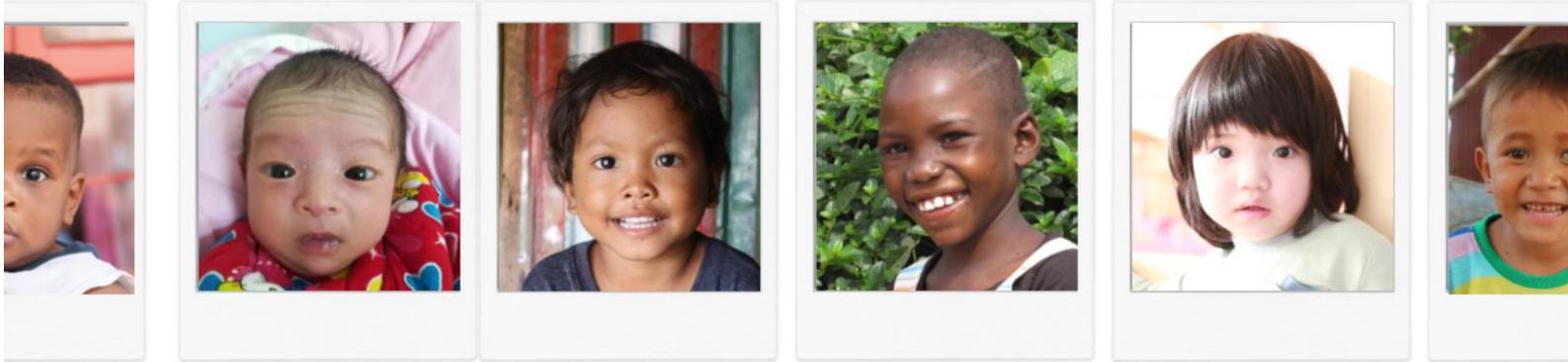


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LWB is committed to being a children's charity helping in the hardest of places. From our earliest beginnings, we've worked to build authentic trust in remote and rural regions to bring healing, education, and refuge to the kids who need us most. In this update, we want to introduce you to some of the children your donations this past quarter have impacted.



Critical Care for Tobias

Even though we've worked in China for the past 17 years, helping hundreds of orphanages, there are still many institutions we've been unable to access. Whenever we hear of locations with enormous needs, however, we never stop trying. Last month, after three years of building relationships with one particular rural orphanage, we were finally given permission to visit.

It was then that our team met a 2-year-old boy who was born with a medical condition that should have been surgically repaired at birth. We knew immediately that the tiny boy needed urgent medical care, as his abdomen was rigid and severely distended. We rushed little Tobias to the best children's hospital in the province, where he is still receiving emergency care. Another beautiful life saved, thanks to your support.

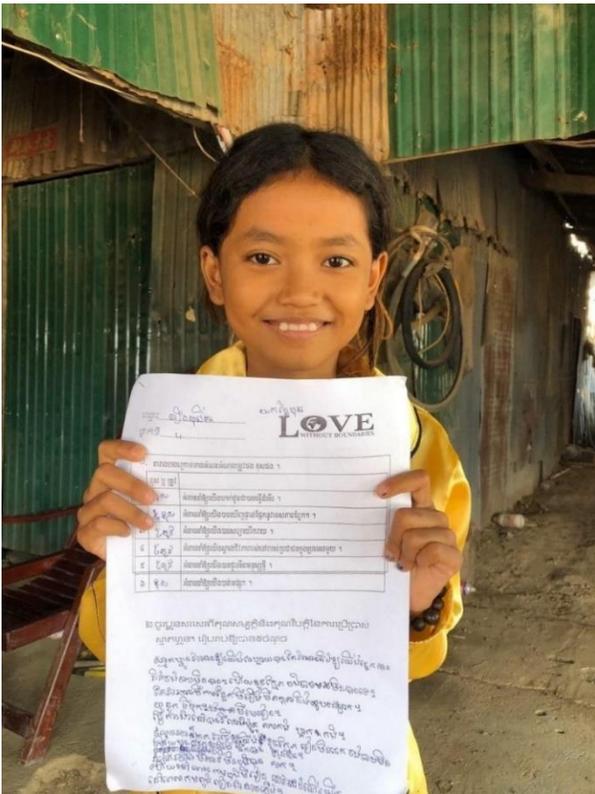
Hope at the Landfill

In Cambodia, LWB continues to work with the children who live and work at a local dumpsite. These kids are at high-risk for health issues from breathing in fumes from hazardous waste. Before the pandemic, our LWB tuktuk delivered them each day to our Believe in Me schools, where they had a safe place to learn and play, while receiving medical check ups and a healthy hot lunch. With the virus temporarily closing schools, our commitment to the children remains strong. We make regular visits to distribute quality nutrition to these vulnerable kids, as well as teaching them good hygiene like essential hand washing. Two-year-old Manny receives supplemental formula each month to keep his caloric intake high, and the transformation in his health has been remarkable.



Mobile Education

When Cambodia made the decision to temporarily shutter its schools, the government suggested that all learning go online. There was one major problem for the regions where LWB works, however. The majority of children in these rural villages don't even have access to electricity, much less the internet. Our wonderful teachers were committed to making sure the students' lessons continued. Each day they now travel by bicycle and motorbike, often on mud-soaked dirt roads, to deliver paper learning packets and in-person instruction to even the most remote households. It's an enormous challenge, but we're determined that hard-working students like Mia will not fall behind.



Heart Surgery for Harris

Harris, 3 years old, was diagnosed with a large hole in his heart shortly after birth. His parents were devastated. They told our manager that they were so anxious that they couldn't eat or sleep. They spent all the money they had on Harris' initial medical bills and had nothing left to pay for an expensive surgery. The family had begun begging and borrowing money for their son when Harris' grandfather suffered a debilitating stroke. His medical bills over-burdened the family's already strained finances. Desperation set in when they realized little Harris would not be able to have the surgery he needed. Thankfully, the family learned of LWB's Unity Initiative and applied for help. We're happy to report that Harris received his life-saving operation and was discharged from the hospital in early June.



Emergency Food Relief

COVID-19 has led to severe hunger for countless children around the world. In the remote regions where LWB works, even before the virus hit, the majority of families survived day by day. Thanks to your support, LWB has been making continual deliveries of emergency food rations to some of the hardest hit communities.

One of the groups receiving emergency aid from LWB this past month was the Batwa tribe, an ancient people who used to inhabit the Bwindi Impenetrable Forest in SW Uganda. The Batwa were the "guardians of the forests," known for their great skill in hunting and dancing. For over four thousand years they lived in trees and caves, gathering honey, leaves, and fruits, while hunting with poison tipped arrows.



In 1991, their forests were turned into the Mgahinga Gorilla National Park, and the Batwa were evicted en masse. They were given no support or compensation, and life ever since has been incredibly hard.

Today, the remaining Batwa live in extreme poverty in mud hut villages with little access to work or education.

In late June, LWB made a delivery of 2.5 tons of food to the most vulnerable in the Batwa tribe, including widows and their children, those with disabilities, and orphans. The delivery was met with great joy, and even celebratory dancing. The villagers told our team that many nights they have gone to bed hungry, but the gifts of beans, rice, and corn flour will now feed over 300 children for the month of July.



We send our deepest thanks to you for standing with LWB during this pandemic, so that life-sustaining projects like emergency food can continue.

These are just a few of the thousands of children your kindness has impacted. If you'd like to see the faces of even more, we encourage you to follow us on Instagram or Facebook, as we do our very best to bring daily snapshots of hope and positivity during this uneasy time. To make it easier, we've put the links below! We've also added a much shorter website address, since so many people are typing on mobile devices now, which will get you straight to the original LWB webpage.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF TEAM LWB!

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