



Remember Nhu

Annual Report | 2020



A Letter from our Founder...

Dear Friends,

I pray you and your loved ones are healthy and doing well. It is an understatement to say that 2020 was a unique and challenging year. Who could have predicted the global pandemic and its effects on so many? Here is an update on how Remember Nhu is doing.

Coronavirus: Tightening Our Belts

If you were to compare this Annual Report to last year's report, you will see little to no program growth for us in terms of new homes started or new children added in 2020. This was due primarily to the Coronavirus, in which we quickly went "on the defense" early to decrease budgets, and we chose to refrain from starting anything new in the short-term. In Spring of 2020, we did have to cancel our biggest fundraiser of the year, while also seeing increased field costs for e-learning and hygiene in prevention homes.

God's Faithfulness to Remember Nhu

All things considered, Remember Nhu's income virtually remained stable for the care of the children! We praise God that so many donors like you stepped up to give generously for the sake of the children. We cannot thank our donors enough for giving sacrificially during a challenging year. Moreover, at the time of writing this, we still have no reports of any children contracting the virus. We did have some staff get the virus, but each one recovered quickly and fully to date.

We praise God that at-risk children were still cared for and kept safe from sex trafficking all year long! A new building in Myanmar (funded by generous donors) was able to resume and finish construction, providing a great new facility for 36 children. Across the globe we had 79 program graduates successfully make it to adulthood, fully prevented from ever experiencing sex slavery during childhood. Thanks to your support, children continue to attend school, and lives are being changed forever.

Exciting Things Ahead

In the Fall 2020, a successful Giving Tuesday campaign and generous year-end giving have made it possible for us to start a new home in Gambia in 2021, and also add new children in at least 5 other countries! We also have several additional new homes in the works, so we believe the future is bright with new opportunities to prevent many more children from sex slavery.

On a personal note, last May I graduated with my Doctorate from Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York. I was greatly surprised when my dissertation won the "Dissertation of the Year" award. I am excited to share my research with you that I believe to be pivotal in our future efforts to End Child Sex Slavery Through Prevention.

I mean it when I say a sincere thank you for taking part in this amazing work of God called Remember Nhu. I know that if you could meet each Remember Nhu child, they would also say "THANK YOU!"

Agape,

Carl

Carl Ralston

Carl Ralston
Founder and President

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
John 13:34*



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-Dr. Carl Ralston



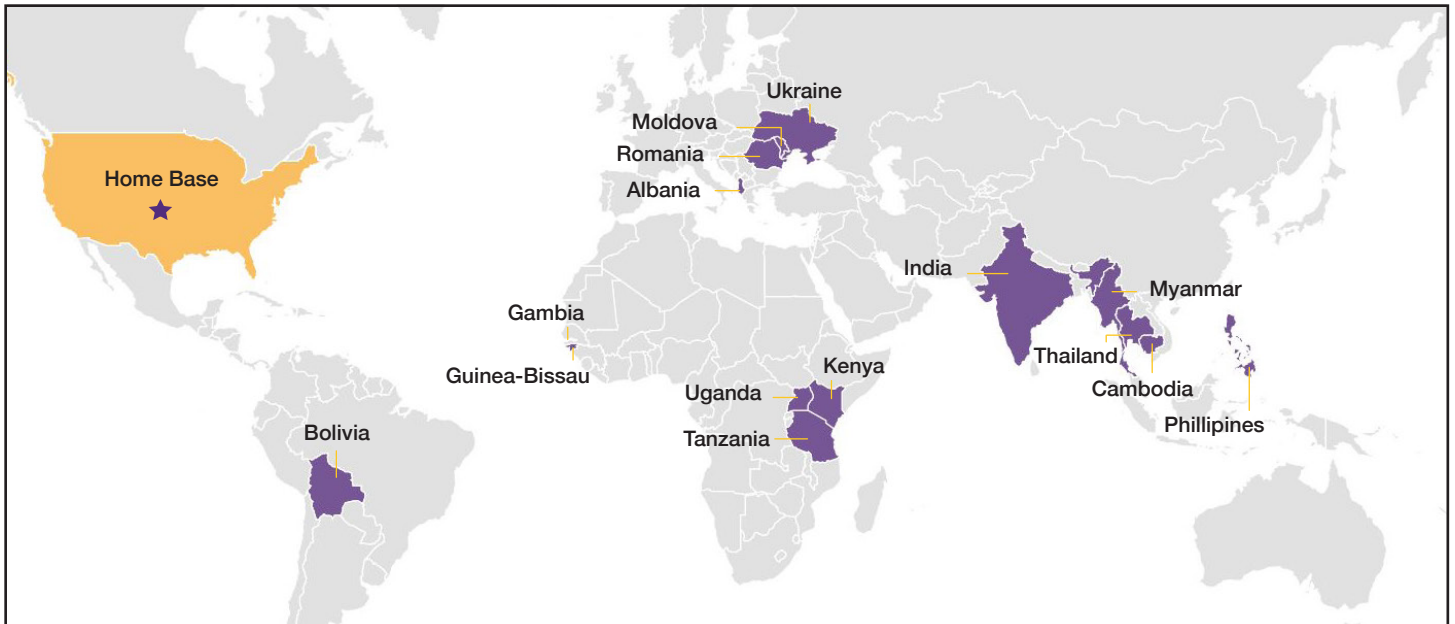
Who We Are

Remember Nhu is a nonprofit committed to Ending Child Sex Slavery Through Prevention.

We work to identify children in danger of being sold and provide them with a safe and loving home environment where their physical, educational, emotional, and spiritual needs can be met—as they grow up protected from child sex slavery.

Depending on the region of the world we work in, we achieve this through prevention homes with loving house parents, foster families, family restoration programs, vocational training, and education—all fueled by sponsorship.

Where We Work



** There is one additional country we work in not pictured on the map. We do not disclose the identity of this country due to the safety of our children and workers on the ground.*



TOGETHER
WE CAN

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CHILD SEX
SLAVERY

Impact Numbers

Take a look at the impact you've made through your generosity...

2201

Total children prevented from entering sex slavery to date



1626

Number of children currently in prevention homes



1

Non-profit launch Kingdom Home, housing 136 children in Uganda

16

Countries of operation across 4 continents



8

"Mum & Baby" Pairs—a ministry to infants of prostitutes in Eastern Europe



109

Total prevention homes for at-risk children, including Foster Care



23

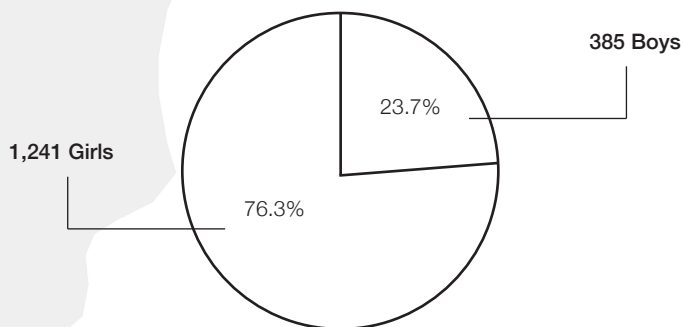
College students being supported in education after a prevention home

10

Children served through family restoration programs in Bolivia



Girls/Boys Receiving Care



64

At-risk children served in village support programs

Champion Spotlight:

Sharon Charmley

At Remember Nhu, we are blessed to see many talented donors and volunteers get involved to help at-risk children. Over the years we have been wowed by the amazing artwork of a Remember Nhu champion by the name of Sharon Charmley. Sharon and her husband Jim have been amazing and generous supporters of the children since getting involved with the organization around 2007.

Recently we caught up with Sharon over a Q&A to explore her extraordinary art skills and passion. We hope you are inspired as we are!

RN: *How did you and Jim first hear about Remember Nhu, and what inspired you to help?*

Sharon: We first heard about your organization through some close friends who helped Carl make Remember Nhu's very first video. In fact, I remember first listening to Carl describe his vision, to a small group of people in someone's basement in Canton, Ohio! God has put it on our hearts to have compassion for "the least of these," and the kids in danger of human trafficking, regardless of their country or language, seem to be among the most vulnerable and "least of these." Also, the thoughtful model—and stewardship of funds that we have seen through Remember Nhu—has given us confidence to know that we are truly making a difference with our contributions.

RN: *We know you have travelled to visit some Remember Nhu homes in person. How would you describe that experience?*

Sharon: I was able to take trips in 2016 and 2019. On the first trip I was able to visit some homes in Thailand, and while I was there, I was able to do artwork with the kids. Mostly it was drawing pictures for each other and then showing one another the pictures since I don't speak Thai. More recently my husband and I visited many homes in both Thailand and Myanmar, and in two of the homes we got to meet some of the kids we have been sponsoring. It was a deeply profound moment for me to get to spend time doing activities, singing songs and talking to some of the kids that we had been writing letters to for years, but only seen in pictures. That meeting seared those kids deeper into my heart.

RN: *How long have you been painting?*

Sharon: I have been painting for over 20 years, but in December 2019 I was finally able to complete my MFA in painting, which is a Masters of Fine Arts. Although this was not necessarily a lifelong dream, it gave me opportunities and tools to use my gifts in ways I did not imagine before starting grad school.

RN: *We just love your watercolor series where you incorporate the elephant motif. What inspired you to go in that direction as an artist and what does it mean to you?*

Sharon: During my first visit to Thailand, we went to an elephant sanctuary/farm, where I learned much about the size and gentleness of elephants. In that context, it reminded me about the role of Remember Nhu in the lives of children. What I mean by that, is when you look at elephants—they do not have big teeth, and they are not ferocious carnivores—but their large, gentle presence can protect anything vulnerable in the middle of their herd. So, just by standing around something vulnerable, it is protected without the use of force. I know that elephants can be fierce if they need to, but most of the time their presence alone will keep away predators that would prey on the vulnerable. This feels a lot like the role of Remember Nhu in the lives of vulnerable children who are at risk of being sold as slaves to the sex industry. As a donor, I feel like I am "one of many elephants" standing between vicious predators and vulnerable young. One elephant by itself would not have much of an impact against a lion or tiger—but a group of elephants create a barrier and protection for the weak. In this way, I use elephants as a symbol of strength, protection and gentle love.

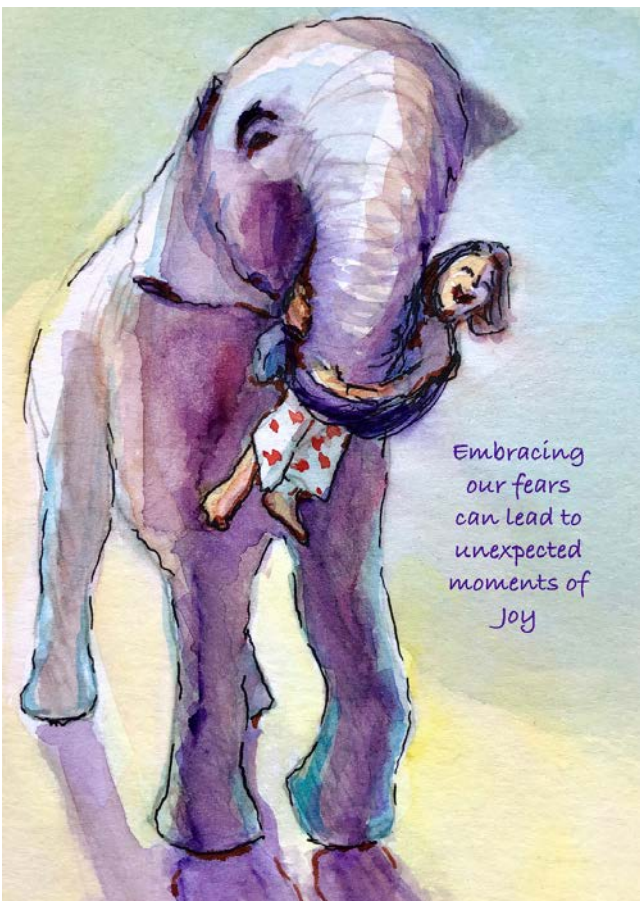
RN: *Oh my gosh, that is so profound, incredible, and true. It's amazing to see how God uses your mind and your artistic ability! We love the beautiful pieces you have created. We wanted to ask—what would be your encouragement to other artists out there?*

Sharon: My encouragement is to remember that your artistic inclination and outlook, and your desire to create, are all gifts from the one true Creator—and that our Lord delights when we practice this gift. Also, art is much like any part of our lives: it takes courage and works best without fear. Finally, artistic talent is not a gift that is given fully developed, but artistic skills are gained with learning



and practice. I have attempted to lay all the parts of my life before God and seek guidance on how the Holy Spirit would use me as an artist, and I have worked hard to practice and develop the skills. When we do this, God has a way of using the gifts He has placed inside of us to help others.

We are so grateful to Sharon for the art pieces and interview, and all-the-more thankful to her and Jim for the ways they have blessed the children of Remember Nhu. Thank you for living out your faith and using your gifts to help the children of Remember Nhu and inspire others!





Graduate Spotlight:

Myanmar

We are excited to share with you one of Remember Nhu's most powerful stories from this past year, about a bright medical graduate used by God to bring hope to her city during a global pandemic and lockdowns.

May Tazi came into Remember Nhu's care as a young girl in the nation of Myanmar (SE Asia). She was discovered in a small village of the Shan State, where civil war was raging between the government military and a local armed group. May had lost her mom when she was little, and her father was struggling to take care of May and her five siblings—having to be gone often for work in the fields. Since May lived near notorious trafficking operations, the pastor in her village realized she was at very high risk due to being an unsupervised female in destitute poverty.

Thankfully the pastor contacted our Country Director, and May was brought to a children's home and sponsored, along with her two biological sisters. May was able to go to school for the first time. "I realized when she first came into the children's home, she was not the brightest student—but she was a very hard worker," our house parent notes about May. "I believe she understood the importance of education for her future as Remember Nhu always stressed to her, so she worked very hard, and it paid off. She received very good grades."

May was able to excel in school while growing closer to God and her sisters in the home. "May was not from a Christian background," her house parent says. "Growing up they worshipped spirits (animism). But she received the gospel and grew in her faith in God in the children's home."

We asked May about her experience growing closer to God in the homes. "It was the first time that I heard God's voice in my heart," May reflects. "Before studying, I prayed. I feel that when I pray, I can memorize the lessons better. When I faced difficulty, I prayed. I realized that God can make impossible things possible for me. When my friends praised me for my good grades, in fact, it was not by my strength but by His grace."

Graduating high school, May was accepted into a collegiate Nursing program and her sponsors helped to fund her college education. In February of 2020, we received the joyful news that May graduated college with a degree in Nursing. "It was a very exciting moment in my life," May said. "I couldn't think much. I was so happy that my dad was able to participate in my graduation (it was a very long journey for him to come to the city). I imagined

how bad my life could have been if I did not get into the children's home and go to school. I am so thankful."

Upon graduating, May accepted a nursing position at the city's government hospital with a position start date in March. However, you may recall what also happened in March of 2020...the COVID-19 virus unexpectedly swept the globe, including the nation of Myanmar. Talk about a challenging first month on the job at a hospital! However, May rose to the challenge, and served the Lord by loving and serving patients in the hospital.

To us, May Tazi's story is such a beautiful picture of the impact supporters like you are making in the lives of Remember Nhu children. May was a previously at-risk girl, with a statistical likelihood of being exploited, perhaps one day facing the fate of HIV or malnutrition in the child sex trade. But instead, she was brought to a Remember Nhu home where she was given safety, food, a quality education—and she came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, following His leading to work in the medical field.

Instead of facing sex slavery or death, May now spent a whole year helping to save lives from COVID-19 (and many other fates) in Myanmar! At Remember Nhu, we see these types of one-eighty redemption stories in the lives of children all the time. Thank you for your support that enables us to help children like May.

"I thank God for everything that I have achieved until now," May says. "Secondly, I thank my house parents for their love and helping me to know God and grow in faith. Thirdly, thank you to my sponsor families and Remember Nhu for their support. Many children like me are safe and get life opportunities because of your organization—I pray that God blesses your ministry."



Financials: Fiscal Year 2020

Fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

Sources of Income	
Contributions, general	835,083
Child sponsorship donations	1,341,311
Donations for workers*	707,551
Service projects	248,319
Vision trips	11,314
Vocational program	1,075
Interest income	192
Total Income	3,144,845

Expenses	
Child support	1,688,415
Expenses for workers	762,709
Service projects	325,550
Vision trips	22,569
Fund raising	125,004
Vocational program	1,000
General & administrative	283,226
Total Expenses	3,208,473

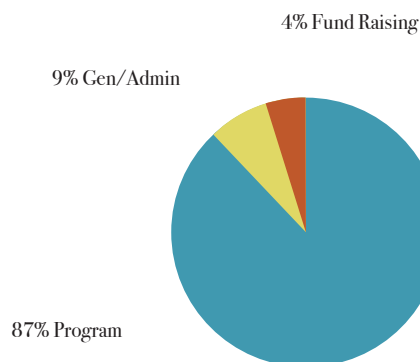
Change in Net Assets	-65,282
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Statement of Position

Assets	
Cash & cash equivalents	177,059
Restricted cash	243,324
Prepaid expenses	20,000
Property and equipment, Net	775,340
Total Assets	1,215,723
Total Liabilities	119,196

Net Assets	
Unrestricted	738,616
Temporarily restricted	357,911
Total Net Assets	1,096,527
Total Net Assets & Liabilities	1,215,723

Expenses by %



*Funds that have been raised by our workers and are allocated for their support.

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Introducing New Board Members 2020

Paul Greenwood

Paul Greenwood is currently the CEO and CIO of Pacific Current Group. He has been married to Virginia for 34 years. Paul has a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Washington State University. He and Virginia reside in Puyallup, Washington and are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church.



Holly Grace

Holly and her husband, Steve, have been married and in ministry together for 31 years. Currently, she is serving as the Children's Ministry Coordinator at Hood River Alliance Church where Steve is the senior pastor. They have three grown children. Holly received her BS in Elementary Education from Nyack College and recently attended the Academy of Spiritual Formation. Her passions include encouraging others through spiritual direction, listening to God by interacting with His word and intercessory prayer.



Partner Spotlight:

Dr. Suzie Marsden (Romania)



One of Remember Nhu's great joys is getting to meet remarkable international leaders who we can partner with to do cutting-edge prevention work. Most of the time, a high character contact is referred to Remember Nhu to become a director or house parent in a place of need—and we then start up our prevention work “from scratch,” teaching the leader how to do prevention work in that country. However, other times we simply meet wonderful humans who have already been doing expert prevention work, and we simply come alongside them in order to help more children.

Such was the case with Dr. Suzie Marsden, founder of the UK charity Romania International Children's Foundation (RICF). For a bit of backstory, Dr. Marsden is not Romanian. She lives with her husband and children in Kent, England—the country where she grew up. As a young student, she was accepted into Queen's College of Cambridge for what would begin a 16-year journey of medical school, in which she started her foundation during a gap year in her studies.

When asked why she felt called to start a foundation serving children in Romania, Dr. Marsden said, “There wasn't a specific moment or an audible voice from heaven, but it was more of a ‘do the next right thing.’” Thinking back, Suzie explains that during the holiday of her second year at medical school, she went on a 3-week mission trip to help build a church in Romania. During the trip, she observed terrible injustices taking place in massive state-run Romanian orphanages.

Dr. Marsden also noticed a general orphan problem out in the public, almost everywhere she visited in Romania. “I saw young children who were living rough, ages 5-10 who were living in groups or on their own at the main station in Bucharest, begging at the gate. It just struck me that this was not right; young children so vulnerable at that kind of age, wearing rags, begging, living and sleeping rough in the capital city in a European country that was only a 3-hour flight from where I was in London.”

Upon her return, Suzie began to pray about the orphan problem in Romania. “I decided to defer my medical studies for one year to go back to Romania and see how I could help.” As a 19-year-old, Suzie spent the year interning with an organization learning how to care for 24 street kids and working with Romanian families. God began to speak to her through Psalm 37: “Trust in the LORD and do good, dwell in the land...Commit your way to the LORD, trust in Him and He will do this.”

Following God's lead, Suzie returned to England and founded RICE, seeking to raise funds in order to serve the organization's first six vulnerable children. One step at a time, God provided the right Romanian staff and families to help. Soon doors were open with the Romanian government to pair abandoned children with foster families rather than being assigned to orphanages.

Years later by the time Remember Nhu's Carl Ralston (Founder) and Ian Nelson (Vice President) first met Dr. Marsden during a visit in 2016, they observed some amazing prevention work taking place. RICE was helping to pair children at high risk of sex slavery with great families to grow up safely. In addition, Dr. Marsden also ran an incredible ministry of “Mum & Baby Pairs,” a year-long program working with pregnant prostitutes to deliver and keep their babies—while creating pathways for the baby to grow up free from sexual exploitation.

It was a no-brainer for Remember Nhu to come alongside both prevention efforts via sponsorship and funding to bring more children to safety. Remember Nhu believes in Dr. Suzie Marsden—an incredible leader, Cambridge medical graduate, and woman of faith. It will be fun to see how leaders like Suzie continue to influence and shape the ground-breaking horizons of prevention work around the world.



Guest Contributions:

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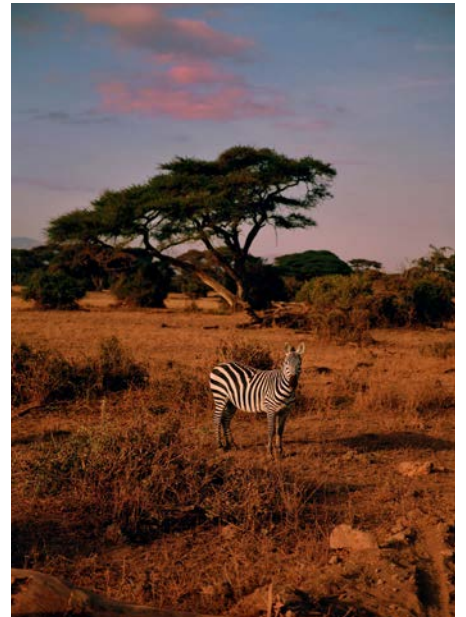
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