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Our mission is to advance the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth. We do that by strategically linking kingdom needs and opportunities with resources that the Lord has entrusted to those who love Him. Through God-given partnerships, *Heaven's Family* invests in reaching the unreached with the gospel, discipling Christ's followers, and serving the suffering—particularly those whom He referred to as the “least of these” (Matt. 25:31-46; 28:19-20).

About our photos: Due to the need to protect identities and/or because of the difficulty of getting photos in certain situations (in secret church gatherings, for example) we've used some photos from other contexts that are very similar. If none of these can be found in our archives, we've used stock images (pages 7, 21, 22, 23).

A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDER

And the King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, You did for Me.” –Matt. 25:40

Cover:

These children live in rural Laos, and are ministered to by a *Heaven's Family* partner who teaches them about Jesus and helps protect them from human trafficking as they grow.

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With one of my little friends in Myanmar ▲

How will Jesus measure the impact of our lives when we meet Him face-to-face one day?

At *Heaven's Family*, that is a question we continually ask ourselves. We long to hear the words, “Well done faithful servant” when we cross into eternity. We know you desire the same, which is why you've chosen to invest your hard-earned, God-given resources into those ministries at *Heaven's Family* that touch you in a personal way.

This annual report is designed to help answer that important question. Here you'll find information and stories from the directors of each of *Heaven's Family's* focused ministries that attest to the impact you've made in 2019. If you desire to personally communicate to any director, please do. They would love to hear from you.

It is always our goal to help people without hurting them in the process. We avoid creating unhealthy dependencies or promoting laziness or deceit. We always strive to help the poor lift themselves in sustainable ways, such as through microloans or grants to help start businesses, livestock to provide an ongoing supply of food, or education to help break the cycle of poverty. Most important, each ministry at *Heaven's Family* is committed to making and multiplying disciples.

Thanks again for impacting lives with us. We appreciate your trust, and we'll continue to do our very best to keep your confidence in 2020.

DAVID SERVANT
founder & president

Felipe thriving
at school

SCAVENGER to schoolboy

Because of you, Felipe spent his days in school in 2019, not scavenging in a toxic landfill in Guatemala 12 hours a day looking for food or junk his family could sell.

Felipe is blessed. An untold sea of others like him around the world continue to live meaningless, dangerous and hopeless lives off of the garbage of wealthier societies, but he is now on a path to freedom for himself and the generations that will follow—thanks to your generosity through *Heaven's Family's* Education Ministry.

Felipe thrived in school last year. The structure there is very different from the landfill, where the struggle to survive is raw. At school, he feels safe and free. He enjoys learning basic skills and is excited to hear about the love Jesus has for him. His heart is being transformed by the love of God and the faithfulness of the dedicated women who taught him.

The opportunity to educate a child might easily be taken for granted, but in developing countries like Guatemala, India, and others in Africa you gave new hope to families that had none.

In all, about 855 children were helped with their education last year. That included 142 sponsorships, the building of 4 classrooms, and the purchase of supplies and uniforms. You also began changing the future in Guatemala for the first time in 2019, enabling Felipe and 23 others to attend school, some for the very first time!

Your support and prayers for Felipe were essential to his success last year. Thank you for touching his sweet little heart, and for giving him a brighter future! To God be all the glory!



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You helped me walk again

Santosh stole my heart at “hello.” Doctors had been forced to remove the 20-year-old’s second leg below the knee, and gazing at his soulful eyes and sweet smile as he lay in a hospital bed was the only thing that could assuage the anger I felt at the ravages of leprosy in such a young life. The operation had saved his life, but what kind of life would he have now?

He would need a prosthesis to walk again, I reasoned, so with your help *Heaven's Family's* Leprosy Ministry provided one.

There is, however, a much broader backdrop to the problems facing not only Santosh, but every leprosy patient: adequate research to find a way to prevent the death of nerve endings, the primary source of damage to its victims. It results in the inability to feel pain, and consequent injuries causing infection and the loss of fingers, hands, legs, blindness and myriad other problems. Although a treatment exists, it can also cause a reaction that can be as devastating as the disease itself.

Thanks to a dear donor who ventured to Nepal with me in 2019, *Heaven's Family's* Leprosy Ministry made a major contribution to these research efforts, which could impact hundreds of thousands of patients in the future.

In 2019 you also helped bless patients with eye surgeries in China, provided medical care, food, educational tuition and vocational train-



Santosh by the Christian hospital in Nepal where he received his care. Both legs below the knee are now prosthetics.

ing to families in India, provided school desks, playground equipment, and special Christmas food and gifts for Blessed Camp, Kenya, and sustaining leprosy patients in a very destitute camp for internally displaced people in DR Congo. These special needs have been in addition to the monthly care that is provided in each of these countries due to your generosity.

I am eternally grateful for the hearts God has touched on their behalf. Want to know more about leprosy or Santosh’s story? Please send me an email!



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HUNGER BE gone



Karen lives in Guatemala

Little Karen lives in a very poor village in Guatemala. Because of the deep poverty of her family she had very little to eat, was underweight, and was not growing.

But after receiving a regular supply of nutritious food in 2019 that you provided, Karen's frail body responded. Other children in her village have also had their lives changed by your simple, compassionate generosity.

Even better, your gifts to *Heaven's Family's* Food Ministry made it possible for our partner to visit that community 3 times each week to bring nourishing food—and build relationships to show and teach the love of Jesus.

Malnutrition in Guatemala and other impoverished places where we work is very real. Children are starving and suffering from all levels of malnutrition. The good news is you are helping to stop this.

Last year you also provided nutritious food, milk, and—whenever possible—self-sustainable foods like cows, rabbits and fish in 9 of the poorest nations. Livestock not only feeds a family, but provides a way to earn income by selling milk or meat. And you provided *thousands* of nutritious meals to approximately 1,500 children, mothers, and those who are homeless or in prison.

Thank you for sharing from your heart and from the abundance the Lord bestowed upon you in 2019 so that Karen and many others did not go hungry! May we seek Him and hear His voice so we may continue to serve Him with joyful hearts in 2020.

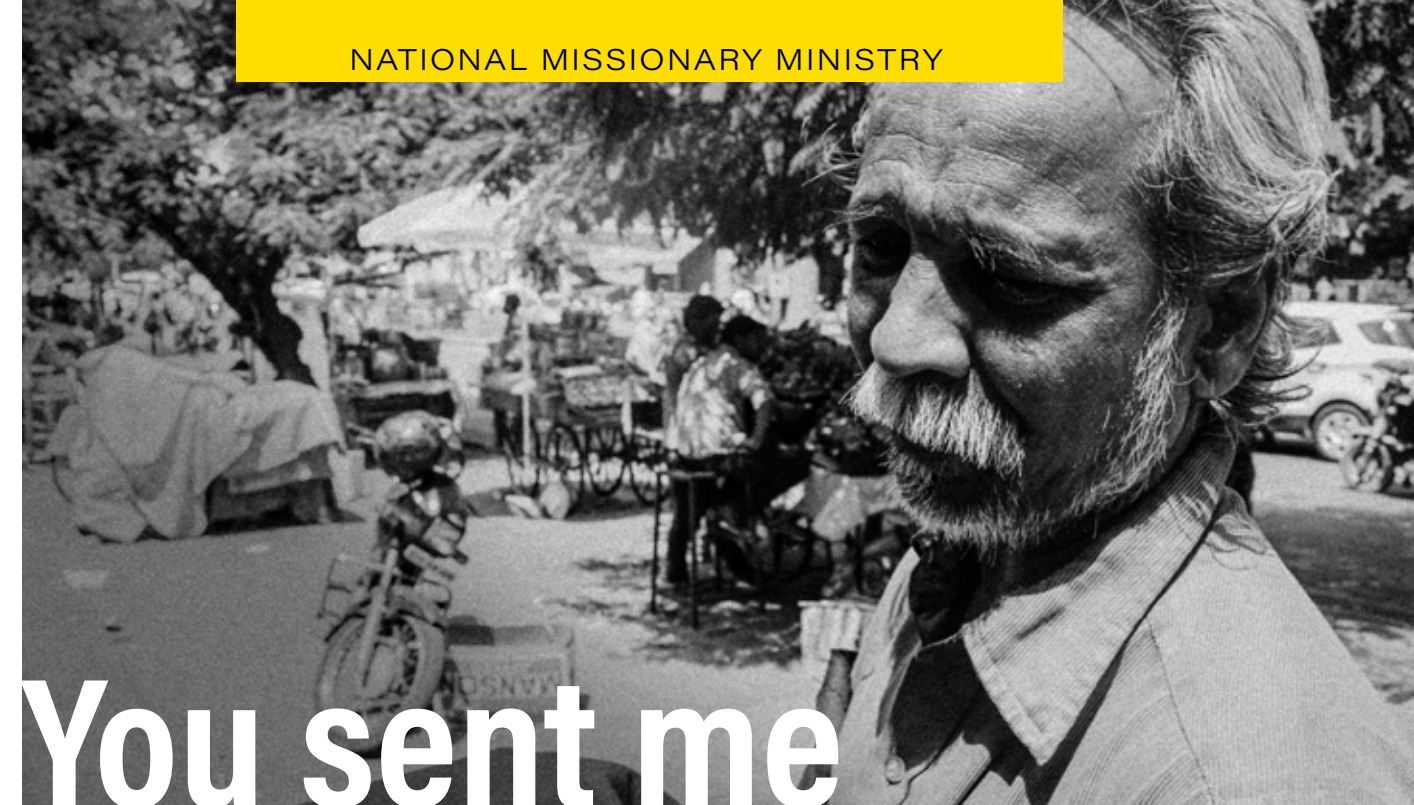


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You sent me

National Missionaries are the frontline heroes of our faith, and in 2019 you were their behind-the-scenes heroes, providing them with the support and encouragement they needed to keep going.

Often working covertly, these incredible men and women offer their lives to see the light of Jesus flourish in even the most extreme areas of the planet. Their passionate efforts may go unnoticed by many, but not you. Your partnership through *Heaven's Family* meant that these unsung heroes had the resources they needed for a full year of church planting, discipling, and inviting new hearts into the kingdom of God.

Here is one story from the frontlines—

My Name is Ravinder and I live in North India. I am married to Savitha who is from a neighboring village. God blessed me with three daughters and one son. My wife and I were born into Hindu families. When I was a young man, a Christian missionary came to my remote village. It was the first time I heard about

Jesus and I was very eager to know Him. My life was transformed with the love of Jesus.

After I was saved, I realized the calling on my life, especially for planting churches in the villages.... But people opposed us greatly.... I have been beaten up three times by the Hindu people in our own village for preaching about Jesus. But God has given us His favor and strength to continue the work in the midst of persecution.

Our church is growing and we have also started churches in three nearby villages now. My wife and I have a target of starting 10 new churches...where there are no Christians. I ask your prayers and support for our family so we will greatly be used by God to win many people.

Your faithful giving has stirred the fires of revival through 45 different missionaries in 8 nations, including China, Cuba, India, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Mexico and Kenya. "Little is much when God is in it."

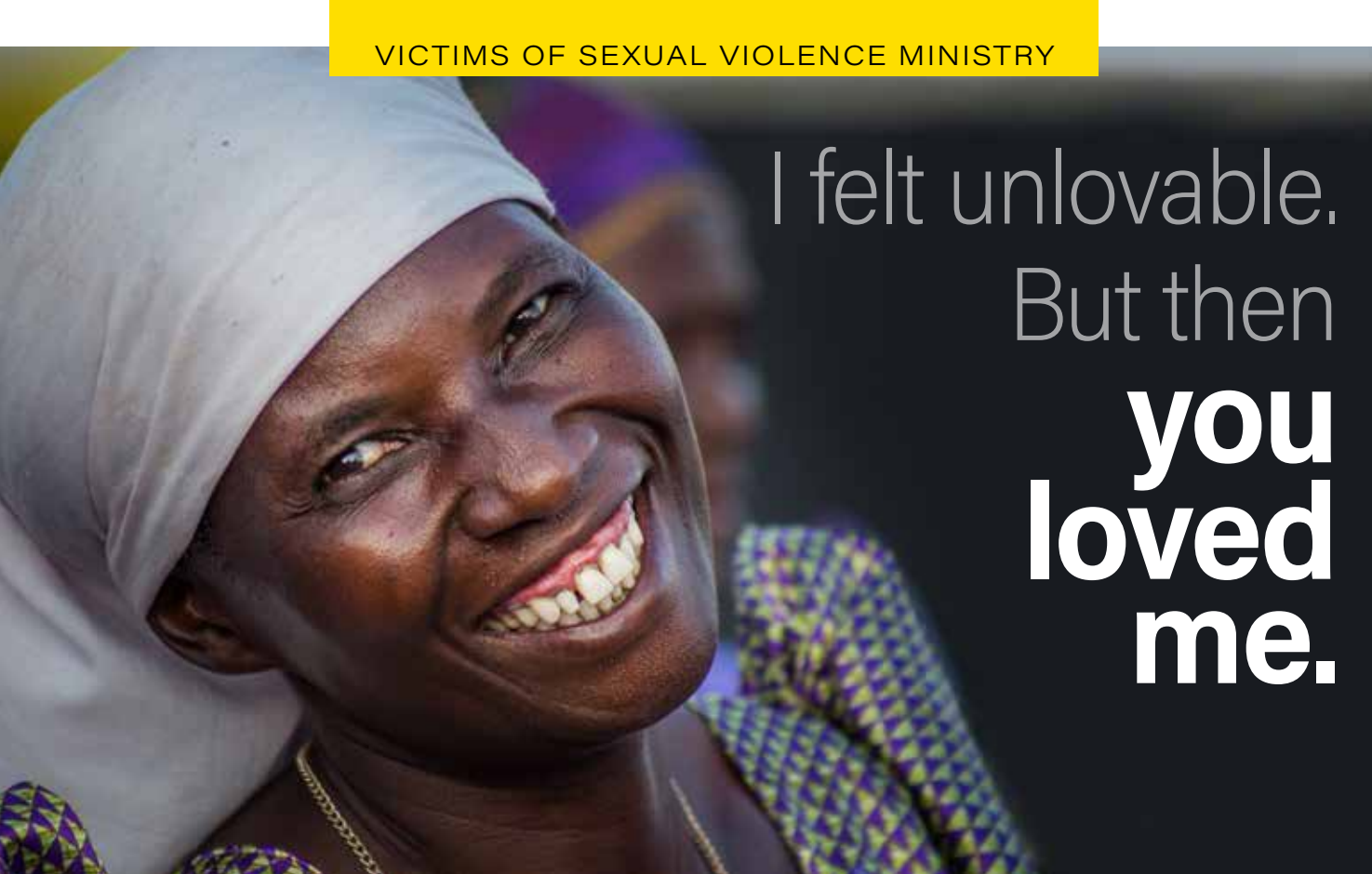


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I felt unlovable.
But then
**you
loved
me.**

▲ One of the women whose life you've helped transform in 2019

Sexual violence leaves deep, lasting scars, and sometimes results in unwanted pregnancies—a living, daily reminder of that violation. Hundreds of broken lives were touched with hope by your love in 2019.

For example, you helped three girls in Kenya—two of them, Margaret and Winnie, watched in helpless horror as their mother was raped and murdered. A third girl, Mary, was taken as a bride by an older man while still a child. All three are now students at our partner's school where their wounds can heal in a place of safety. You have provided their food, shelter, and education—and they are discipled in Jesus every day!

And Zara, a Muslim woman in Uganda who has endured beatings by her polygamous husband for attending Women of Hope meetings, is growing closer to the Lord. Because he has witnessed a change in her, he has now released Zara

to be involved without punishment. What a price she has paid for discipleship!

In 2019 you ministered through *Heaven's Family* to women and children in DR Congo, Kenya and Uganda by providing education. You also purchased textbooks, sewing machines, fabric, clothing and shoes—all of which have been used to heal hearts in an atmosphere of love.

These women and children now have freedom to live lives without shame. Old or young, student or wife, you have been a part of the process Jesus is using to heal the insidious effects of sexual violence. Thank you for your compassion!

Want to know more? Please send me an email.



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**a
home
at last**

▲ Lanyero with her 7 children in front of the home you provided. Inset: the grass hut they previously called home.

Lanyero Knight's story sounds like a segment on the show *60 Minutes*—abducted as a child by Joseph Kony of the infamous Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda to serve as a slave for rebel soldiers, she was treated brutally for years and given as a “wife” to those higher in rank. She birthed 7 children from that hellish ordeal.

When the civil war ended in 2006, Lanyero and her children were discarded and she returned home. Adding to all the abuse and pain, Lanyero was shunned from her culture and family because she lived in the enemy's camp.

With no other options, she built a little grass hut for her family.

God felt Lanyero's pain and heard her plea. When I heard about her situation I made it known to the friends of *Heaven's Family's* Widows & Abandoned Women Ministry. And you responded.

With your help we began construction of a

home for Lanyero and her children. You also helped to provide her older children with vocational training, and her younger ones with academic schooling.

In 2019, your gifts gave hope to 292 desperate, broken and hurting women in Myanmar, Kenya, Moldova and Uganda! You not only provided sustainable economic solutions for many, but also helped provide for their mentoring and discipleship. Your bottom-line impact: you helped these precious ladies find their true hope in Jesus.

Lanyero felt the love of God through your compassion for her—someone so far away who CARED about HER! That love has changed the course of her life, as well as the lives of her children.

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:5



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a **BIG** idea

Our passionate desire is that these Bhutanese children and others like them will one day become disciples who make disciples, praying instead to Jesus Christ

Disciples who make disciples who make disciples became a passion within *Heaven's Family* in 2019. We even created the Disciple Multiplication Ministry to intentionally pursue it, knowing it's the heart of Jesus.

The process is challenging, especially in places where making disciples is illegal, but be encouraged: your support multiplied disciples of Jesus Christ last year. You equipped many to take on those challenges, making disciples within the nations God has called them to serve.

One of the best examples is in Northeast India near the border of Bhutan. Bhutan is a tiny Himalayan country officially closed to the gospel. But that hasn't stopped a small church from growing within its borders, despite opposition.

So how do you disciple new believers in a closed country? Asslia and Tosh, determined women who have partnered with *Heaven's Family*, had an idea. You helped them establish a small, covert disciple-making center on the border—a strategic location allowing underground

church members to cross into India, receive training, and then go home with the resources they need to grow their communities in Christ.

This is an unprecedented, life-changing opportunity you and I have to equip our persecuted partners in that region with the tools they need to multiply disciples inside Bhutan. Each new student is an agent for revival!

This center is just one example of your impact last year. You helped empower our partners in 8 nations to become world-changing disciple-makers who have the potential to, as Paul and others were said to have done in Acts 17:6, turn this world “upside down” for Jesus Christ!

If Jesus could do this with just 12 dedicated disciples, imagine what is possible for us to do in His name.

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You **rescued** us

Rescue. When all seems lost, those who come to the rescue offer a brief glimpse of Jesus, the only true Savior of the world.

For our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ you provided a message of hope in 2019 by supplying emergency aid, shelter, emergency medical care, and covert relocation opportunities through *Heaven's Family*.

Are you sitting? *Your incredible support provided some form of rescue to more than 17,000 persecuted believers.* Let me tell you more.

NORTH KOREA | The Lord graciously opened new doors for us to be involved in one of the greatest rescue stories of our time. Through our onsite partners, you rescued 39 North Korean men, women, and children escapees who were trapped in China. Your gifts sent them through a modern underground railroad to get them to a safe country where they can start new lives.

MIDDLE EAST | Christians can be horribly

persecuted inside Pakistan, and even denied basic medical services—even for life-threatening conditions. But you provided “life” support last year, enabling our national missionary to provide an ambulance service and was able to reach 210 Christians in desperate need.

ASIA | In regions where evangelism is illegal, you helped frontier mission teams bring relief aid to Christian families displaced by civil war. The teams traveled days into remote jungle regions, delivering more than 700 relief aid packs consisting of food and basic living supplies.

This is just a brief glimpse into the hope your support has infused. Jesus will always be the greatest rescue story that could ever be told, but He gives us opportunities to create our own rescue stories for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ through our generosity and obedience. They are eternally grateful!



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**I can
see
clearly
now**

The Bomwali, a tribe of 9,000 that live in very remote villages along the banks of the Ngoko river in Cameroon, had been considered an unreached people group until last year. That's when our partners—and you—began ministering to them.

Their primary source of water was the muddy, contaminated river in the photo. They suffered—and many died—from water-borne diseases.

But you changed everything through *Heaven's Family's* Safe Water Ministry by providing them with a deep well. The people are now rejoicing—they are no longer plagued with illnesses—and we can be too, because the chief has dedicated the Bomwali villages to Jesus!

By year's end, 5 churches were planted among the Bomwali, and the people are thirsty for more

of Jesus! Neighboring villages also urgently need clean water, and want to know more of this Jesus they've heard about.

Your generosity in 2019 helped save lives, both physically and for eternity. Isn't it amazing how the gift of clean water can change things?

You also provided safe water through 20 other well projects, 3 cisterns, and water filters in 9 of the most impoverished countries of the world.

Thank you for helping to bring life and health to approximately 65,000 people last year, and leading them to the One who can give them Living Water!



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None of these children will die crossing this river when flooded, thanks to this bridge their community built

**we
did
it!**

They did it themselves. They saw the need (the river, above, was dangerous and impassable in the rainy season). They made a plan. They collected whatever meager donations of money and supplies they could. Then they built it with no outside help.

It seemed too good to be true in Africa, where so much dependency has been created by Western nations and well-intentioned missionaries. But there it stands, a testament to your impact.

To be honest, though, they couldn't have done it without first becoming profitable farmers who earned income from bountiful harvests you helped make possible through *Heaven's Family's* Farming God's Way Ministry.

Last year you helped many other destitute farmers become prosperous, and you did that by empowering Farming God's Way trainers to mentor many more subsistence farmers in 6 East African nations, by assisting with startup sup-

plies and, most importantly, by helping to disciple thousands of believers in God's Love Groups (GLGs) that provide support, encouragement and community.

Testifying about the bridge project, our partner told us: "All the people came to the agreement that the GLG has been the only answer from God to our communities." He also told us 51 school children had died crossing that river in the past 20 or so years. Many expectant mothers and the elderly and sick also perished. But now he is "filled with great joy...it's all like a dream to me and my people...praise God today for empowering the GLGs to...solve our community problem."

Thank you for being a part of the work God is doing throughout Africa!



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The face of Joy!

unquenchable JOY

had to endure in this long process.

Imagine my joy, however, when many of you stepped up to help save and restore Joy through *Heaven's Family's* Critical Medical Needs Ministry. By helping to pay her medical bills last year, including her skin graft surgeries, Joy not only survived, but is back home and thriving. The long, difficult process is over—the light at the end of the tunnel has come. This picture was taken on the day she was released from the hospital—what an expression of JOY! She's too young to fully understand what dear friends like you did for her, but in the years ahead she'll hear the story again and again of how God used you to rescue her!

In 2019, you also had a part in helping almost 9,000 of our brothers and sisters in Christ with medical emergencies. Can you believe it? Thank you for every single dollar you sacrificially gave to save those in critical medical situations.

"I am extremely happy and I wanted the Heaven's Family to join me as we thank God for the life of baby Joy!" says Virginia Wangui, her grandmother.

So let's all thank God for the life of little Joy, and all the lives you helped to save in 2019! Thank You, Jesus!



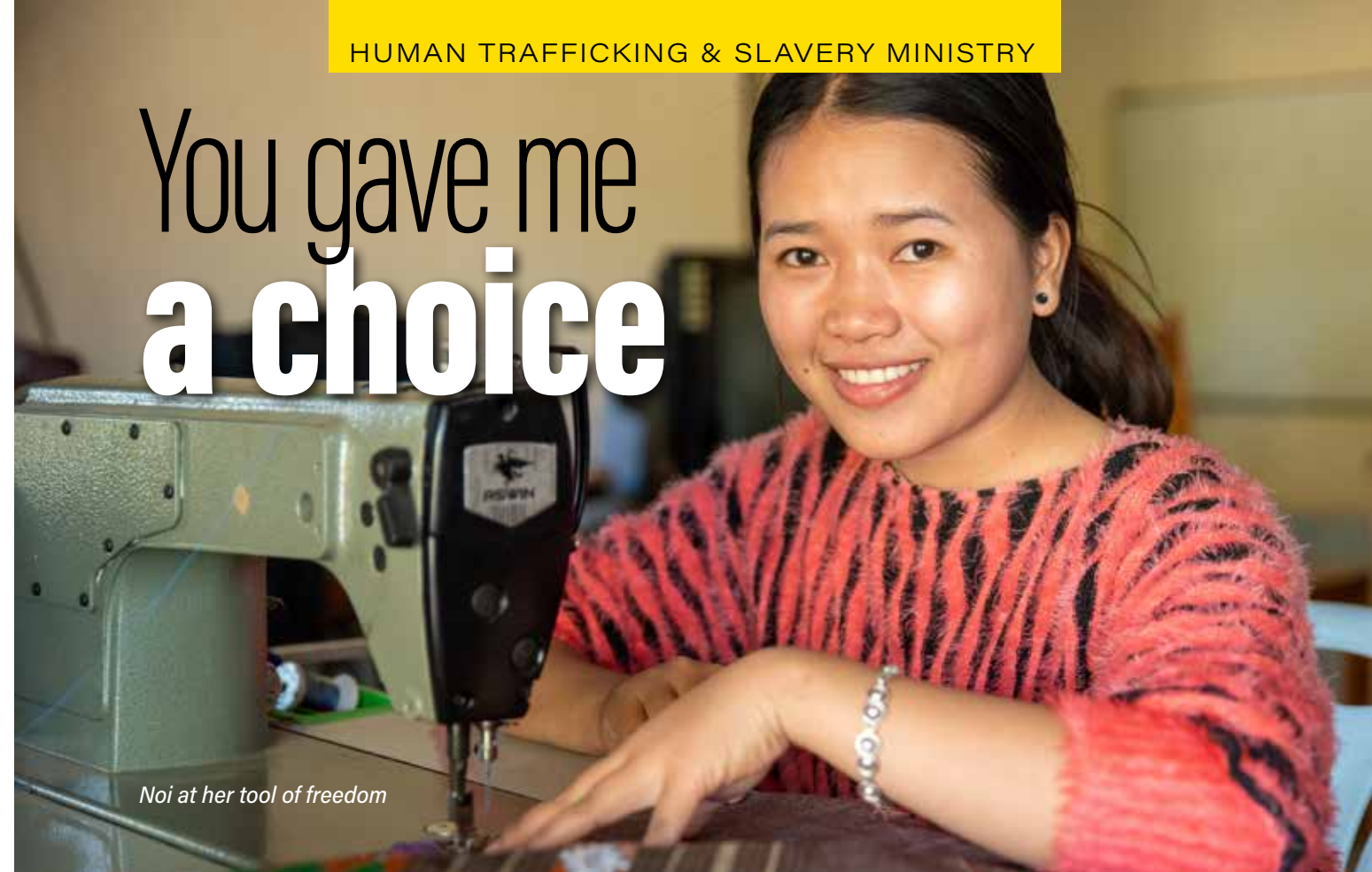
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You gave me a choice



Noi at her tool of freedom

Noi had few choices. She felt intense pressure to help support her aging parents and younger siblings—like others in her culture—and had no marketable skills. She was also very naive about the world, especially city life, which made her a prime target for those in the business of exploitation.

But before Noi could become a victim, she became a live-in sewing apprentice with our partner in Laos.

Throughout 2019 Noi learned from our partner, a master seamstress; at the same time, her teacher sowed the words of God into her heart. It wasn't long before Noi, raised a Bhuddist, gave her heart to Jesus. Our partner also began ministering in Noi's village and, by year's end, birthed a fledgling church of about 12!

Human Trafficking is everywhere, maybe even

in your hometown. It's not new, just our awareness of it. Thankfully there are heroes like you who've chosen to do something about it.

If you've sown into *Heaven's Family's* Human Trafficking & Slavery Ministry last year, you helped free 108 victims. You also helped protect more than 50,000 from trafficking & slavery, most of whom are children extremely at risk. This came in the form of meals, after-school prevention and other programs, plus vital hands-on building of relationships by our partners who shared God's love in both word and deed.

Thank you for standing in the gap for so many, and for letting Jesus' love shine through you!



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a family's blessing

Blessing lived with her parents and two sisters in an extremely poor, remote village in norther Myanmar. Almost cut off from the rest of the country by high mountains, the villagers believed—as most people do—that life would be better outside their village.

One day a man came to their village painting a picture of opportunity and a better life for their children. He could provide them with free board and lodging, he said, so they could attend a good school in Yangon, Myanmar's largest city.

Blessings' parents thought this would be a great opportunity for her, their eldest child, so they sent her away to a "better life" with 9 other kids that day.

It wasn't long before Blessing began sorely missing her family. The school in Yangon, it turned out, wasn't any better than the one in her home village. Blessing wanted to go home. Months turned into two years. She had trouble remembering her village's language.

She then learned that a team of compassionate people, which included you, cared about her, and wanted her reunited with her family.

That team also included social workers who began the long, hard work of reunification. And now, because of your



Blessing with her youngest sister ▲

financial support, Blessing is back with her family and is thriving in her school and community.

In 2019, you helped 64 other children like Blessing through *Heaven's Family's* Orphan's Tear Ministry. Some are now living with their families, while others are at various stages of the process that it takes to ensure that we return children to safe, healthy environments.

I'm happy to report that you've helped a total of over 120 children—all with stories very similar to Blessing's—return to live with their families. Thank you for your compassion, and for standing with us in our mission to return every institutionalized child to a safe family environment. It's a huge task, but we know this is the very heart of our Heavenly Father.



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you disciplined me

Incredible as it may seem, you helped make disciples in the dark prisons of DR Congo, Rwanda, Cameroon, Uganda, Kenya and Cuba in 2019.

Each time you made it possible to minister to one of these broken souls, you did so to Jesus. He said that when you minister to the "least of these" (those in prison are among those He so defined), you minister to Him (Matt 25:36, 40).

It's such a great privilege to serve Jesus and you through this ministry! The front-line chaplains you support are very poor and visit those in the worst prisons imaginable. These faithful men and women are not only thankful for your financial support, but feel overwhelmed that someone so far away would care about their work. These brave brothers in Christ continue to selflessly preach the love of Jesus to those whom society wants to throw on the trash heap. You're sending them this message: "We value you greatly, and we are overjoyed to know you and pray for you."



Baptism ceremony in a Burundi women's prison ▲

Let me share some amazing numbers that help quantify your fruitfulness through *Heaven's Family's* Prison & Rehab Ministry.

In total, you reached more than 20,000 souls with the gospel, including almost 3,000 decisions for Christ in Cameroon alone!

In addition, you also supported 12 chaplains in Burundi, and more than 2,000 chaplains in Cuba. You helped rescue 150 young people from addictions in Mexico. And you continued to disciple inmates in Kenya, DR Congo and even the USA, where the Malachi Program continues to bear much fruit reconciling children with their incarcerated fathers.

Thank you so much!



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strength to face the UNIMAGINABLE



◀ You helped Rebecca in her early days of recovery as she healed from the devastating acid wounds. You also helped her children (inset, with a former portrait of their mother partially overlaying her current disfigurement) continue in school. [Update: I just learned that Rebecca has been approved for surgeries that will help restore her face.]

He wanted revenge, so one day he splashed her face and arms with acid, melting her skin like wax in seconds, leaving her sightless and rendering her faceless.

Through your generous giving we have been able to provide Rebecca with emergency care, ongoing medical treatment, family assistance, and her most important concern: tuition for her 3 children to continue attending school.

Although unable to right the wrongs of evil, justify the unimaginable, or humanize acts of terror, we are able to instill faith, restore hope, and provide Christ-like compassion for those suffering desperate circumstances.

2019 was a year of abundant blessing for Heaven's Family's Disabilities Ministry. Your faithful generosity provided mobility assistance for 10 physically challenged individuals, tuition for 19 students with special needs, 2 homes for families living with challenging physical disabilities, 3 life-changing surgeries, and almost 7,000 meals for those marginalized, outcast and isolated due to their physical or mental limitations.

Thank you so very much for making 2019 a year of restoration. I believe 2020 to be a fantastic springboard going into 2020. I love your passion for the "least of these" we serve together!



CARMEN PARISE | director

from NIGHTMARE to dream



▲ Margaret Muthaliwa, a widow, cares for 6 grandchildren left by her 2 daughters who died of HIV/AIDS. A cyclone destroyed their home last year. They had "nowhere to sleep...every night mosquitoes found their diet on us [some got malaria]. I as a parent could not sleep day and night watching for my grand children. Today, as you can see I am restored. The [local church] worked very hard bringing all [your] building and roofing materials here—all like a dream—until the house is built... I don't know how I can thank you, but God alone knows and I pray that He should continue blessing you more and more." [Note: photo taken just before the windows and doors were installed.]

Much of the world was spared from major natural disasters in 2019, and for that we're grateful. But for those who didn't escape tragedy, such as Margaret Muthaliwa (at left), we're grateful that you were there for her, providing the materials to rebuild.

You also impacted lives in 6 nations last year through Heaven's Family's Disaster Relief Ministry—Malawi, Mozambique, India, Laos and the Bahamas. Lives that hung in the balance until you stepped up and gave of yourself.

In all, the roughly \$42,000 you and others generously donated helped an estimated 1,200 victims, most of whom were not helped by anyone else (about \$28/person).

And because you touched these lives with emergency relief and rebuilding supplies, they also heard about God's love. Even better, your compassion has helped key partners, such as in the communist country of Laos, gain footholds for the gospel in new territories where the name of Jesus has not been known.

Thank you for impacting so many for the kingdom of God!



JEFF TROTTER | director

You helped me succeed



Stella

Stella arrived at our Micro-Banker Summit last year in Barlonyo, a remote village in northern Uganda, to deepen her knowledge of business, faith, and what it means to be a leader in *Heaven's Family's* Microloan Ministry.

Stella lit up the room of 37 other attendees with her irrepressible joy, faith and love. With her first loan in 2018 she had opened a restaurant. Business thrived and she paid back her loan. But Stella wanted a bigger challenge. We recognized her ability as a leader and her desire to learn more, so we made her into a micro-banker. Stella now offers loans and guidance to many others, thanks to the training and capital you invested in her last year.

Wanting to do more, she also opened a motor-cycle taxi business!

When not conducting business, Stella loves to worship her Lord and Savior, whom she values

above all else. She inspires our team to trust Jesus more every time we are with her.

Last year you made it possible to provide small-business loans to 1,186 very poor brothers and sisters (many with stories of similar resilience and ingenuity to Stella) around the world. You helped them gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of business through training, and helped them grow in relationship to Jesus Christ through discipleship. And more than 280 students received training.

You created opportunity and fostered self-sufficiency for many in 2019, helping to break the cycle of poverty in some of the world's poorest places. Thank you for making that happen.



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Fan in the FLAMES



Fan counted the cost of putting her faith in Jesus. She had just heard about Him for the first time in her life, and she wanted to make Him Lord of her life.

But Fan lives in China, where claiming Jesus as Lord *really does cost something*—loss of homes and jobs, rejection by family, imprisonment, and even torture and death. And persecution increased last year. Following Him was going to change her life in *every* way.

In 2019 you helped encourage and strengthen Chinese believers—many of them from tribes such as the A-Che, which had never heard the name of Jesus until a few years ago.

This help couldn't have come at a better time, because this persecution brought financial implications on their relatives, too, causing them to turn against their believing kin. Some are required to renounce their faith in order to receive housing.

Fan, now a house church leader, has learned the cost of her faith. One day her older brother

forced her to bow before their family's tombs to worship their ancestors by physically pushing her over. In tears, her spirit did not submit.

This kind of loss and mistreatment breaks my heart. I was incredibly encouraged, however, by you who gave to *Heaven's Family's* Unreached People Groups Ministry. You made possible some key secret gatherings of believers last year—vital meetings that helped sustain these persecuted believers both spiritually and physically (everyone present was given a very warm jacket, for example, just in time for winter, and new believers were given audio Bibles that included teachings and worship songs).

In this climate of persecution it's difficult to attach numbers to your impact. But please know that you're an incredible blessing to your brothers and sisters in Christ here. Thank you for your steadfast compassion for them in their hour of need.



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You, a SMUGGLER?

What a joy it is to partner with you in sowing the Word of God in very difficult places. Your gifts through *Heaven's Family's* Strategic Bibles Ministry in 2019 has produced incredible fruit despite new levels of persecution that erupted around the world. In the face of great danger, our bold partners continue to sacrifice their comfort and, at times, risk their lives, to distribute God's Word where people are hungry for its lifegiving truth.

Let me share how you touched the world.

In the Middle East, you helped translate the language of two mostly-illiterate tribes in Afghanistan for the very first time, and they'll be receiving audio copies of the New Testament on digital players this year. Our partners are grateful to you for making this vital recording project possible! You also helped smuggle Bibles from Iraq into Iran via secret mountain pathways.

In China, a new wave of persecution last year made gospel outreach more challenging. Despite increased opposition, you helped our secret partners deliver 3,000 Bibles to underground church networks in five provinces.

In India, you helped supply hundreds of Bibles to one of the most unreached areas of the country amid much opposition from Hindu radicals. Our supported national missionaries were thrilled to be able to use God's Word in their outreaches, and be able to offer them as gifts to receptive listeners.



▲ *Bibles must sometimes be smuggled across treacherous mountain passages, such as this one along Iran's border*

Elsewhere in Asia, your investment provided Bibles to the Wu people group inside a combat zone within Myanmar. In Nepal, 5,000 new scripture portions and tracts were supplied to our disciple-making partners. And in Cambodia hundreds of desperately needed Bibles were delivered to underground house churches.

None of this could have been possible without your partnership in the Kingdom of God.

Thank you!



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SYRIAN SALVATION

It has been 9 years since the beginning of the war in Syria. Millions have fled their country, while millions more are displaced within Syria, never far from conflict.

For several years caring people like you have helped to sustain victims through *Heaven's Family's* Refugee Ministry. And during that time we have connected you to a church in Syria, through which you provided life-sustaining parcels containing food and other essentials each month last year to 100 of the most needy families.

I'm overjoyed to report your tangible expression of love has resulted in many of those families coming to know and serve Jesus!

One of those was Selma. She fled her village after ISIS entered and destroyed her home and killed her husband. She fled with her children and her brother-in-law, but afterwards he assault-

ed her, so she kicked him out of her family's one-room apartment. His departure meant no more money for rent, so she took to the streets to beg.

In desperation, Selma went to a church in town that she heard might help. To her surprise she, a Muslim, was received with love, compassion and respect. She immediately began receiving a monthly food parcel. Selma and her children now attend services regularly, wanting to know the Source of the love and peace they've received.

Thank you for your partnership in this vital work. You also impacted lives in Senegal, Lebanon, Kenya, Guatemala and DR Congo in 2019. Won't it be exciting to learn one day of all those who are now worshipping God because you cared?



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You touched these lives in 2019...



You're on a roll! Touch more in 2020.

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As a member of the **Compassion Club**, your monthly contribution will be used to fund pressing needs personally approved by David Servant from among the many opportunities that the directors of *Heaven's Family's* 20 ministries encounter in the world's neediest places.

The **Compassion Club** is an answer to the cry of your love-filled heart—and *your chance to personally touch a life among the "least of these"!* Why not join today?

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