way to support Rapha in the years to come is to include us in your will. Including Rapha in your will is a once-and-for-all statement about who you are to the generations that will come after you, and will provide love, hope, and healing for the children Rapha serves. You don't have to be wealthy for legacy gifts to matter—your gift, whether relatively large or small, will inspire hope and help build lives of sustainable freedom.

At Rapha, we want to remove the practical and financial challenges that can come with estate planning. **Our partnership** with FreeWill gives you access to a free online tool that allows you to complete your estate plans in less than 20 minutes. We've partnered with FreeWill because it removes the expensive fees associated with writing a will, making estate planning free and accessible for all, and has been used by over 550,000 Americans to write their estate plans.

This tool can also be used to create a legacy with Rapha, to ensure we can continue supporting survivors, for generations to come. Whether you wish to protect your future today or want to come back to this resource another time to complete your plans, know that it will always be available and cost-free to you.

Extend your legacy at freewill.com/rapha today! If you have questions about how to give to the Freedom Forever Fund, or Planned Giving at Rapha International, please contact David Peters at (417) 621-0373 ext. 711 or at dpeters@rapha.org.



DAVID PETERS, MA, JD

GENERAL COUNSEL/CPO





Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:18





#### RAPHA'S HOPE AND HEALING CENTER

Since its establishment in 2020, the Rapha Hope and Healing Center has served more than 400 people in Southwest Missouri. Our therapists specialize in providing quality trauma therapy for children, teens, and adults who have experienced complex trauma. At the RHHC, we believe it is paramount that our therapists not only have hearts for hurting people, but also the skills to make a difference in their lives. For that reason, beyond licensure and continued education in their fields, our therapists hold certifications in modalities such as TFCBT (Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy), EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing), Play Therapy, and PPMH-C (Perinatal Mental Health Certification).

Because Rapha's heartbeat is protecting and caring for children, we work closely with foster families and the foster care system. Rapha Hope and Healing Center staff provide training, consultation, and outreach for organizations representing foster children and their families, refugee families, and schools. We also work alongside local law enforcement to provide necessary training in domestic trafficking, crisis intervention, and trauma treatment.

Partners of the Hope and Healing Center have allowed us to do this work at a greatly reduced rate or on a scholarship basis.

Access to quality trauma therapy and training is a gap in services for those who are victimized or vulnerable to trafficking and exploitation here in the United States. Rapha's strategic goal is to pilot the Hope and Healing Center of Southwest Missouri with the vision of establishing more therapy centers throughout the United States, continuing to spread the message of hope and healing to hurting homes and hearts.

Two sisters—Bree age 5 and Jessica age 7\*—were involved in an investigation when their school reported their father for neglect. As the investigation continued, it was discovered that the girls' father was exploiting them to pay his drug debts—trafficking them for sex.

Bree and Jessica were referred to Rapha International's Hope and Healing Center for therapy. The girls needed professional and compassionate treatment to heal and to regain hope for a safe and happy future. When Rapha established the Hope and Healing Center in Joplin, Missouri in 2020, it was for survivors like Bree and Jessica.

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## THE KEYS TO FREEDOM



SAFETY & BASIC CARE

Foundational needs such as shelter, food, clothing, and security



COUNSELING & MEDICAL

Healing for wounded hearts and bodies



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Personalized education and vocational training plans



SOCIAL WORK & LEGAL ADVOCACY

Community social work and the pursuit of justice

# I hear laughter

I hear laughter,

I hear singing,

We are greeted with smiles, waves, and the staff thank us with deep gratitude.

Girls approach their days' tasks with gusto - they are silly and playful - all the things girls should be at their age.

At church you've never heard a more enthusiastic call and response – these girls are all in!

There is a time for looking back, but these girls are focused on the future, restoration is happening through the love of Jesus and so many partners working in Him.

The darkness of the past has no authority here.

This is a place of joy, a place of acceptance, a place of safety, a place for healing, a place for dreaming of the future.

As we stop at the front gate to check-in with security for our morning's work, a young woman pulls up on a scooter and takes off her helmet – smiles a broad greeting and enters ahead of us.

The country director turns and says, "That was the first girl to come to Rapha House.

Now she is working as one of our counselors!"

Praise God for restoration,

Praise God for the advocates who led us to this work,

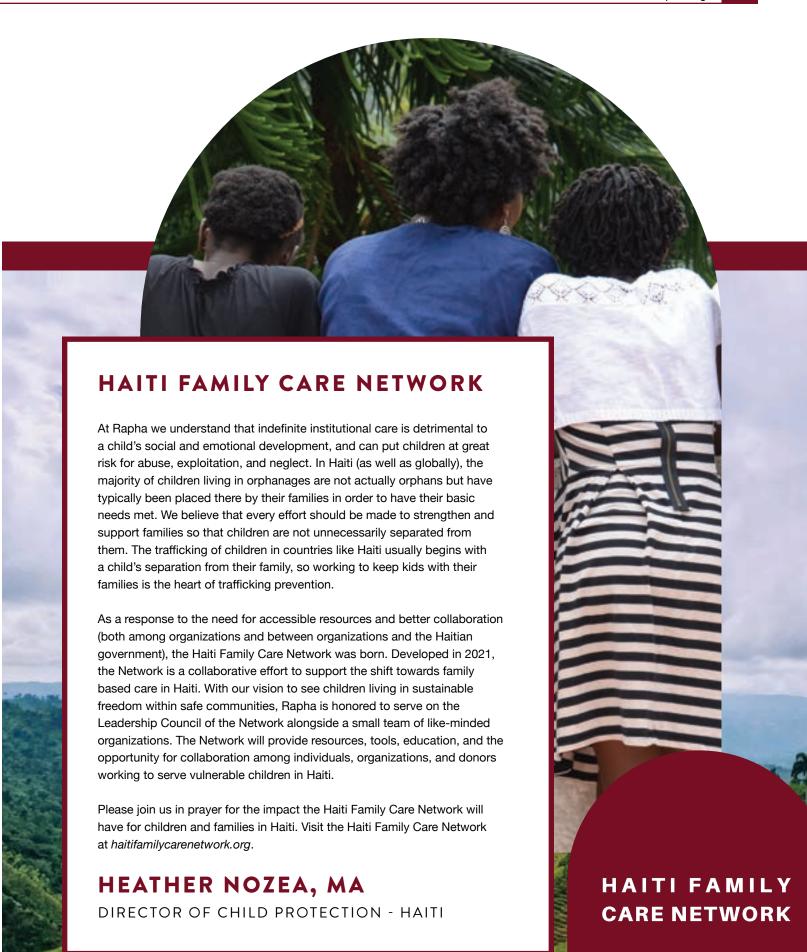
Praise God for the generosity of the saints who have given to the restoration,

Praise God for His promise of blessing to all nations moving ever forward.

PAUL DONALDSON

#### PAUL - CAMBODIA 2018

Paul Donaldson wrote the poem, *I Hear Laughter*, after he visited a Rapha survivor care campus in 2018. On that trip, Paul learned about a problem with water drainage at Rapha's property in Battambang, Cambodia. Although not many people would be inspired by the need for flooding remediation, Paul went humbly and passionately to work. He and his church— Parkview Evangelical Free Church—raised \$65,000 to purchase land and complete this project. As this report is being written in 2022, the project is underway. Thanks to Paul, the Battambang campus will be safer, more comfortable, and more beautiful for our staff and the children we serve.





# FUNDRAISING DISCLOSURE

A copy of the latest financial report, registration filed by this organization, and a description of our programs and activities may be obtained by contacting us at: PO Box 1569, Joplin, MO 64802, 417-621-0373. Rapha House International, Inc. was formed in Missouri. You may view a full copy of our state disclosures at rapha.org/state-disclosures.

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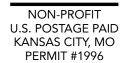
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