

# 328 GRATEFUL INDONESIANS THANKFUL FOR SIGHT



In late April your generosity supporting the work of *Body & Soul Ministries* Indonesia brought sight to 328 more eyes in Northern Sumatra, Indonesia. This work has remained consistent and strong since the first 76 eyes were repaired in a place called Lukas Hospital South Nias in 2005. This past year we signed an agreement opening doors to continue this work for another five years at least. Up to this point we have been blessed to have

completed surgery on 7,778 eyes. Marganda Marbun continues to work diligently throughout the year screening patients and scouting locations for upcoming surgical camps, and we look forward in 2020 to visiting new villages in North Sumatra. Thank you all for your generosity in making this long term project possible and blessing the poorest from Indonesia with a shining example of the love of Christ.



Thank you for your consideration in supporting our ministry. Go to [www.body-and-soul-ministries.org](http://www.body-and-soul-ministries.org) and go to the **WAYS TO HELP** section or send your check or money order to the address below:



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SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2019

# “THANK YOU!”

**The first half of 2019 has been a wonderful success thanks to you!** Our Indonesian Eye Surgery Camps in Northern Sumatra continue to give sight to hundreds every year and our involvement in building safe houses for those vulnerable for human trafficking in Southeast Asia is dramatically changing the lives of these young girls. The following report will be focusing on these two projects.





## BODY & SOUL IS PHASING OUT OF THE TREE OF LIFE PROGRAM

What really began as a response to a terrible natural disaster in Leyte became an opportunity for the Lord to work and for us to join him in what has been a huge blessing for us and for many others over the years. The children orphaned by the mudslides in Leyte were taken in and raised in a loving environment. Now they are grown, productive, employed, church leaders, servants, and wonderful people.

Naturally we sought many ways to continue our involvement with them and with the people who helped us take care of them over the years. These connections led us to Arapal, where many good things have happened over the years. But what was originally a program dedicated to a group of orphans for us morphed to many other small projects and to the *Tree of Life (TOL)* program to provide supplemental education to kids in need around Arapal.

The original orphan program was an overwhelming success! We would like to get back to real, immediate needs in a way that honors the donations of all those who support *Body & Soul Ministries*, and in keeping with that desire we now see a good opportunity to move on from the *TOL* program and focus our efforts on an increasing role addressing the human trafficking crisis in Southeast Asia.

We have and will continue to address transitional needs and see to it that the end to our involvement with *TOL* is done in a way that honors those who have worked so hard on the program. Funds that have been given earmarked to *TOL* will be given to them as promised, and through 2019 we will continue to forward these earmarked funds. We are proud and blessed to have been a part of this work. The directors Salma Perocho and Gemma Cabarles, along with the teachers of *TOL* have done an excellent job.

Now we look forward to returning to our roots and helping the orphans in such immediate danger from the human trafficking crisis.

*Foundation* have estimated that some 40.3 million people are enslaved worldwide. Numbers like these are very difficult to comprehend. Thinking about just one child living life as an owned object, enslaved and devalued, is unacceptable. The world as a whole, and each of us individually is in dire need of salvation. Praise God for his power, and for the power of his people working together to save orphans from this terrible fate. We are so pleased to be working closely with *Save Asian Souls* to rescue the children most in danger of falling prey to human traffickers. *Body & Soul Ministries* board members Greg Smith and Danny Carrigan were able to visit three of the nine safe houses in Nepal this April. We were so pleased to meet the Christians living in Bharatpur, Nepal who have formed a committee dedicated to seeing that these kids are rescued and cared for as if they were our own. We met many of the kids and spent time speaking with teachers and house parents. This project, thanks to your generosity, is truly meeting the charge of James 1:27 to "visit orphans and widows in their affliction." Salvation is coming, not from us, but from the Lord, and we're just happy to be working with you and with Him on this project. Some 60% of the young ladies in these homes have become baptized followers of Christ. Praise God!

## NEPAL SAFE HOUSES OFFERING HOPE & LOVE

We are so excited to have a board and supporters like you who take joy in giving and in helping those in the most dire need. The absolute epidemic of human trafficking around the world has grown at alarming rates over recent years. The *International Labor Organization* and *Walk Free*