


BEYOND THE PALE | CLEARING THE MURKY WATERS | FROM HIDING TO HOPE



3 Amazing Stories

"They taught me that love does exist"
- Luis Berrios


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Face of Giving**

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*"Come and see what God has done, the amazing things He has done for His people."
- Psalms 66:5 NCV*

LETTER FROM THE MCKEANEY'S

I imagine giving money to an organization that guarantees that your gift will be used in the most impactful way possible. Then, instead of just having to take their word for it, they send you proof of impact straight from the field so that you can celebrate right alongside the people whose lives you've changed – giving you the ability to literally see "the faces & the places," as Mite likes to say.

My friend, Scott Toal, was called by God to start an organization that does just that, and six years later, Mite has partnered with over fifty trustworthy charities and impacted more than a hundred thousand people globally.

This is only through **God's goodness** and people like **you** who have joined their cause.



Bob & Ruth McKeaney



Left To Right: Bob, Ruth, Alex, Anders, Audrey, Avery, Anna-Scott McKeaney



Tracorp Team

Years ago, Scott invited me to join their community. I had no idea then how much this organization would inspire not just me but the people around me. First, my wife and I started giving. Then my company got involved, but my employees wanted more, so they got in on the action personally. Seeing their excitement, our company decided to match their individual gifts. But it didn't stop there – my kids, only beginning their young adult lives, now give to Mite and have their friends giving as well. And it goes on and on. This is why Mite was started and why it's an important organization. This is what giving is all about – being so passionate in your giving that you want everyone around you to be involved.

In Him, *Bob McKeaney*

PROJECT

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SEEN &
CELEBRATED

TANZANIA

DELIVERED CLINICAL
CARE & EDUCATION
TO TREAT THE
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT
OF 400 PEOPLE
WITH ALBINISM



BEYOND THE PALE - A STORY OF ALBINISM IN AFRICA

Beautiful, light-colored skin, hair, and striking eyes are a marker of people with albinism all around the world. They are just like everyone else – the only difference being the lack of melanin their body produces, affecting the color of their skin, hair, and eyes. This genetic condition is most prevalent in Sub-Saharan Africa, where people with albinism are denied the correct treatment to live long lives with their condition and are widely deemed less than human.

Dehumanizing myths and superstitions surround the condition of albinism, especially within African societies. From birth, they are marked by a condition that makes them prey to stigmatization, violence, and medical hardships. Babies are routinely slaughtered at birth, and those who survive will endure years of abuse. Targeted for their body parts, many Africans with albinism are attacked, having limbs removed to be sold for thousands of dollars and used in witchcraft because it is thought to bring wealth and fortune.

Their most notable foe, though, is the sun. Nine out of ten people with albinism die before reaching the age of 30 years old, and the culprit is primarily skin cancer. Due to their skin containing very little to no protective melanin, they're naturally more at risk of skin cancer, and a lack of pigmentation in the iris causes visual impairment at an early age. Most children with albinism are unable to finish school because of their inability to see correctly, which inevitably sets them up for a life of poverty.



But these facts are entirely preventable. By providing skin care protection, eye treatments, and educational sessions to destigmatize, **no person with albinism would die due to their condition – not one.**

This year, our giving community delivered comprehensive eye treatment for the visually impaired and skin cancer treatment for 400 Tanzanians with albinism, as well as educational sessions to them, their families, teachers, and local government representatives. Hundreds that had previously felt like outcasts in the world have now been cared for, loved on, and can see brighter days ahead – closing the doors on their condemnation and opening doors of opportunity. Now surrounded by advocates, these people are not only accepted but celebrated.

PARTNER: STANDING VOICE

PROJECT

— 37, 38, 43, 44, 48

HOMES OF LOVE

INDONESIA

**BUILT AND
REHABILITATED
MORE THAN 66
HOMES FOR
FAMILIES**

In the Spring of 2021, Cyclone Seroja ripped through Eastern Indonesia, destroying everything in her wake. The impact was incredible. Island communities were turned upside down, so our giving community immediately jumped into Project 32 to provide the basics of food & water to 1,200 families. Still, families were displaced from their homes and livelihoods, living in makeshift huts that didn't protect them from the elements and having no place to call home. This year, our giving community stepped up again to support these communities in building and repairing their homes. These gifts go beyond a home – we are giving these families hope for their futures. Our efforts are ongoing. So far, we have built homes for 66 families & counting.

PARTNER: TMC INDONESIA



PROJECT

— 39

CARGO TO CURRICULUM

SOUTH AFRICA

**REPURPOSED &
FURNISHED A
SHIPPING CONTAINER
TO SERVE AS
A CLASSROOM FOR
50 PRESCHOOLERS**



Our giving community converted a shipping container into a fully functional classroom for a school in Johannesburg's Kya Sands informal settlement. This repurposed shipping container can be used for classes for years when thousands of students have passed through its door. This classroom provides a learning environment for children who would not usually attend school, breaking the cycle of illiteracy and poverty.

PARTNER: IMPACT AFRICA



PROJECT

— 41

ZERO JIGGERS

UGANDA

**REMOVED JIGGER
INFECTIONS FROM
8,000 PEOPLE**

In Uganda, Jiggers, parasitic bugs in the dirt, burrow into people's skin and lay eggs that cause significant damage. After contact, victims suffer from pain, mobility issues, and social stigma, ultimately affecting their ability to work, attend school, and do everyday activities, leading to poverty. Our giving community supported outreach treatment clinics and prevention education sessions for rural Ugandan communities – giving thousands the freedom to get their life back on track.

PARTNER: SOLE HOPE



PROJECT

— 42

LOVE STANDING

GHANA

**REPURPOSED &
DISTRIBUTED
PROSTHETIC LIMBS
TO 1,250 PEOPLE**

In Africa, amputees suffer significantly from a loss of a limb. Their physical functioning, self-esteem, and mental health all take a hit, and there is no easy access to a prosthetic. In other countries, perfectly functional prosthetics end up in landfills after their first use. This year, our giving community provided 1,250 repurposed prosthetic limbs to disabled people in Sub-Saharan Africa, prosthetics that would otherwise be thrown away. Now thousands of amputees in Africa are back on their feet & have a new lease on life.

PARTNER: LEGS4AFRICA



PROJECT
— 45

CLEAN WATER,
HEALTHY VILLAGE

CAMBODIA

PROVIDED SAFE,
CLEAN WATER
TO 300+ PEOPLE



— CLEARING THE MURKY WATERS - SOTH & THOEUN'S STORY

Seventy-two-year-old mother of eight children and survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide, Soth Khun, shared how she met her husband, Thoeun: "When I was a teenager, Thoeun would ride his bicycle past my house almost every day. I did not know that he had a crush on me and wanted to marry me at the time. There were many men who wanted to marry me, but I didn't love any of them. I rejected them all, including Thoeun. However, Thoeun tried very hard to chase me. He was brave to come around to my house almost every day and talk to my parents. Back then, I wondered why this man came to my house so often. Without further delay, Thoeun asked his brother to talk to my father about marrying me. My father told me that he could trust Thoeun by looking into his family background and that he would be a good husband to me. As I was inexperienced and had little knowledge about life, I trusted my father to arrange my marriage. Eventually, we got married and started our own family together."

To many, this doesn't sound like the most efficient way of finding the person to spend the rest of your life with, but this is common in Rohal Village, Cambodia. Years later, Soth & Thoeun are still in love, with children and grandchildren. But life hasn't been easy. Soth & Thoeun have lived all their lives with a lack of water. Thoeun used to fetch water from a stream a few miles away from their house. It was brown, murky, and unclean. He would use a wooden push cart with a plastic bag to transport the water. Often the plastic bag would break, losing half of the water collected. While Thoeun was working in the fields, he used his scarf as a "filter" to drink murky water directly from the ground.

Now, for the first time in Soth & Thoeun's married life, they can walk a few hundred feet to a convenient, clean water source. Our giving community provided access to clean, safe water through two boreholes that will act as wells for Rohal Village. Soth can cook without fear of her family falling ill from water-borne diseases. Thoeun can work in the fields to provide for his family without spending half a day fetching water miles away. It's a game changer, making their lives much easier and keeping them healthy and hydrated – with the certainty of safe water for their family's generations to come.

PARTNER: LIFEWATER



PROJECT

— 47

COVERING SOLES WITH LOVE

GREECE

**DISTRIBUTED 500
PAIRS OF SHOES
TO REFUGEES**

For several years, Greece has been a waiting place for 40,000 refugees seeking asylum from their war-torn home countries, mainly from Afghanistan and Syria. Thousands are forced to live in overcrowded and dangerous conditions, waiting months for their cases to be heard. Our giving community supported the distribution of 500 pairs of shoes and socks throughout refugee camps in Athens, Greece, showing these people that they are loved & haven't been forgotten.

PARTNER: SAMARITAN'S FEET



For safety & privacy reasons, the recipient's face has been blurred to conceal their identity.



In rural communities in Nepal, women are considered impure while menstruating and are sent to isolated huts for the duration of their period, often missing school or work. This practice is called Chhaupadi Pratha and, although illegal, is widely enforced. Women and girls face risks, like dangerous animals, harsh weather, and human threats. Our generous community provided over 1,000 reusable menstrual kits and organized education sessions on health & hygiene. This empowers women and girls to stay in school and allows them to lead a life with dignity & freedom.

PROJECT

— 49

EMPOWERING WOMEN TO NEW HEIGHTS

NEPAL

**EMPOWERED 1,000
GIRLS WITH
MENSTRUAL KITS &
BROUGHT AWARENESS
TO THOUSANDS MORE
IN THEIR COMMUNITY**

PARTNER: DAYS FOR GIRLS



PROJECT

— 50

SADDLE UP FOR GOOD

NC, USA

SUPPORTED 1,200

PARTICIPANTS'

THERAPEUTIC

RIDING PROGRAM

PARTNER: SHINING HOPE FARMS



Therapeutic Riding is an equine-assisted activity that improves the cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of individuals with disabilities, including Cerebral Palsy, Autism, & Down Syndrome. Our giving community supported the operational costs of a local facility that provides these programs to children and adults in regions of North Carolina – improving the quality of life for both the participants and their families.



PROJECT

— 51

HAPPY TUMMIES

HONDURAS

FED 50 CHILDREN

NOURISHING MEALS

3 TIMES DAILY FOR

6 MONTHS

PARTNER: RICE BOWLS



In Honduras, thousands of children live on the street and face violence, disease, and hunger. They are often exposed to prostitution, human trafficking, drug use, and gang involvement. Most don't know what it is to have three meals a day or not to have to hide food away for later. This year, our giving community provided daily meals for 50 street kids and youth living in children's homes in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, so they know what it is like to have happy full tummies. Children with a background like the young man, Luis, pictured on our cover and below.

Luis Berríos grew up on the streets of Tegucigalpa, Honduras – at a very young age, he became involved in a gang, suffered from abusive treatment, and had no idea when he would eat his next meal. When he was 13, he entered into the loving care of a children's home. Still, a year later, he decided to go back to sleeping on the streets, primarily due to a common addiction where kids sniff glue from a bottle to become inebriated.

Soon after, he realized his mistake in leaving the safety & comfort of the home, and when asked, the children's home gave him a second chance. Now 19, Luis works in the home's kitchen, cooking meals daily for young boys with similar pasts to himself. Luis travels three hours to work to support his wife and little girl. He thanks God every day for the support, love, & home he received so he could change and become a better man.



PROJECT

— 40

SOLAR MAMAS

GUATEMALA

TRAINING 10 IXIL
WOMEN TO BE
SOLAR ENGINEERS &
PROVIDING 50
HOUSEHOLDS WITH
SOLAR ENERGY
PANELS



— FROM HIDING TO HOPE - A STORY OF THE IXIL PEOPLE

Situated in the highlands of Guatemala, hours from the nearest major city, live the Ixil people. They've made their homes in the cloud forests, a region named for the misty veil that blankets green brush and trees in every direction. Descendants of the Mayans, once one of the most advanced civilizations in the Americas, the abundance that once blessed their ancestors can no longer be seen in the Ixil people because of circumstances out of their control.

As the Guatemalan Civil War entered its third decade in 1980, the country was devastated by years of violence and political instability. In an effort to gain an advantage, the government adopted a brutal strategy of shooting first – no questions asked. They launched a "scorched earth" operation against the country's indigenous Maya population, whom they suspected of supporting the anti-government guerrilla rebellion.

Under a dictatorship, the army and its paramilitary units systematically annihilated over 600 villages, with over 200,000 executed. Thousands of Ixils who managed to escape ran for safety – the harsh terrain and low visibility of the cloud forest and mountainous regions of Guatemala became their hiding place. Still, the government was relentless, hunting the Ixil people by air in helicopters, storming their makeshift camps of men, women, and children to torture, mutilate, sexually assault, and kill. Francisco, a leader of the Ixil people during the genocide, recounted covering his wife in mud so that military units would suspect she was unsatisfactory and leave her be. This dark period is called the Mayan Genocide and stands out as the bloodiest period in Guatemala's history.

Through it all, the Ixil people remained resilient. They made their highland hideout into their new homes and villages, preferring to live far away from the government and people who continued to discriminate against them. Although they still endure many hardships, such as poverty, and underdeveloped & inadequate infrastructure, if you visit an Ixil community, you will see Ixils taking control of their futures – becoming small-scale entrepreneurs, managing coffee plantations, and even training to be solar engineers. Many have migrated to the US, sending substantial funds back to their families still living in these Ixil communities.



In 2022, twenty-six years after the Mayan Genocide's conclusion, our giving community supported the training of 10 Mayan indigenous women to become solar engineers that later brought sustainable solar energy to their communities – lighting up 50 Ixil households. Before, a small fire provided homes with dull light in the middle of the living area, but now children can study after dark, women can cook before dawn, and the dangers of smoke inhalation are stomped out. These women, known as "Solar Mamas," are illuminating their villages, filling every home with not only clean energy but the light of hope, and our giving community gave them the tools to do it.

PARTNER: BAREFOOT COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

— 2022

\$424,068 Total Consolidated Donations

15 Total Projects Completed

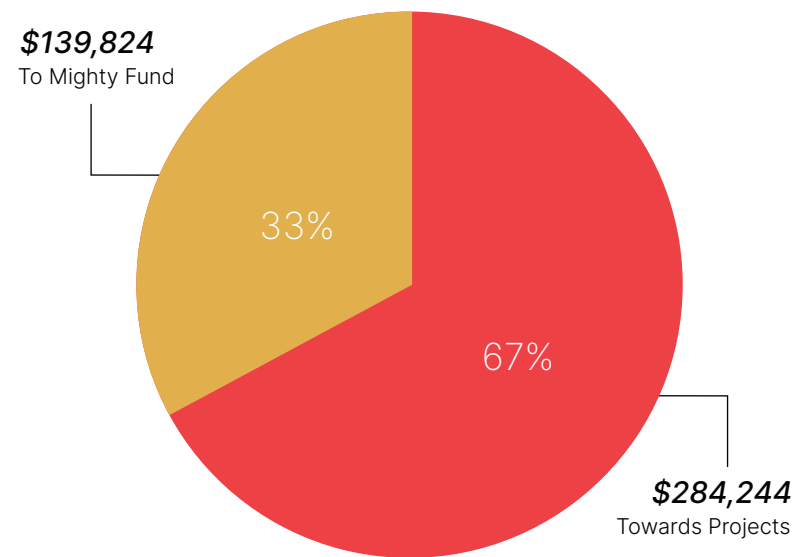
17,316 Immediate Lives Impacted

33% Growth In Donor Community

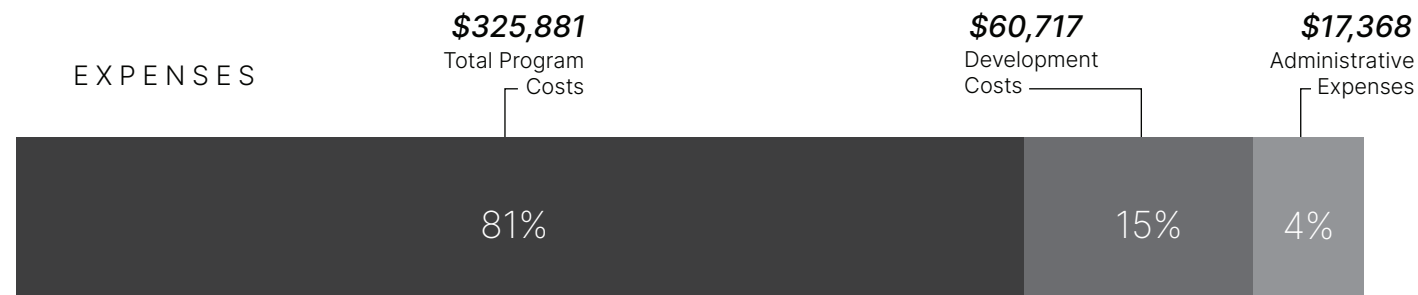
Our pledge is 100% of project donations are used on projects alone. To support our operational costs, we created the Mighty Fund, which allows us to continue spreading the joy of giving & keeping the lights on.

In 2022, the Mighty Fund overflow also helped support the Projects.

DONATIONS



EXPENSES



CERTIFICATIONS

Badges mean something. We wear them with pride. Receiving certifications from non-profit industry watchdogs provides us with the recognition and validation of the quality & stewardship that our organization strives to uphold. We stand by our giver guarantee of transparency and our promise that every donation received towards projects is spent on that project.



OUR MISSION

Uniting givers in trustworthy charity through a first class donor experience.

OUR VISION

In every nation, every person will know the joy of giving.



GIVE TOGETHER





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