

## BEFORE AND AFTER NPH

Sisters Anita and Valentina grew up in extreme poverty. When their family broke down, no one in their family was able to care for them. Fortunately they were welcomed into our NPH family in the Dominican Republic. The girls are happy and healthy making the most of their opportunities.

**Education breaks the cycle of poverty**



We support children through education, from preschool all the way to university and vocational training.

Education gives children the opportunity to become independent and break free from the cycle of poverty.



## FROM OUR OFFICE

2021 has been quite a year, we seem to get a taste again of normal life then suddenly it's halted again, only to open up this summer. It has been wonderful to see one another while still remaining cautious. It has been a pleasure to welcome some of you back in the office this year.

Our thoughts are always with the more than 3,000 children in the care of our Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos homes and how they are managing through this Pandemic. Many of the children have been attending school online and some in classes but with the same restrictions we have had here in our schools. When we read letters from the homes it makes us reflect on how blessed we are here in our country even during these difficult times.

We are so thankful for the support you have continued to show your godchildren over these past months. It is wonderful to see how many of you reach out to make a child's future shine brighter with more possibilities than they ever imagined. As we approach the Christmas season and celebrate with our families, may we contemplate on how we

can continue to help our homes and the children.

We look forward to next year when hopefully some of the projects will take place and we will see participants enjoy visits to the homes and helping in person in any way possible.

What a thrill it is here in the office, to pass along the small gifts and cards that godparents send to their godchildren. We process these mailings as quickly as possible. We are finding at times, that the postal service in some of the countries can be very challenging. We are so very thankful that donors are so generous and are grateful that we have the option of receiving donations to the Sharing Fund. These funds provide much additional enjoyment for the children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your continued support, it is so very much appreciated. May you find much to be thankful for and feel truly blessed as we celebrate this Christmas Season.

Merry Christmas from all of us at FOTOCAN.



### President's Message

Coming out of the Thanksgiving Holiday, we have all been counting our blessings. Here, at FOTOCAN, we are so thankful for all of the donors that have maintained their sponsorship or even boosted it during the pandemic. For sure, we have lost a few sponsors who have had their income reduced by the situation, but in total, sponsorship has increased a little bit over this time last year. Who would have thought?!

With this strength of support, and with a few generous boosters, we are confident that FOTOCAN will be able to meet their commitment to the NPH homes in 2021. Now we need to look ahead to so special projects and how we can fund them. Please continue your valuable support as you are able. We will start planning for some project teams to visit the homes in 2023.

Many thanks for all that you do.

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Making a difference one life at a time



## NPH MEXICO

Aurora Zacarias (right) was born into extreme poverty in Mexico. Her mother passed away and her father was unable to care for her and her siblings.

Aurora and her siblings excelled at school and took full advantage of the educational support NPH offered. Aurora is now a senior financial advisor, her brother is a doctor, and her sister is an accountant. Aurora has continued this legacy by sponsoring a child at NPH Mexico.

We were honoured to have Aurora as the keynote speaker at our A.G.M. some years ago.



### NPH EL SALVADOR



Built in the style of our flagship home in Mexico, NPH El Salvador is a self-contained flourishing home located off the main highway between the city of Santa Ana and smaller town of Texistepeque. Our home "Casa Sagrada" (Sacred Heart) was established in 1999 as the sixth NPH home. Over 100 children and young people are fully supported and living at our main home or university home in Santa Ana. NPH supports another 400 children living in the local community through educational scholarships, healthcare and nutritional programmes.

El Salvador is still experiencing the impacts of their 12 year civil war (finishing in 1992). Many children became orphans because of the war. The new war that El Salvador is experiencing is the 'Drug War', with gang violence affecting many communities in El Salvador.

Our NPH helps children who cannot live with their families as well as disadvantaged children living in neighbouring communities. The NPH property includes a preschool through to secondary school, clinic, administrative offices, chapel, vocational workshops, a farm and gardens, dining room and kitchen; houses for the boys, girls and the babies.

NPH El Salvador is led by Dora Serrano, who grew up at NPH El Salvador, studied psychology and worked for several years as a psychologist at NPH Honduras.

### NPH BOLIVIA



In a remote lowland village surrounded by trees and expansive green fields, resides the ninth NPH home, Casa Padre Wasson. The Bolivian family began in April 2005 at a small home in Santa Cruz.

In 2008 NPH Bolivia expanded to their own property in the countryside with 12 family-style homes that house almost 120 children. As Bolivia is the poorest country in South America, NPH is eager to grow and offer protection and family strengthening services to children in need.

Currently 108 children call NPH Bolivia home, while 34 children in the community receive scholarships to study at our school. Another 25 children in the community receive other forms of ongoing support.

Our NPH property includes a community clinic, a primary school, and homes for volunteers and staff members, a fish farm, a farm and vegetable garden.

NPH Bolivia is fortunate to be near the community of Portachuelo, where our secondary children attend school. The home is proud to have a number of university students who are living in Santa Cruz and return to NPH on the weekends and during their holidays.

NPH Bolivia is led by National Director Patricia Rueda.

### NPH NICARAGUA

On rolling hills of picturesque farmland, our community centre in Jinotepe, Nicaragua is called Casa Padre Wasson. Over 400 children supported by NPH Nicaragua through family strengthening programmes. Opening in 1994, NPH Nicaragua became the third NPH branch in Central America.

NPH Nicaragua has an onsite school for children and young people through to the 11th grade. We have been able to keep our school running during the pandemic, with health precautions in place. Our on-site clinic provides

medical care to our students, volunteers, staff and their families.

Covid 19 affects Nicaragua. We are able to keep our school running with health precautions in place. We start our OneFamily community programme to reintegrate the children with their biological families, while providing them ongoing support.

NPH Nicaragua remains committed to serving the poor and vulnerable in the local community, providing education, nutrition and healthcare to children in need.

## ST DAMIEN PAEDIATRIC HOSPITAL

**NPH runs the only children's hospital in the whole of Haiti (a country of 11 million people).**

**In Haiti 1 in 10 children do not make it to their 5th birthday. With your help we can prevent another mother from losing her child.**

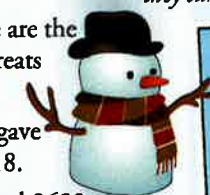


What we do:

- **We are saving lives in Haiti** – We deliver over 80,000 services to children, babies and pregnant women every year.
- **We help children with cancer** – We are the only hospital in the country which treats children who have cancer.
- **We help keep hearts beating** – We gave cardiac surgery to 26 children in 2018.
- **We help deliver babies** – We delivered 2689 babies in 2018 and helped women with high-risk pregnancy needs.
- **We help the poorest of Haiti's children** – We help kids who are affected by malnutrition, cholera, TB and HIV.

#### Mission Statement

*The healthcare programs of NPH Haiti are motivated by the gospel command to care for the sick and strive to offset the injustices of poverty and unemployment which make healthcare inaccessible for many poor people. Poverty imposes a tremendous burden of sickness and suffering on many children. In an effort to help precisely these children, St. Damien Pediatric Hospital offers both children of poverty, and children of any social level in emergent distress. Quality and dignified healthcare. St. Damien always seeks to include the parent participation in this care through ongoing dialogue, on-site opportunities for education and encouraging any level of material support they can offer to the care of their children.*



Right now, the needs at St. Damien Hospital are mostly structural. As always, there is a need for materials, medicines and personal protective equipment. However, there are also other urgent needs, such as getting a new generator to deal with blackouts, the expansion of the operating suite, renovations to the sanitary block, building a mortuary, updating the computer and telecommunications system, obtaining an air purifier, rebuilding the waste disposal system, and setting up the backyard parking lot. The hospital also needs to strengthen its security infrastructure due to the growing instability which exposes the hospital to various risks. Needed improvements include increasing the number of cameras, adding more lighting, and building reinforced fences.

