



Freedom Newsletter



**YOU'RE REACHING PEOPLE
WITH THE GOSPEL AND
RESCUING CHILDREN FROM
HUMAN TRAFFICKING...
ONE LIFE AT A TIME!**





Keeping it Personal

For 20 years, ZOE International has sought to offer hope and rescue to orphans and vulnerable children from the physical and mental chains of trafficking. Our passion is to bring the love of God wherever we go with the freedom found in the Gospel! As we look back over the last two decades, God's fingerprints of His faithfulness can be seen all over ZOE, on our precious donors, our USA and global teams, and all those we serve. Thousands of people have come to know Jesus!

ZOE has helped rescue nearly a thousand children from the horrors of human trafficking. We've walked alongside children in their restoration journey, and many now have their own families. We've had front-row seats as we watched God tenderly heal each child's broken heart from complex trauma and abandonment.

Over the years, God performed countless miracles of prevention, rescue, restoration, and prosecution of traffickers and perpetrators. We thank God for all the critical partnerships He has brought to us in governments, law enforcement, the Church, and NGO communities in the countries where we serve. Nothing has been impossible!

One of the most shocking parts of leading ZOE still to this day is how God provided financially for us since day one! He paid every bill on time for 20 years! When God asks us to do a project, building, or program, whether it costs multi-millions, \$100,000, or much less...we've historically had NOT one penny in the bank for the task. And yet over and over, we've witnessed firsthand God provide every cent and resource. He's even held back weather, and guided our teams with the innovation needed to complete the project on time, every time!

ZOE has no debt. Everything we have, God has provided through the generosity of faithful supporters. When we started ZOE, we didn't have one supporter we could lean on (nor would we). We've learned to put our trust in God and to keep our eyes on Jesus, not on man. It is impossible with man, but with God, all things are possible to those who believe! We still weep over the kindness and mercy of the sweetest partners God has gifted to ZOE.

I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old."

Psalm 77:11



From the beginning, God instructed us always to posture our hearts in humility, seek to learn and serve, and never cower to fear unknown dangers or uncertainties. We've moved forward because we know He'll be with us, even when it was incredibly difficult, extremely scary, or we lacked faith. He never left us!

Some say there is NO God, but it's too late for us, for we know His love. We've felt His broken heart for the hurting, and seen His power at work. God is LOVE, and He is REAL!

Since 2002, ZOE's discovered many long-term solutions to end child trafficking and we've had the privilege to

share the Gospel and operate in Thailand, Australia, Japan, Mexico, and the United States. Until every person on earth has heard who Jesus is and what He did for them and until every child is rescued and child trafficking has ended, ZOE's mission is not over. To all our partners, you are appreciated and celebrated in all that God has done! Thank you for your love, care, and generosity!

We love you dearly!

Michael and Carol Hart

Founders, CEO + President
ZOE International



Become a Freedom Fighter Today!

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child for eternity? Join our monthly giving program! Our monthly donors are a group of people who are passionate about sharing the Gospel worldwide and sending hope to children that are rescued from human trafficking.

Visit goZOE.org/givetoday to get started today!

Celebrating 20 Years of God's Faithfulness



Where it all began...

Founders Michael and Carol Hart first heard about human trafficking when a visiting missionary spoke at their church. "We learned that day that a person can get a little boy and little girl menu on the street corner and choose who they want for the night," said Carol. "I felt like I screamed out loud. NO!"

ZOE'S first children's home opens in Thailand on January 1, 2003. It was launched with one girls home and one boys home totaling 47 at-risk pre-teen children, with the temporary help from a few volunteer missionaries, and five Thai staff who are still working with ZOE or retired.

ZOE began with Michael and Carol Hart-Founders. Our first employee was Janice Harrison. Our first volunteer was Lynne Ginoza, and our first missionary was Joy Tani to Japan.

ZOE visits Washington, D.C. to meet with the U.S. Department of State Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons.

“ When we first began this work, we could not find anyone to learn from that understood this crime, its victims, its perpetrators, the law, the dangers—there were no experts, books, conferences to learn from and follow. We had to figure it out one day at a time, with God at the helm! ”

Carol Hart
ZOE Founder and President

ZOE meets with U.S. Ambassador to Thailand and with the head of Thailand's committee to combat human trafficking.



“We've seen God move mightily in so many ways - the countless miracles and the favor in every nation - it's all because of the hand of God on ZOE. He had led us on this amazing journey and He is not done.” - Les & Lynne Ginoza. (Pictured above, Les Ginoza, ZOE Executive Vice President)

ZOE becomes a 501(c) (3) non-profit in the United States with a mission to reach every person with the Gospel and rescue every child from human trafficking.

“ Carol and I will always be a part of the great commission, the privilege to share the Gospel, in particular we have a passion to share with those who have never heard about Jesus...that's 3.3 billion people on earth who have yet to hear. ”

Michael Hart
ZOE Founder and CEO



ZOE welcomed our first full-time missionary team in Thailand.

ZOE Children's Home moves into a 17,000 sq ft home in Sarapee, a suburb of Chiang Mai.

“ On my hardest day at ZOE while serving hurting children, I'm living my dream! ”

Yim
ZOE Thailand Team
2005-current

ZOE's English language program begins in Thailand.

ZOE is now raising 47 teenagers and several prevention rescued orphans.



ZOE begins outreaches into Burma.

ZOE Ministry School launches with 14 students.

ZOE adds vocational and business training to the Ministry School.

ZOE begins building important relationships with U.S. federal law enforcement agencies.

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006



“What Took So Long For Someone to Tell Me About Jesus?”

We learned about a 13-year-old girl in Thailand, a virgin, who was going to be auctioned off at a brothel. The Thai police started planning her rescue and asked ZOE to get involved. When rescue day came, the team found the girl they knew would be there and found and rescued another young girl who had been in the brothel for months. After a few weeks of being at ZOE, the girls learned who Jesus was by asking the question, “Why are you helping us?” After several weeks, the girls asked if they could accept Jesus into their lives and for a Bible.

One day our caregiver saw one of the girls pacing, tears in her eyes from frustration and with passion, she exclaimed, “WHAT TOOK SO LONG FOR SOMEONE TO FIND ME AND TELL ME ABOUT JESUS? Why didn't

anyone tell me about Jesus sooner? For 16 years, I've had so many questions...Who made me, where am I going when I die? Does anyone see me? Is this going to be my life? Do I have a future? I've found my answers in the Bible you gave me!

After I gave my life to Jesus, I felt freer and lighter. The weight on my shoulders was gone! Why didn't anyone tell me sooner? You are Christians, right?! What takes so long for you to share with others about Jesus – my whole life, no one ever told me about Jesus!

My rescue from the brothel is nothing compared to knowing Jesus, my eternal Rescuer!” This young girl truly understood the power of the Gospel.

Thank You for Your generosity!



“At Children's Hunger Fund, our mission is to deliver the hope of the Gospel to suffering children. For 20 years, Michael and Carol Hart have been doing just that through the ministry of ZOE. Countless lives have been restored from the darkness and evil of trafficking, and are now experiencing the life-changing hope of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. There is no greater joy or worthy investment than to see hope restored to the life of a child that has been negatively impacted by poverty.

At ZOE, one has the privilege to experience that joy every day! God has accomplished much through the ministry of ZOE over the last twenty years, and we align our hearts with Michael and Carol in celebrating what God has done through their faithful service and global vision. ”

Dave Phillips
Founder and President,
Children's Hunger Fund



- ZOE's Children's Home is completed.
- ZOE secures our first safe houses.
- Thai government certifies ZOE as NGO for the prevention and suppression of human trafficking.

- ZOE begins partnerships with Children's Hunger Fund and Mercy Network in Thailand.

- ZOE's Thailand Home expands an organic vegetable garden all furthering self-sustainability.

“Twelve years ago, we thought we were coming to help and bless ZOE and the people they serve. Instead, WE have been the ones who have been blessed by the ZOE ohana non-stop since the day we arrived. Through our time at ZOE, God has made our lives immeasurably richer, more joyful, and fulfilling than we could ever have dreamed. ”

Ron & Cissy Boyer
ZOE Thailand Missionaries

- ZOE's Foundation in Australia is established.
- ZOE expands into Fish and Animal Husbandry.

- Life Outreach International makes a commitment to fund a large portion of ZOE's first land purchase and building project in Thailand.

ZOE Thailand was officially registered as a rare foundation in Thailand with the majority of board members as foreigners. ZOE can now purchase land securely owned by the ZOE Thailand Foundation.

- ZOE purchases 20 acres for building phase one and hires a new architect to design additional buildings on the Thailand campus..

- ZOE begins to design and build our first building which includes ZOE family units, professional kitchen and multi-purpose dining area, family gathering space, offices, and leadership training space.

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

Thank You for Your prayers!



ZOE's Boys' Home is dedicated in 2013. (Pictured, the Regenstein Family.)

“ Jesus said something so simple, 'It is better to give than to receive' and it really is. When we invest our lives in supporting people that need our help, we fulfill God's purpose for why He has made us. ZOE deeply resonates with me as they are reaching out to the most unreached, touching those facing poverty, slavery, disability and fatherlessness. I have the deepest respect for Mike, Carol, and the ZOE organization. They have my trust and confidence and I look forward to helping for many years to come. ”

Ron Regenstein
ZOE Corporate Sponsor, Faithful Supporter, and Advocate

- ZOE and the U.S. Consulate Reception In Chiang Mai.
- Founders Michael and Carol Hart meet with the USA's State Department's Under Secretary.
- ZOE gets a visit from the U.S. Ambassador to Thailand and Consul General.
- U.S. State Department Trafficking in Person liaison for Thailand visits ZOE International.
- ZOE hires USA staff to keep up with domestic trafficking trends and needs.
- ZOE encountered our most disturbing case. Team works with police and finds children in cages for sale and frees them.

2012

- 10 acres of land purchased for the future ZOE Child Rescue Center thanks to an Australian donor.
- Members of the U.S. President's Inter-agency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking visits ZOE International.
- ZOE is invited to sit on the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Forum at the U.S. Consulate.
- 25 Thai government leaders including directors from all 9 of Thailand's regional Child Protection Centers visit ZOE International.
- ZOE buys 5 acres of land for emergency housing and self sustainable agriculture.
- ZOE signs memorandum of understanding with the Thai Department of Social Welfare for Chiang Mai Province for the Prevention, Protection, and Solution to human trafficking.

2013



There's a Place Called ZOE and If You Get There, You'll be Safe.

Chivy* was only six-years-old when traffickers took her from her home to another country and forced her to beg for money. "If I didn't bring back enough money, they would beat me and send me back to get more."

She wanted to run away but didn't speak the language and was afraid to ask anyone for help. Chivy shared, "The other trafficked children were whispering to one another, There's a place called ZOE, and if you get there, you will be safe. They said that ZOE was looking for kids just like us."

She was terrified and remembered what they did to her when she tried to escape in the past. "He beat me, then grabbed me, lifted me, and smashed me against the ground. I can still feel the blood as it flows down my face. I was so scared. I had to get to ZOE."

Chivy shared with us how in spite of her fear, she escaped and found her way to ZOE. Chivy made the decision to run. But before she left, she promised her friend that if ZOE was real, she would come back for her. Chivy said, "And I kept my promise. After months of searching, ZOE rescued my friend too."

* Name has been changed to protect the child's identity.

“ Since ZOE Australia began, we have seen time and time again the miraculous hand of God's favor and provision from 'chance meetings' to impossible government approvals, to the generosity of Australian donors, and the unwavering dedication of the board, staff and volunteers. ”

David and Andrea Cross
ZOE Australia Directors



- ZOE International Installs Forensic Interview Room in Thailand.
- ZOE Expands Vocational Training Center in Thailand.
- ZOE receives a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Office to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking State Department.

2014



At a Village Outreach Children Hear and Accept the Gospel!

During an outreach to a small village in Northern Thailand, our ZOE Short-Term group accompanied our Leadership and human trafficking awareness teams walking house to house, inviting village residents to our evening outreach. This village had approximately 100 homes with an estimated 600-700 people.

Ninety-five people came out that evening and participated in games, dramas, singing, and heard a short presentation on human trafficking awareness. Little did we know, the pastor from an adjacent village was in the crowd and shared with us an incredible story.

He was amazed at the response to this outreach. His church had tried to do an outreach in this village, but the people threw rocks at his congregation! They were not receptive to the Gospel at all! Seeing all these villagers welcoming the team and actively participating with us was a miracle! The favor of God was on our group!



In Thailand, ZOE begins building a Child Rescue Center and high security safe house.

In the USA, ZOE purchases 50 acres of land to build a specialized home for trafficked youth survivors ages 12-17 in California.

ZOE builds a new water well for Children's Homes in Thailand.

ZOE receives an award for being an outstanding organization in combating and preventing human trafficking given by the Governor of Chiang Mai.

2016

“ My association with ZOE International over the past 20 years has been nothing short of inspirational. Their focus and determination to bring the Gospel to the nations and bring rescue and restoration to children who have been trafficked is the true meaning of service. It has been an honor to serve with them and see many lives changed by the unconditional love of God poured out through them. ”

Betsy Alviani
Retired, 17 years ZOE USA Regional Director



ZOE launches its first water project in a remote village in Thailand.

ZOE opens a transitional program called "The ZOE City Center" to support our youth 18 years and older transitioning to adulthood in school or a job.

ZOE receives accreditation in Thailand from the Department of Social Development and Human Security.

2015

Thank You for Leaving a Gospel Legacy!



“ It breaks my heart when you see people that are out to destroy a child's innocence and take their God-given dreams away. I want to see children recapture that dream so they can be everything God has called them to be. At ZOE we get to do just that. ”

Pastors Mauricio and Virginia Ruiz
ZOE Mexico Directors

“ It all started for me when I traveled to ZOE Thailand in 2014. There I was inspired by their [the children at ZOE's] fight. Everyone of them was a fighter. Fighting to get their life back. That fight has inspired me and changed my life. Child trafficking and the exploitation of children for financial gain for selfish reasons is something I can't and won't tolerate. ”

Brad Orteni
ZOE Eastern USA Regional Director



Road Of Justice is ZOE's first cycling challenge across America (3,700 miles and 64 days) to spread awareness of child trafficking and raise funds for ZOE's work.

ZOE celebrates the Grand Opening of our "Child Rescue Center and High Security Safe House." Guest speakers include Thai and U.S. Government Dignitaries and Law Enforcement Generals.

2018



In 2017, ZOE obtained legal status as a nonprofit organization and ZOE Mexico begins.

“ It's a privilege to be on the front lines and to be part of a group of people that are so dedicated, sacrificial and passionate about others,” said Daniel. Annerie added, “We stand in awe at seeing all that God has done at and through ZOE over the last 20 years. This inspires and encourages us to move forward boldly with our reach and rescue activities in Japan. Not because we are able, but because He is! ”

Daniel and Annerie Van Wyk
ZOE Japan Directors



After 15 years of evangelistic ministry in Japan, ZOE Japan is legally established to combat child trafficking and work with the government task force for human trafficking in Japan as part of the JNATIP group.

2017

Thank You for Fighting for Vulnerable Children.



“It is such a privilege to serve the children and families through ZOE. My family had the opportunity to serve as missionaries at ZOE Thailand for five years and now to be able to work with children and families in LA County is such a joy.”

ZOE draws the best of the best who are called to this very difficult work, so simply being a part of the ZOE family connects you to the most amazing missionaries and staff. On top of that, to be able to partake in loving God and loving others and witness transformation and healing of lives is to experience miracles every day. I'm so thankful to be part of the ZOE family. ”

Ester Yu
ZOE Assistant Western USA Regional Director

ZOE Australia developed and launched a new school curriculum, a new Children's Ministry curriculum and began to develop a primary/elementary school curriculum and age appropriate talks for younger students.

Despite the worldwide pandemic, ZOE's prevention, rescue, and restoration programs didn't stop because traffickers never stopped. Many of our prevention teams in the countries where we operate went online creating new videos and curriculum to be shared virtually. Globally over 21,000 people were educated about human trafficking.

ZOE breaks ground for ZOE's Home for Youth (ZHY) and holds a groundbreaking ceremony.

Eight ZOE team riders set out on a non-stop, 3,000-mile transcontinental relay race from the Pacific to the Atlantic with Race Across America and finished in 3rd place as they brought awareness and raised funds for ZOE.

ZOE expands to the East Coast.

ZOE's FRP (First Responders Protocol) and Advocacy Program begins in the U.S.

ZOE receives the "Outstanding Organization in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking" award from the department of social development and human security, given by the Prime Minister of Thailand.

2019

2020

"After 20 years of working with heaven and watching God do the impossible, we've become Master Historians of God's faithfulness and love towards humanity."

Michael and Carol Hart
Founders, CEO and President



ZOE's First Child Prevention Rescue

Kulap* experienced loss and trauma at a very young age. Most of her immediate family, including her parents, older brother and sister, and grandparents, died when she was young.

Kulap was eight-years-old when she came to live at ZOE Children's Home in Thailand. ZOE parents and missionaries made a significant impact on her life. "They worked so hard and devoted their lives to us," shared Kulap.

Kulap is now 27-years-old. As she has grown up and matured, she has overcome the fears she once had at an early age. "I am kind of proud of myself," said Kulap. "I also have more self-confidence. I still cry sometimes, but I can work with various people in my current job. I am much better than when I was a child. ZOE taught me to walk on the right path. They always protect me, walk alongside me, love me, and keep me comforted. They gave me what was lacking in my life."

*** Name has been changed to protect the child's identity. Kulap permitted us to share her story to honor what God has done in her life while being under ZOE's care.**

“We have been blessed in every imaginable way! We are forgiven, accepted, and loved by our Great God because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross for us! We know that everything we have comes from God and it's our job and our joy to steward it for the use of serving others. This is where ZOE comes in. With ZOE, we are setting the children free and leading them from the dominion of darkness into God's glorious light and freedom!!! We can't think of anything else we'd rather do with our lives. ”

Peter and Cathy Hong
Business Owners and ZOE Partners



ZOE builds a custom trauma-informed designed home and opens first Home for Youth in the U.S. for girls who are survivors of human trafficking.

ZOE Japan was invited to be a supporting partner of the "It's A Penalty Campaign" to raise awareness about human trafficking during the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics.

2021



Youngest Child ZOE Rescued Was 18-Months-Old

Though just a baby, before she was rescued Nicha* was used in a “family” of professional beggars. She was especially valuable to the begging ring and was used as a ‘prop’ by an adult beggar who posed as her mother in what was exposed as a sinister performance for financial gain.

When Nicha first came to ZOE, she was incredibly lethargic. She was slow to move and overall did not look well. But, as the days and weeks passed, the ZOE team realized that there was nothing slow or lethargic about this little girl. This was the result of the drugs that were still present in her tiny body.

Today, Nicha comes running up to greet our ZOE team in a loud voice and with a huge smile. She loves going to school, has friends, and will sometimes just start confidently singing the Thai alphabet! Nicha is a remarkably bright child with a promising future.

* Name has been changed to protect the child’s identity.

“ZOE brings God’s light and life to the darkest corners of the earth. Darkness always bows to light! When faced with impossibilities, I have always been impressed with ZOE’s overcoming hope, innovative solutions, and miraculous provision.”

David Cox
ZOE Chief Operating Officer

- ZOE USA team expands from 5 employees to 55 employees in the past 3 years, broadening our ability to reach more people and to fulfill the demands of serving more desperate children.

- ALL of our USA and global teams are growing and taking ground with innovative ideas and God’s continued guidance wherever we go.

- ZOE purchases a large home for our City Center in Thailand.

2022

...and God is faithful and will continue to supply our every need!

Celebrating 20 Years of Your Faithfulness!

Thank you for partnering with ZOE to reach every person with the Gospel and rescue every child from human trafficking.



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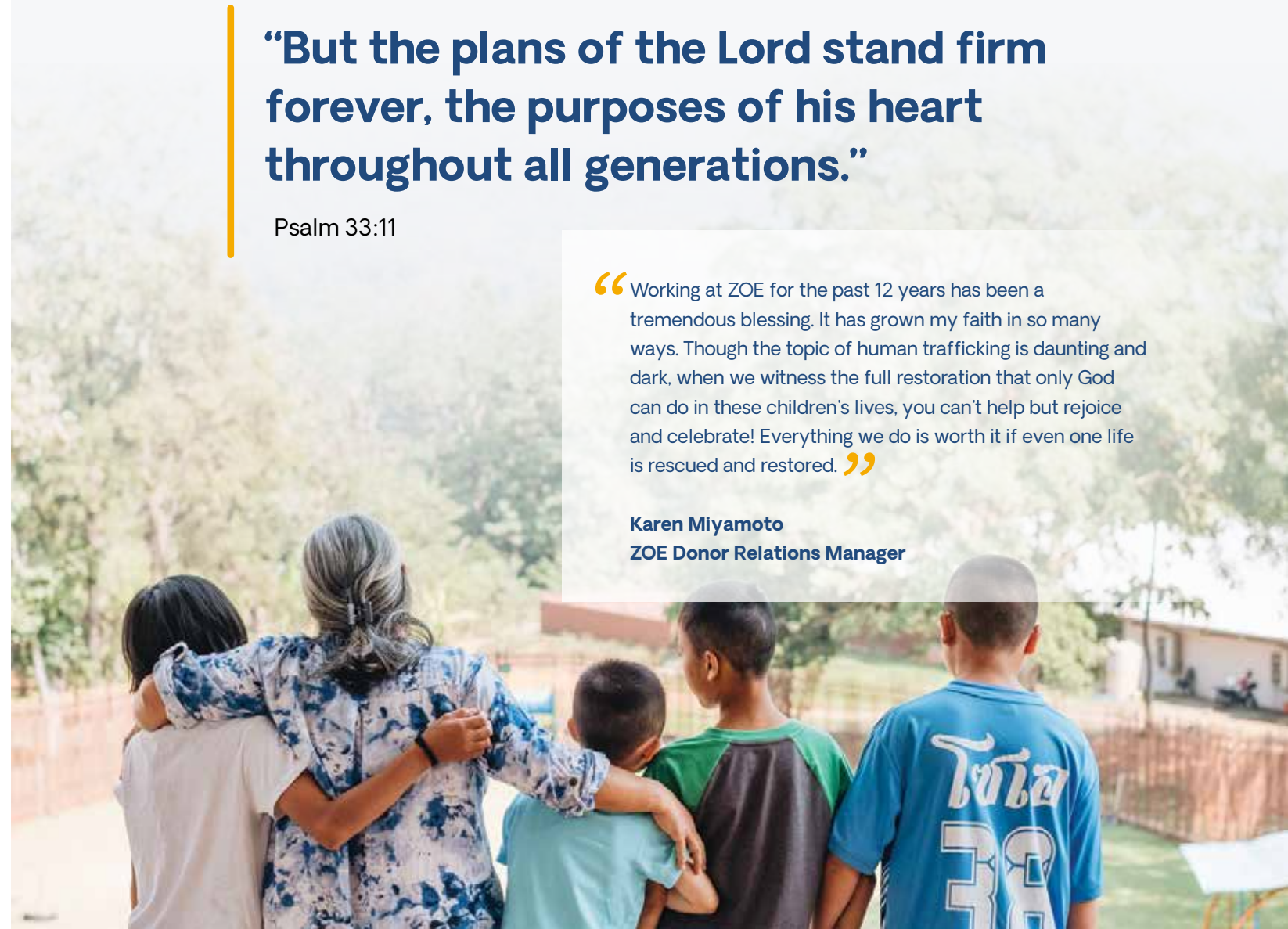
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“But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart throughout all generations.”

Psalm 33:11

“Working at ZOE for the past 12 years has been a tremendous blessing. It has grown my faith in so many ways. Though the topic of human trafficking is daunting and dark, when we witness the full restoration that only God can do in these children’s lives, you can’t help but rejoice and celebrate! Everything we do is worth it if even one life is rescued and restored.”

Karen Miyamoto
ZOE Donor Relations Manager





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