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We Have Merged

There are some significant changes happening within ORA New Zealand and Hope Street this year which we would like you to know about. ORA New Zealand and Hope Street have been supporting the same international partners and have shared very similar missions and values. However, we have been running two brands and are beginning to see some duplication of work with this model.

The first change we have made is to merge ORA New Zealand and Hope Street. Joining together we can have a greater positive impact and improve efficiency. You will notice other changes over the coming months as we rebrand and merge websites. Rest assured, we will continue to honour the histories and cultures of our organisations while strengthening the long-term future for all. We will work together for a common goal of showing God's practical love, building on the commitment and dedication of all who have previously worked in ORA New Zealand and Hope Street.

Above all we want to make the process of this merger and rebranding as seamless as possible for our donors, international partners and beneficiaries. We will communicate regularly throughout this change and welcome your input along the journey. More information is available from the contact points listed on the back page.

This is a great step forward and we look forward to your continued support.

Jan Barker & Megan McPherson

IF YOU WANT TO GO QUICKLY, GO ALONE.
IF YOU WANT TO GO FAR, GO TOGETHER.

-AFRICAN PROVERB

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

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

OUR APPROACH

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

Protect the vulnerable from neglect, trafficking and exploitation.

Future-proof initiatives to ensure long-term sustainability.



HOPE FOUNDATION, UGANDA

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

The team in Uganda work closely with the local communities and are focused on rescuing, rehabilitating and repatriating children.



MGA, MOLDOVA

MGA runs an agricultural project, currently leasing 400ha of land, employing local villagers to grow grain crops. The project exists to combat chronic poverty caused by high rates of unemployment, alcoholism and population decline.



LOGOS GLOBAL VISION, BULGARIA

Logos runs training schools and anti-trafficking education. The team also provides practical support for refugees and orphans by helping them with their needs and integration into society.



LIVING WATERS, MYANMAR

Living Waters is a children's home in Myanmar's Shan State which provides education and a safe, loving environment for children at risk of being trafficked or exploited. Living Waters focuses on children from illiterate and drug-addicted families.

The project also runs medical clinics and outreaches in regions with no health care.



TRAINING & SUPPORT, NEW ZEALAND

Our New Zealand office supports each team overseas to reach their own community. We do so by providing training, resource, guidance, support and accountability.



CHAFISI, KENYA

Chafisi works to educate and empower destitute children and their families. ORA New Zealand is focused on equipping Chafisi to be self-sustainable with projects including a market garden.



ORA UGANDA

ORA Uganda runs a rural child sponsorship program which supports 140 children. Each child receives education, basic health care, counselling and extracurricular activities. The program has a strong emphasis on life skills to raise up strong members of the community. Most of the sponsored children live with extended family, only the most at-risk children live in the residential care homes.

ORA Uganda also runs a successful microfinance program, child focused agricultural projects, children's resource library, and clean water projects in communities with no safe water supply. They work closely with local schools, vocational training institutes and community leaders.



LUKU LTD, UGANDA

Luku is a social business growing coffee and other crops, aiming for local sustainability of the ORA Uganda and Hope Foundation projects. Luku is currently investigating other income generating activities, including a university hostel.



Hope Foundation Safe Home

West Nile, Uganda

THE HOME

There are an estimated 10,000 street children in Uganda. Poverty, abuse, hunger and parental death drives children to the cities to fend for themselves. This flow is largely unmitigated; state funded systems are underfunded and limited to the larger centres. Living in society's blind eye these children are often shunned by their communities and highly vulnerable to exploitation.

Uganda's proximity to underground slave markets in Europe, Sudan and Congo has made it a prime source for child traffickers. Street children are seen as easy targets by traffickers as they have no family or community to look out for them and are seldom reported to authorities when they disappear. Additionally, street children are easily lured by the false offer of a job or money due to their desperation and despair. The UN has identified street-dwelling-children as those most at risk of being trafficked. Those who aren't sold into slavery have a short life expectancy, mainly due to preventable diseases such as malaria and typhoid.

In 2012 the Hope Foundation safe home was opened to care for some of these children. After a screening period street children are brought into the Hope Foundation family and are given love, counselling, education, medical care, clothes; things that every child deserves. Those in the home have formed a tight-knit family, looking out for each other and showing deep bonds. There are currently 22 children in Hope Foundation's program. They are excelling in school and have dreams to be doctors, teachers and politicians. We're raising the next generation's leaders and they're doing us proud.

Hope Foundation's children at a sports day.



FIONA'S STORY

Fiona's family life was not a happy one. Her father was an alcoholic who abused his children. The family lived in poverty and the little money they did get was quickly spent feeding his habit, leaving nothing behind for food or school fees. As Fiona grew up the abuse escalated and the poverty worsened, but with no active foster care system or formal help available Fiona had no way to escape.

Eventually, at 10 years old, Fiona gathered the courage to leave. She ran away, landing up on the streets where she slept in bus shelters or under small shopping stalls at night. She spent her days looking for odd jobs to survive.

When we met Fiona she had been on the streets for a year. She was timid and depressed with little hope for her future. Fiona was at extreme risk of being trafficked, it is miraculous that she survived her year on the streets.

Today Fiona has been with Hope Foundation for six years. She is happy, healthy and is excelling in school. Last year she scored the third highest mark for her year level. Her eyes shine with hope and she dreams of one day being a teacher. But this story doesn't end with Fiona. When a non-orphaned street child joins Hope Foundation's program, our social workers engage their biological family and work to reunite family bonds. After four years of counselling, Fiona's father had stopped drinking and Fiona was able to move back to her family village. Our staff make regular visits and bring back reports of a healthy, thriving family.

Fiona, aged eleven below, thirteen on the right, and fourteen on the cover page.



ORA Residential Care Home

West Nile, Uganda

THE HOME

Children on ORA Uganda's rural child sponsorship program mostly live with their own family or another family in their community. This is the ideal. However, some of the children who live in impoverished homes are at very high risk, especially when they are malnourished, have ongoing health issues, or are adversely affected by family problems. In 2009 the first ORA Uganda residential care home was opened to care for these high risk children.

16 sponsored children can be cared for in two homes on the ORA Uganda base. The children are loved in 'families' made up of one Ugandan mother and up to eight children, in an environment where broken hearts are mended and hope for the future is cultivated. Some children stay for a few months, others for years. Currently nine children live in the homes. They each have a different story, HIV positive, sickle cell anaemia, elderly and ill grandparents as guardians. Now they are all healthier and happy!

BERNARD'S STORY

Meet Bernard. The leader of his home village tells us Bernard would not be alive today without ORA Uganda's sponsorship or residential care facility. This is because he has a hereditary illness, sickle cell disease. He receives regular blood transfusions for anaemia, gets attacks of pain, swelling in his joints, bacterial infections and has also suffered a slight stroke. Several of his older siblings died of sickle cell disease, so when Bernard started showing symptoms of the disease his family gave up hope for him. His father abandoned him and his mother passed away.

House-mother Florence with two girls from ORA's residential care home.



Bernard joined ORA Uganda's child sponsorship program in 2006. He was one of the first children to move into the residential care homes in 2009. He told the house mother that he had never known motherly love the way she showed it. Even though his health has improved dramatically Bernard's illness still causes him to miss a lot of school. However, he is a bright student who works very hard, reading books and studying for examinations. Bernard is currently in Senior 4 (NZ equivalent Year 11) and is planning to study to be a medical laboratory technician. During school holidays Bernard returns to his home village to spend time with extended family.

Can You Help?

ORA Uganda sponsorship covers education, medical and other costs for a sponsored child, but not the additional costs of a sponsored child living in the residential care home, such as food, clothing and the carers' wages. \$40 per month per child will cover these additional costs.

The average cost for a child on the intensive Hope Foundation program is currently \$150 per month.

Please consider giving regularly, giving a one-off donation, or purchasing a Homes of Life gift (see page 6) to support the life-saving work with children like Fiona and Bernard.



Bernard, aged ten below and twelve on the right.



Living Waters Home

Shan State, Myanmar



THE HOME

If you've been following either of Hope Street or ORA's newsletters you might have read about Noah and Ruth. They have been running a children's home in Myanmar for the last six years, looking after 25 rescued children who were ear-marked to be trafficked. Their home is in the Golden Triangle region, currently considered the world's largest producer of methamphetamine and second largest producer of illicit opium. An estimated 82% of households in this region are involved in the drug trade, leading to alarmingly high rates of addiction and abuse. The oversupply of drugs brings increased poverty and unemployment and leads to such extreme financial desperation that parents resort to selling their own children. Boys are sold to militant groups and girls to brothels in China and Thailand.

Noah and Ruth, along with their four biological children and two-dozen rescued children, live in a rented two-bedroom house which floods in the rainy season. They have based their home in a city centre which, though far from the children's home villages, hosts both primary and secondary schools and medical treatment. The children are happy. They look after each other and oh, how they love mama Ruth. The daily routine is strict but playtime is long and full of laughter. Each Saturday they travel to the forest to collect firewood for cooking, bamboo shoots to eat, and frogs for dinner. Noah and Ruth's vision is to raise children who can effect change in a region in despair.

CATHERINE'S STORY

At the tender age of five, Catherine's mother and grandmother tried to sell her. A Thai woman was visiting their village in rural Myanmar to recruit child prostitutes and Catherine very nearly fell victim. While we cannot publish the details of Catherine's rescue, we know it would not have been possible without our local partners, Noah and his wife Ruth. They facilitated her journey to safety and she now lives in their family home along with 24 other rescued children.

Now seven years old, Catherine lives a very happy life. She goes to school, has good friends, is incredibly loved and laughs often. Noah and Ruth are working with her mother and grandmother to one day repatriate Catherine back to her family home.

Help Buy a Home

Living Waters have a major need for a new home. Their current rental sometimes floods, and the small two bedroom property is far from ideal for 29 children. We fundraised considerably at Hope Street's events last year but are still a way off the amount needed to buy a suitable property. Can you help?



Near: Current accommodation.
 Middle: Flooding on the property.
 Far-Right: Flooding in the boys' bedroom.



Books for Africa

Uganda & Kenya

IMPROVING LITERACY

In the communities we're working with in Uganda and Kenya, most children have limited access to books. Due to poverty levels the majority of homes and schools have no reading material and community libraries don't exist. However, studies linking low literacy levels to poverty, welfare and unemployment show that a lack of reading material only perpetuates the poverty cycle.

Reading improves literacy and educational outcomes, increases concentration capacity, advances vocabulary and linguistic skills, develops imagination and creative abilities, and allows children to learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience. In the communities

Project library in Kenya.



we're working with, reading is a novelty activity which the children love to participate in.

We have been working with projects in Uganda and Kenya to improve literacy levels. Both projects have small libraries, but not enough books for all the children they care for. We want every child to reach their full potential, to become a literate and educated adult who can give back to their community.

AN IMPORTANT JOURNEY BEGINS WHEN WE PROVIDE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN. BOOKS INSPIRE A LIFETIME OF LEARNING, SEND THEM ON EXCITING ADVENTURES, LEAD TO NEW INTERESTS AND REVEAL NEW OPPORTUNITIES. BOOKS CHANGE LIVES.

Fill the Shelves

Donate to our Books for Africa Appeal to help us fill library shelves in Uganda and Kenya, providing age and culturally appropriate reading material for the children we care for.



Buy a Homes of Life Gift

HOW HOMES OF LIFE GIFTS WORK...

- 1 You buy a gift and ORA gives it to a **Homes of Life** project in Uganda or Myanmar.
- 2 We send you a card that you can personalise and give as a gift to your family member, friend or workmate.
- 3 The card tells them you've found the perfect gift for them, a gift to transform the lives of children.



A full list of gifts is available at oranewzealand.org

		<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Total</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Books for a child	\$10	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mosquito net	\$15	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Games (e.g. soccer ball)	\$20	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheets and blanket	\$25	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical care	\$50	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Feed one child for a month	\$50	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> One breeding goat	\$50	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> School fees and books	\$80	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes and shoes	\$80	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay the carer	\$100	_____	_____
		<i>Total</i>	_____

GIFT CARDS (optional)

- Send me gift cards for my purchase.

Please fill out your contact & payment details over the page.

Join With Us

GIVE OR SPONSOR

Make a one-off donation or give regularly to fuel our mission to give children hope for the future. Choose to partially or fully fund any of the current needs below, or give an undesignated donation to be used where it's most needed. Every dollar helps change lives!

Donations can be deposited directly into ORA New Zealand's bank account or by cheque, see the response form below.

Current Needs

- Sponsor a child in Uganda: \$52/month.
- Living Waters Children's Home Myanmar: \$31,115 needed to purchase a home.
- Books for Africa appeal: \$10,000.
- Children's homes and anti-trafficking work in Uganda, Myanmar, Moldova & Bulgaria.
- Water tank for Kenya school: \$8,400.
- Bulgaria anti-trafficking education: \$3,100.

Contact the ORA New Zealand or Hope Street offices for more information on any of these projects, regular giving or monthly sponsorship.

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We are serious about our responsibility to see that your donation is used effectively and efficiently. We receive regular reports and accounts from international partners and visit to ensure projects are well managed and sustainable. At least 80% of your donation goes to project expenses; up to 20% is levied for administration, advocacy and promotional costs in New Zealand. If funds which are donated for a particular project exceed what is required for that project or there are changes in circumstances beyond ORA's control which limit our ability to utilise all funds in the affected areas, ORA will direct donations to a similar ORA project.



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Response Form

You can email us these details to save on postage.

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CONTACT DETAILS

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

SPONSORSHIP

- Send me more information on sponsoring a child or project.

VOLUNTEERING

- Contact me regarding volunteering.

VOLUNTEER

We have a great team of volunteers who form the heart of our organisation. We're united by our compassion for vulnerable children and work together to give them hope and a future – and we have fun while doing so. Contact us today if you would like to join the team.

PRAY

Your prayers for the children and workers of ORA and Hope Street are appreciated. Let us know if you would like to receive regular prayer needs newsletters or check out our monthly prayer calendar online.

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PRAYER

- Send me more information on praying for ORA & Hope Street worldwide.

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- Send future newsletters via email.
 Unsubscribe me from this mailing list.

DONATION

Amount: \$ _____

- Payment: Cheque enclosed.
 Direct credit to ORA NZ's bank account.
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- Designation: Use my donation where it is most needed.
 Designate my donation to:
