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IMPACT REPORT

2023

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO & FOUNDER ANGEL GALVIS

At Mission Life, our longstanding vision has always been to empower and support children in discovering and achieving their mission in life. We understand that poverty often perpetuates from one generation to the next, creating a cycle that is difficult to break. When children are born into poverty, they face many challenges: Limited resources. Inadequate education. Unmet basic needs.

However, we believe the solution goes beyond providing material resources. It is a matter of transforming their mindset and beliefs. Breaking the cycle of poverty within vulnerable children begins with renewing their minds. We strive to accomplish this renewal by offering children opportunities to explore and develop their gifts and talents. We also focus on nurturing their understanding of values and principles, showing them unwavering love and care, and instilling hope as they discover their true purpose in life.

At Mission Life, we firmly believe that every child is capable of realizing their mission when given the right tools and a nurturing environment. When a child enters one of our development centers, they are warmly embraced with the love of Jesus. We encourage them to learn about God as their loving and compassionate Father, fostering a profound relationship with their Creator. This relationship provides restoration from the negative patterns society has taught them and marks the beginning of their mental and emotional transformation.

When a child completes our programs, they are equipped with the emotional and spiritual strength to face life's challenges head-on. They also understand the importance of serving a higher purpose in whatever they do and wherever they go in life.

This conviction, that each child can realize their mission in life, is the driving force behind our focus on revolutionizing the child sponsorship program with technology, video messages and intentional relationships. Though child sponsorship has been in existence for more than 100 years and has benefited countless children, we believe there is still untapped potential for improvement. We strive to maximize the impact of these programs by designing every aspect of our operations to align with a clear purpose.

Examples of how we infuse purpose into every facet of the program include the following:

- Technology integration. We use technology to enhance communication between sponsors and children – such as a mobile app, website and Zoom – ensuring a more personalized and efficient connection.
- Video messages. We use the power of video messages to provide sponsors with a more immersive and intimate understanding of the child's daily life, progress and aspirations.
- Intentional relationships. We encourage intentional relationships not only between sponsors and children, but also within the entire support network – including local communities and program staff – to create a comprehensive support system.

These examples illustrate our commitment to redefining child sponsorship by ensuring that each element serves a purpose in fulfilling the mission of empowering every child to realize their potential and mission in life.

To further solidify our operational effectiveness, our development centers have comprehensive operation manuals, introducing a level of organization previously foreign to many places and countries. Completing these manuals and training our team members were monumental achievements for our young organization. These milestones set the stage for an even more impactful 2024, where we envision expanding our influence in the lives of all our children and communities.

As our journey continues into 2024, our primary goal is to ensure all the children still waiting to be sponsored are matched with individuals who genuinely believe in helping them realize their mission and break free from the cycle of poverty. By nurturing their talents, providing them with essential resources and support, and fostering a sense of purpose, we are confident that these children can overcome the barriers of poverty and achieve their full potential.



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DO NOT **CONFORM** TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD,
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE **RENEWING** OF YOUR MIND.
THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S
WILL IS – **HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.**

-ROMANS 12:2

853

CHILDREN SERVED

195,348

MEALS SERVED

603

FAMILIES HELPED

20

MISSION TEAM MEMBERS

9520

PRAYER HOURS

In 2023, Mission Life made significant strides to enhance the effectiveness and organization of our programs with the implementation of operations manuals at all centers. These manuals serve as a crucial tool to guide our team members in delivering the highest quality of care and support to the children we serve.

Here are some of the key areas the manuals focus on:

- **Safe and nurturing environments.** Our protocols and procedures strive to guarantee the physical and emotional well-being of every child. By adhering to these guidelines, we are able to provide a secure space for intellectual, physical and spiritual development.
- **Monitoring program attendance.** Consistent attendance is key to children's overall development. Our manuals provide clear instructions on tracking and documenting attendance to ensure no child is left behind and all receive the support they need.
- **Ministry participation.** We understand the effect that spiritual guidance and growth can have on a child's journey. Our manuals outline strategies and activities to encourage active engagement in our ministry programs, fostering a deeper connection between children and their faith.

Sponsor experience. Our manuals outline the importance of transparency throughout the child sponsorship process. By providing clear and timely communication and fostering strong relationships between sponsors and children, we engage our sponsors to create a connection with the children they sponsor.

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In 2023, our organization underwent a significant transformation with a comprehensive leadership overhaul, affecting processes, organizational structures and programs. A key aspect of this transformation was the evolution of our Board of Directors (BOD).

During this transition, we welcomed a group of new board members who brought fresh perspectives and valuable expertise. Formerly supporters from the sidelines, they stepped into prominent roles, contributing their commitment and wealth of experience to our collective vision.

The revitalized BOD became a driving force in our strategic initiatives, infusing a renewed sense of purpose and direction. The diverse backgrounds and skills of the new directors added depth to our leadership team, fostering innovation in addressing challenges and achieving organizational goals.

These changes had a ripple effect across our ecosystem, enhancing internal efficiency and promoting a culture of collaboration and accountability. The board's strategic vision and hands-on involvement played a pivotal role in steering our organization to new heights of success.

STORY OF CHANGE - KIMIRONKO CENTER - PRESCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM GRADUATION

In Kimironko, Kigali, Rwanda, 36 children graduated this year from our pilot preschool program at the Child Hope Center. This program – designed to provide education, physical nurturing and Christian values – easing financial burdens for single moms in this community.

With the support of our dedicated team of educators and volunteers, the Child Hope Center pioneered this journey, empowering the city's young minds. The graduation day was a vibrant celebration, with children showcasing their newfound knowledge and skills.



Dressed in their finest attire, the children took the stage, reciting memorized pieces and performing songs with confidence. The audience – filled with parents, guardians and community members – erupted in applause, witnessing the remarkable achievements of these young graduates.

As the ceremony concluded, the children received their graduation certificates, symbolizing their hard work and determination. This moment marked the beginning of a new chapter, filled with endless opportunities and the belief that every child can shape their destiny.

The success of the Child Hope Centers in Kigali has extended beyond this inaugural graduation. Now equipped to educate children in grades one and two of primary school, the centers continue to thrive, touching the lives of countless more children. This achievement has made the centers a symbol of hope, where dreams take root, flourish and the first steps toward a better tomorrow.

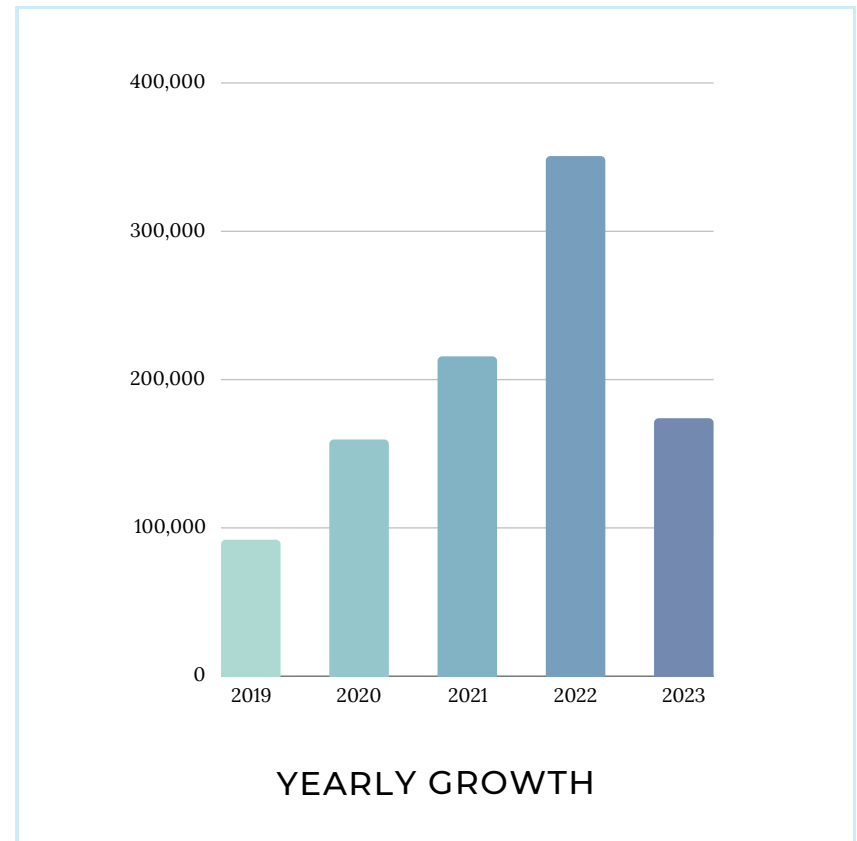
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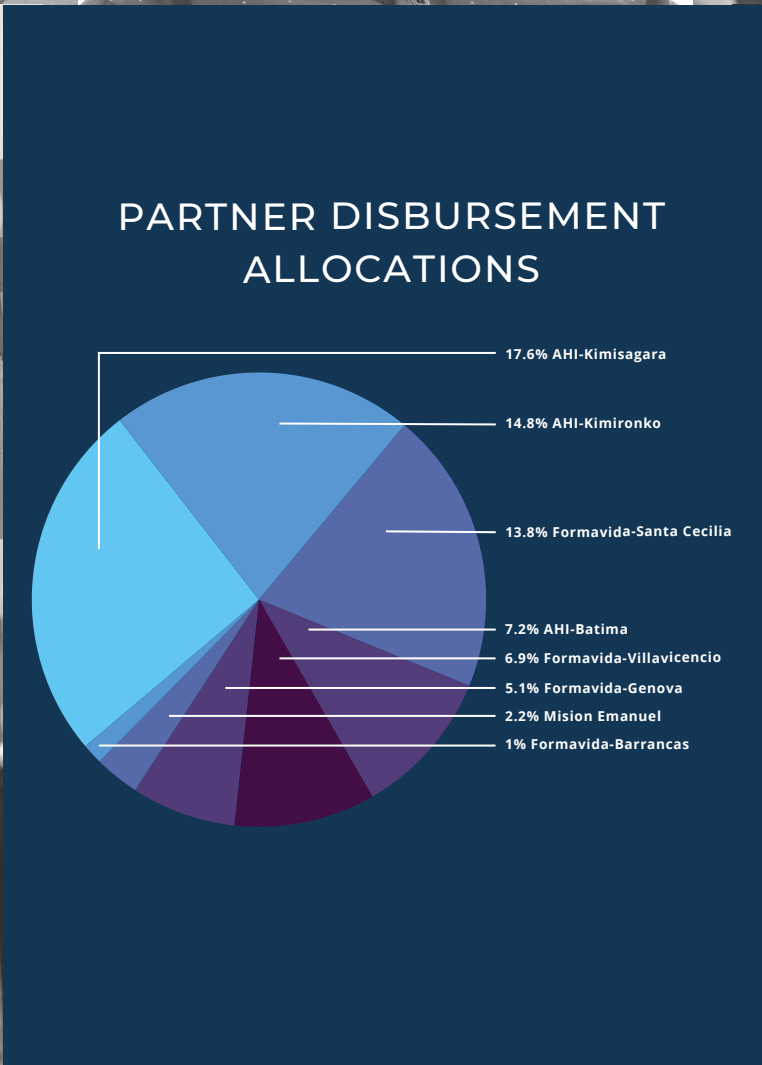
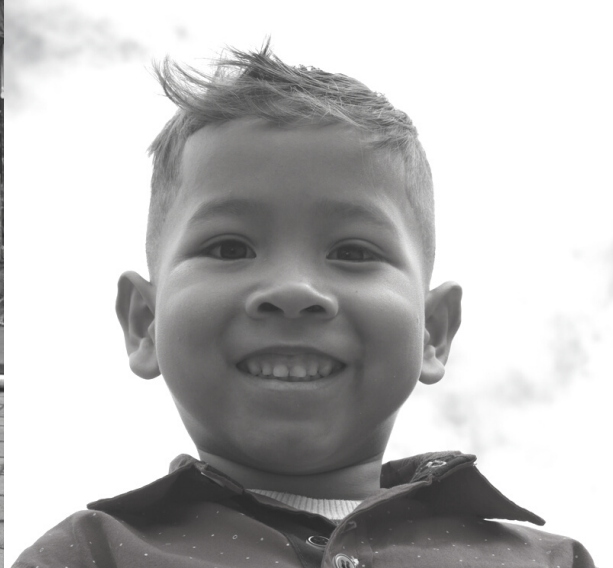
Condensed Financial Information (Unaudited)

Revenues:	
Child Sponsorship & Program C ontributions	\$ 96,343
Other Contributions	\$ 77,616
Total Revenue:	\$ 173,959

Expenses:	
Total Program	\$ 151,597
Fundraising and Administration	\$ 95,578
Total Expenses	\$ 247,176
Change in Assets	\$ (73,216)

Composition of Total Net Assets	
Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 11,100
Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$ 9,196
Total Assets	\$ 20,296





IMPACT-RWANDA

"I am thankful to partner with Mission Life and change many lives of children and impact many families. We continue to pray for your vision to enlarge Mission Life territory." -Bishop Theophile Rugubira

Over the course of the past five years, our association with the Africa Hope Initiatives has become a testament to the boundless love of God for the vulnerable. At the helm of the Child Centers' operations is Bishop Theo, whose leadership has been instrumental in overseeing the initiatives carried out in the three centers located in Rwanda. These centers are steadily progressing toward sustainability, with one already a quarter of the way there.

As we look back on the accomplishments of 2023, we are happy to share how many children we reached in Rwanda: A total of 478 children were served across the three operational centers and one that is soon to be launched.

Bishop Theo oversees a network of more than 80 churches in Rwanda, Uganda and The Republic of Congo, whose leaders have witnessed firsthand the positive outcomes of Mission Life's sponsorship program. And now, many rural churches away from the Hope Centers have been encouraged by success stories and have taken proactive steps to position themselves as potential Child Centers for sponsorship.



In 2023, you served:

478

CHILDREN IN
RWANDA

JOURNEY OF JOY: A MISSION TRIP TESTIMONY

My long-cherished dream of visiting Rwanda unfolded beyond imagination, and my experience surpassed every expectation. The days spent at the Child Hope Centers were beyond words.

Starting with delightful breakfasts and team bonding at the Iris Guest House, each day was marked by memorable moments with my roommate, Carolina. Special connections and nervous excitement filled the air as we drove to the center.

The welcoming voices of singing children and their joyous dances instantly captured our hearts. Each classroom presented a welcome song and shared meaningful Bible passages. Kris – another teammate – and Carolina led a Bible study on identity, followed by a lively game of Simon Says.

Serving lunch to the children, I was asked, “What do you think so far?” My teary response conveyed overwhelming happiness and an indescribable moment of connection.

The visits continued with a game of musical chairs on an obstacle course and special treats for the children. Witnessing the dedication of the teachers and the center's director at Kimisagara Child Hope Center was truly awe-inspiring.

Saying goodbye was challenging, but as we left, the sunset sky served as a reminder of God's goodness. It was the perfect closure to a mission trip filled with heartwarming moments and the joy of making a lasting difference.

- Nicole



IMPACT-COLOMBIA

Throughout the year, our child centers in Colombia have been dedicated to providing engaging activities and learning opportunities for the children, resulting in progress for each child. These initiatives encompass activities focused on learning verses and Bible stories, emphasis on understanding the attributes of God and empowering the children to apply these teachings in their daily lives.



In Bogota, our center in Santa Cecilia came together to provide children with a unique and enriching experience. The children immersed themselves in traditional disciplines such as theater and dance and expanded their horizons by learning new and exciting skills. Each child participated according to her special abilities and talents, from acting to dancing and singing.

We introduced programs that included teaching breakdancing, circus and aerial fabric dancing. These artistic disciplines not only offered a unique experience, but also gave children the opportunity to explore new forms of expression and develop physical and cognitive skills.



In the breakdancing program, children discovered the energy and creativity of this form of urban dance, letting them to express themselves in a unique way. The circus offered them the opportunity to develop balance, coordination and teamwork skills, while exploring exciting acrobatics and juggling. Aerial fabric dancing allowed them to soar to new heights, building confidence and discipline.

We are delighted to see how these programs have enriched children's lives, not only providing them with artistic skills, but also bringing them closer to life and letting them discover new passions. We believe these experiences will contribute significantly to their personal development and open a world of creative possibilities. We look forward to continuing to provide children with opportunities that inspire their growth and give them the tools to achieve their dreams.

Another shining example is the Child Center in Barrancas, Bogota, where many enriching activities and learning opportunities unfolded this year. We adopted two distinct work methodologies at our center, starting with a two-week bible camp called Discovery Land, a teaching approach that promotes active learning through dynamic methods.

Discovery Land dynamic methods include weekly goals, providing a hands-on and active learning experience, encouraging children to experiment and gain concrete knowledge in activities centered on verses, Bible stories and the attributes of God. The central theme for this year's camp was dinosaurs, offering children the chance to create their own desserts, conduct chemical and physical experiments related to dinosaurs, and participate in various sports activities tied to the theme.

These experiences fostered creativity and contributed to a better understanding of different subjects.

In 2023, you served:

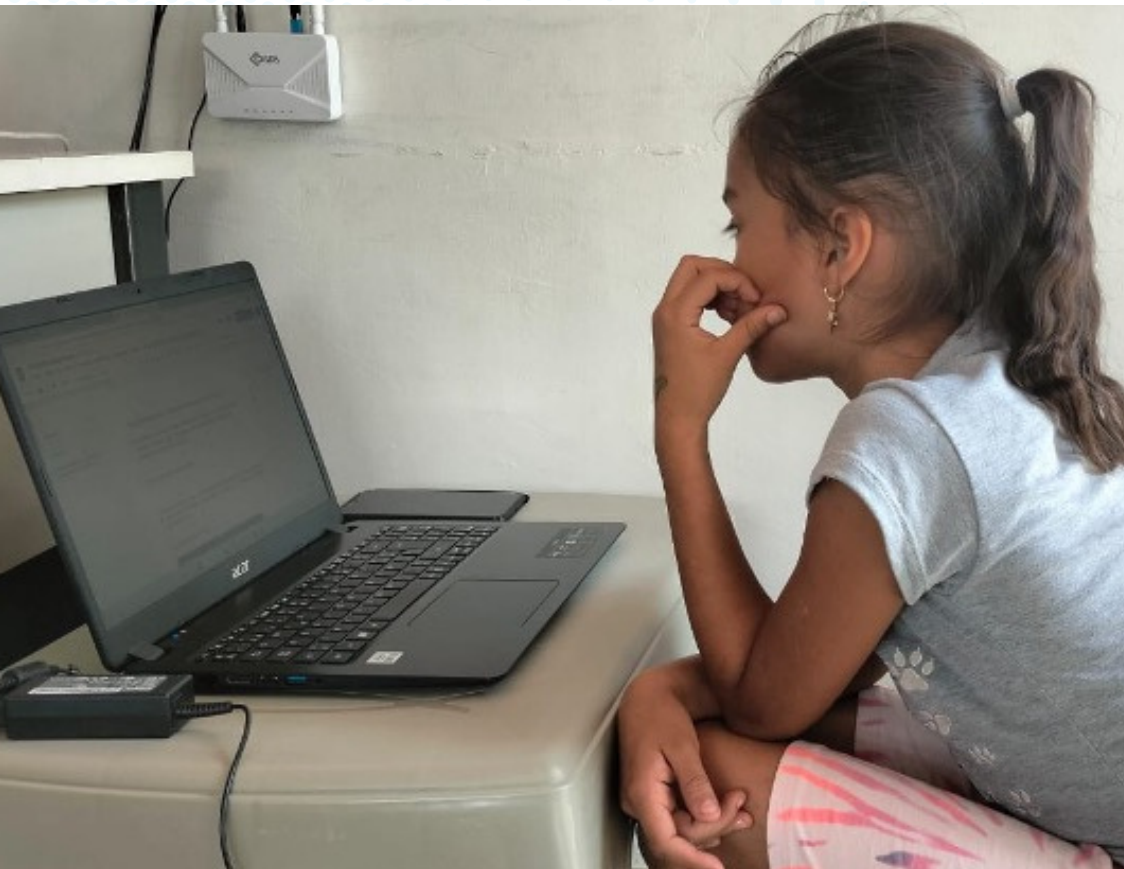
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CHILDREN IN
COLOMBIA



HEARTFELT CONNECTIONS: THE IMPACT OF CORRESPONDING WITH SPONSORED CHILDREN

We have observed the impact of sponsors who actively engage with their sponsored children, realizing this influence extends beyond individual families to create a positive ripple effect that touches countless lives in the community.



Hello godfather it's me again. I hope you are very well, your grandson is very cute and growing fast. I am in third grade right now and I am doing very well. I have good grades. I went to the pool, I went out with my mom and my dad, and my sister came over to visit us. I went with my family to the village park and we went to eat ice-cream.

Thank you for your words.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENTS: A PRIORITY ACHIEVEMENT IN 2023



Education progression was also a priority in 2023. Our operations manuals include guidelines on tracking and supporting the educational advancements of each child. By closely monitoring their progress, we can address any areas of need or offer additional resources to ensure they overcome educational barriers and reach their full potential.



GOALS FOR 2024

WE AIM TO ESTABLISH
TWO NEW CENTERS IN:
CARTAGO, COLOMBIA,
AND
NYAMATA, RWANDA

CARTAGO CHILD CENTER

In my hometown of Cartago, I was taken aback by the immense need of the children and young people in the community. They lacked hope, and nothing had changed since I left. The same issues that motivated me to move to the U.S. for a better future remained.

When God gave me the vision for Mission Life, my motivation was to help the children in the place where I grew up. However, this dream has not yet been fulfilled. In the seven years since Mission Life started, many of you have witnessed the miracles God has made possible through our partnerships. One of these miracles is the story of the Hermond Church in Kigali, Rwanda. The community could not congregate due to the government's closure of the tent they used to meet in. But thanks to your partnership, we contributed to constructing a church for this community in Kigali. Our child center is now operating in the same building, and more than 200 children and youth come to learn about Jesus, have a meal and explore their purpose in life.

We aim to replicate what we accomplished in Kigali by rebuilding the church and creating a new child center in Cartago, Colombia. This center will provide support to more than 400 children in the surrounding communities.

The spirit of resilience is alive in Cartago as we witness the ongoing efforts to rebuild the church that, over 10 years, has been abandoned and is in desperate need of rebuilding. Still, together, we are rebuilding not only a structure, but also a symbol of hope and unity for these communities.

-Angel



NYAMATA CHILD HOPE CENTER

We are thrilled to continue reaching the children of Rwanda. With our partners Africa Hope Initiative, we are working to establish a new center in the rural area of Nyamata, Rwanda, a quaint village located in close proximity to our Batima Center. Over the past year, our dedicated partners have been tirelessly attending to the needs of nearly 100 children in this community.

The commitment of the local community to the well-being and future of these children is truly commendable. Each day, community members work tirelessly to create a safe and nurturing environment for the children. They provide not only essential sustenance but also follow all the guidelines necessary to transform the center into an official Mission Life Child Hope Center.



The community's efforts reflect a deep dedication to the holistic development of these children, aiming to secure a promising future for each young life. The commitment extends beyond provision of basic necessities, encompassing a comprehensive approach to nurturing, educating and empowering these children.

Our goal is to officially launch the children from this community for sponsorship by the middle of the year. This sponsorship will enable them to access a range of opportunities, including education, food, the love of Jesus and other essential resources that will contribute to their overall well-being. As we embark on this journey, we look forward to witnessing the positive effect that sponsorship can have on the lives of these children and the broader community, fostering a brighter and more hopeful future for all.

SPONSORSHIP AND FINANCIAL GOALS

Mission Life aims to promote its shared cause within the community in 2024. We seek to build alliances and partnerships with local organizations to amplify our mission and broaden our reach. Through community engagement initiatives and volunteer opportunities, we encouraged community members to join our movement and make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children.

In line with our strategic objectives for 2024, the following are key initiatives and goals that we are actively pursuing:

- ↪ 5 new church partnerships
- ↪ Find sponsors for the 300 children waiting to be sponsored
- ↪ Reach \$120,000 for the organization's sustainability



In conclusion, 2023 was a year of significant organizational growth and development for **Mission Life**. Our operations manuals have provided a framework that ensures consistent and effective support for the children we serve. By focusing on these pillars of progress, we have strengthened **our commitment to helping** vulnerable children, improved the sponsor experience, promoted our cause within the community and fostered a social movement of change through our efforts. These achievements have brought us closer to our goal of **breaking the cycle of poverty** and **empowering children** to realize their mission in life.

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