

# LOVE

WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

---

## News from January 2021

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe the first month of the new year has already finished. Thanks to your support, many more children received care through LWB's programs. Here's a few of the stories your kindness made possible.



### Focus on Foster Care

Last month, we welcomed 12 new children into LWB foster care (1 in Uganda, 3 in India, and 8 in Cambodia). We now provide family-based care to orphaned and abandoned children in every country where we work. Two of the children who came into our full-time care in January are Patrick and Shirley, adorable twins who are definitely going to keep their foster mom on her toes. Shirley was born with amniotic band syndrome of her hand and leg, but it hasn't stopped her from having lots of fun adventures with her brother in the safety of their new home.



### University Scholarships

Last month we awarded ten new college scholarships to students living in the border villages of western Cambodia. Danna graduated high school first in her class, despite sadly losing her father this year. She has long dreamed of becoming a nurse and is eagerly looking forward to beginning a four-year nursing program. She dreams of someday being able to work in the rural countryside, treating the sick and providing needed advice on health issues.



### Cleft Bottles in India

After seeing so many babies in China born with cleft struggle to gain the weight needed for surgery, we sourced a specialized "squeezie bottle" many years ago to help them feed more easily. When we saw the same pressing need in India, with many babies with cleft becoming failure-to-thrive, we began looking for a factory which could manufacture the same simple-to-squeeze bottles. In January, we distributed 500 of these specialty bottles to help children like baby Sunil thrive.



## Newly Repaired Hearts

In January, we arranged for 6 more children from Uganda to travel all the way to Kolkata, India. With COVID, there are of course many more logistical steps for these international journeys, but all six children had extremely complex heart conditions which could not be repaired in their home country. Three of the six children have already undergone their operations, including 3-month-old Emmalyn. This adorable baby girl was born with Down syndrome and an AV canal defect, which had already caused early heart failure. Her surgery took a very long 10-hours, and her chest had to remain open for several days as her body adapted to the new circulation. We are so happy to report that she is recovering well in the hospital, and we give thanks for another beautiful life saved.



## Emergency Food (and so much more)

In 2020, the LWB community made it possible for us to deliver over 485,000 pounds of emergency food supplies to children who would otherwise go hungry. That is definitely something to celebrate. There's another important part of our COVID food relief efforts,

however, which comes when our on-the-ground teams head out to the most remote villages. In distributing food to local communities, we have discovered many more children living completely without protection.

Such was the case in January for this sibling group being raised by their 13-year-old sister Carol. These brave children were trying to survive completely on their own after their father passed away. Tragically, the baby of the family had recently died as well after drowning in a nearby river. Immediately after visiting their meager home to bring food supplies, our Cambodian team worked with village officials to move the children into an LWB foster home. They are so relieved to now have a safe place to live, with a foster mom to see to their needs. All of them have also enrolled for the very first time in school. As you can see below, 3-year-old Mercy is very excited about all the new experiences she's having in our preschool.



## A Busy Month for the Unity Initiative



Our Unity program provides critical surgeries to children living in extreme poverty, and with the upcoming Chinese New Year about to happen (when most of China comes to a full halt), we worked hard to make sure as many operations as possible could be completed last month. 28 children were helped through the Unity program in January, including adorable Kendyl. This beautiful little girl lives in a rural village in far western China. Her parents wrote us that they "felt completely helpless" at not having the ability to help their daughter receive the medical care she needed. Through our partnership with Gansu Provincial Hospital, her cleft lip has now been repaired.

I hope you enjoyed this brief snapshot of some of the children helped last month. We recently finished compiling the 2020 data from all of our many projects around the world. It's now in one "short as possible" [Impact Report](#) which is posted on our website. I invite you to take a moment to see all the good you made possible last year. Simply click on the photo below, and you'll head straight there. I hope as you read through it, you'll know that we simply couldn't have done it without you. I'm just so grateful.

Until next month!

*Amy Eldridge*  
*Chief Executive Officer*



**Providing healing,  
education, and  
refuge to vulnerable  
children worldwide**

**"Every Child Counts"**