



# HAKI update



Sponsored children in Uganda.



Can you believe it's been 50 years since I began this journey of service to God? Those early years were filled with smuggling Bibles and medical supplies into impoverished and spiritually hungry countries. Now, thanks to your help, we are changing the lives of children forever through education and the love of Jesus.

The truth is, each one of you has played a significant role in this journey. The ministry of Hope 4 Kids International exists today because of your generous support. Whether you sponsored a child, helped drill a clean water well, built a church or school, or traveled around the world to personally share God's love, you made a difference.

This 50th year celebration is not just about me, it's about you, our Heroes of Hope. Throughout the year, we are sharing your stories and celebrating together how God's hand of favor has helped this work not only survive but thrive, bearing much fruit in the lives of thousands of kids and families.

Thank you, thank you for your many prayers and sustaining support, and for being a Hero of Hope to so many! You are truly a blessing!

Blessings on you,

Tom Eggum - Founder/President

## HISTORY OF CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Did you know that Tom Eggum got started in ministry in Soviet countries evangelizing and distributing Bibles? Some of the earliest children sponsored through Tom's connections were young teens in Romania who were orphaned. To be an orphan at that time in Romania was to be ostracized. To have a sponsor, especially one from another country, was to be accepted and at times, envied.

Over time, Tom's travels and work spread to other countries, but as he said, "For the longest time I resisted going to Africa. I thought the problems were too big and we were too busy in other countries." This was before he was invited to speak at a pastor's conference in Tororo, Uganda in 2003. It only took three short days to change his heart and mind. As he watched the children worship, pray, and praise God from their hearts, he also saw their open sores due to HIV/AIDs and their bloated bellies due to worms and malnutrition. Later that evening, he cried out to God and asked, "Where are you God? Why don't you hear these children's prayers?" And in his spirit Tom heard, "That is why I brought you here." Tom knew it would take an army to help these children and he knew education was the key to help move these children out of the cycle of generational poverty. So, before he left, he asked the local Bishop to choose the 100 neediest children. Armed with photos of these children, Tom returned to the US and within a few weeks all 100 children had a

sponsor to help support them with their education, health care, and basic needs.

Of course, Hope 4 Kids International and Child Sponsorship did not stop there. Programs in Romania expanded, in part due to the efforts of Tom's original translators, to include Roma (often called Gypsy) children, who are a highly marginalized people-group who rarely attend school due to prejudice and lack of role models. The 220 Roma children in our program today currently attend school and an after school program where they receive help with homework, have Bible lessons, and have hope for their futures.

In 2012, H4KI expanded into Guatemala, serving children in the town of Escuintla alongside our ministry partners. This has opened the way for child sponsorship for some of the most vulnerable children we serve. Attending school and an after-school program is a means of educating the mind, heart, and soul of these children and ensures that their basic needs are met. It also helps to keep the children off the street and under the care and guidance of loving staff members.

The Philippines is one of our newest ministries beginning in 2015. H4KI built a Daycare/Preschool in 2018 to help serve the families in the areas of Mindoro. Public schools begin at first grade and children whose families cannot afford preschool are chronically behind educationally and are at a much higher risk of dropping out of school.

Additionally, the annual medical clinics the children attend allow us to identify children at risk for malnutrition. Due to a poor diet, we also supply the children with daily multivitamins.

In truth, it has not taken long for the Child Sponsorship program to grow in the many countries we now serve. Since its inception, H4KI has impacted the lives of more than 20,000 children. Time and again studies have shown that education is the key to move children and families out of the grip of generational poverty. It has been twenty years since we first entered those first 100 vulnerable children in our program. Many of those children have progressed through primary and secondary school and on into trade/vocational school and even university! A few now serve on the Ugandan H4KI staff or serve their community as teachers or nurses.

By honoring the humble beginnings of Hope 4 Kids International Child Sponsorship Program, we would love to connect one of our 400 currently available children with a new sponsor. You can sponsor a child for as little as \$1 per day or help out a child who needs to attend boarding school for \$3 per day. Sponsoring a Higher Education student gives them the gift of a skill and vocation for as little as \$4 per day! Like Tom, you too can be the answer to a child's prayer for a better future and be part of the army that is helping to end generational poverty.

## HISTORY OF PROJECTS

The Projects Department was established in 2017 after it became clear that there was a huge need for better quality schools in communities across Uganda. By that time, H4KI had already done a lot of work to address the health needs of children by providing nutrition, medical care, and clean water. We had also addressed the need for education by providing school fees, uniforms, and school supplies. However, the quality of education was still very poor in many villages. During the early years, we completed many small-scale projects, but they were mostly done during mission trips by the mission team.

Once we created the Projects Department, we had a full staff

in-country and were able to focus on village and school development in a much more focused way. This team on the ground allowed us to construct the five schools we currently operate. H4KI schools have excellent teachers and provide a safe environment for children. We also operate over eight large-scale school and church projects. Through their growth, we have been able to expand our focus from raising one child at a time to lifting a whole village at a time out of poverty.

This work would not be possible without the partnership of the families and churches that support and walk alongside us to bring the best services and facilities to the Adopt a Village program.

The pioneer of our Adopt a Village program, Terry Lee, and the Lee Family Foundation have created a repeatable model to help a village improve education, improve access to clean water, and lift the community out of poverty. We have dreamed together about not just having one Adopt a Village but having 100 or more.

Our hopes and goals include opening a medical clinic on the H4KI Campus in Uganda and growing our programs in the seven other countries where H4KI serves to have the same level of impact we are making in Uganda.



# HISTORY OF WATER 4 KIDS INTERNATIONAL

When Tom felt the calling from the Lord to work in Uganda, he had a vision to help orphaned and vulnerable children alleviate their suffering by rescuing them from extreme poverty. These children had already lived a lifetime of despair and were forced to trek miles daily to contaminated open ponds they shared with animals for their source of drinking water.

Tom invited us all into a God-sized dream. He didn't know if it was a calling or if he was crazy. Throughout the years, Tom shared the wisdom from his mentor, Dr. Walt Kallestad: "You know it is a calling from the Lord when your vision is above your resources, above your knowledge, and above your capabilities." The only way to navigate that calling is to rely on the Lord.

Answering the call from a heartfelt prayer in 2002, Tom's mission and vision were laser-focused on Uganda, Africa, especially since it was tied as the youngest population on the planet and home to over two

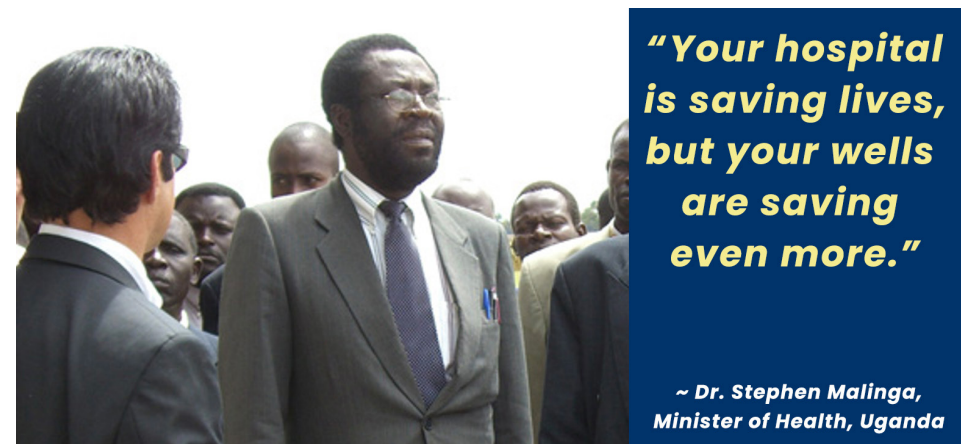
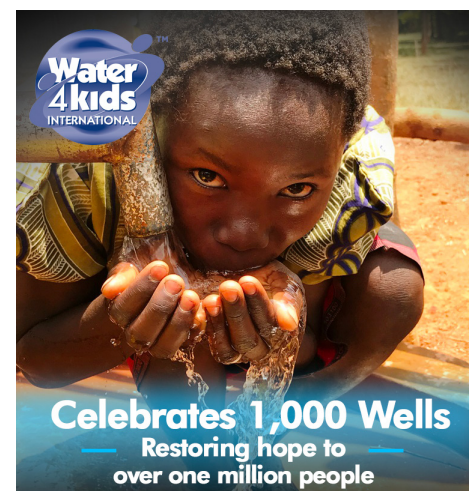
million orphans. Uganda also ranked #3 in the world with the least amount of access to safe water and ranked #1 as having the dirtiest water to drink. The children of Uganda faced a lot of challenges and needed our help.

In 2006, Dr. Stephen Malinga, Uganda's Minister of Health, came to dedicate a hospital we were involved with at the time. He walked the campus and paused at the production well and said, "Your hospital is saving lives, but your wells are saving even more." And with a lot of passion and a little knowledge, we started drilling wells for a handful of villages. Looking back now, it was like jumping into a canoe crossing a large body of water trying to paddle to the other side with only one oar.

In 2007, someone jumped in our boat and said, "I can give you a rudder to give your boat direction to travel further and make you seaworthy." That was Bill Mills, founder of 2M & Co., who spent his 57-year career delivering clean water to the Southwest United

States. He named it Water 4 Kids International and mentored Tom to get it established and get corporations involved. People like his daughter Laura, Pastor Ken Jensen, Pastor Bob Mooney, and Gene & Elaine Toth said, "I believe in the mission of this 'boat,'" and started sharing it with other people wanting to make a difference. Many, many people started coming aboard.

Pastor Hillary Malo and Angie Simon said, "We can build this boat," and he started building the bow and she started working on the stern, and slowly this vessel started taking shape. Ivana Pacion helps support this vessel as the Purser, whose job is to take care of the partners on their voyage every step of the way during the well drilling process. The most dedicated supporter and board member, Bill Brandom, says, "This ship changes lives, including my own!" and started investing in the ship and its mission with his family, bringing clean water to over 200,000 people.



Until later, our ship became so vast, we needed a seaworthy captain with a lot of experience, like our Executive Director, Ken Howell, whose calling is to steer our ship so we can stay on course navigating through the rough waters and calm seas.

And through a lot of prayer, some uncharted territories, and through the most God-inspiring voyage, you all have played a big role supporting this ship called Water 4 Kids International. If you have given a dollar or one-thousand, you have made a difference. You said "Yes" for God to use you as a mighty vessel in His Kingdom, and together, we

have impacted more than one million people with clean, safe water and the love of Jesus!

Water 4 Kids International has drilled our 1,000th well in eleven countries since 2007, restoring hope to impoverished children and families across the globe. We sincerely thank you for your continued passion, support, and time enabling W4KI to deliver clean water to one thousand thirsty communities providing the critical building blocks of health, safety, freedom, opportunity, and hope to the next generation. And what better legacy to leave to these future leaders of tomorrow.

While we celebrate this wonderful milestone, there are millions of others that are still praying for safe water. And our commitment is to focus on restoring hope and healing to them. Would you prayerfully consider leaving your legacy through W4KI to impact the next million people? Together, we are making a difference. Thank you, we are continuously humbled and grateful for your partnership!

## Have you considered a special gift as we honor Tom Eggum's 50 years of global impact?

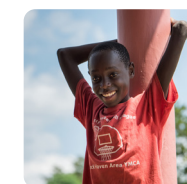
Any amount helps change the future of the kids.

Here are some important project needing your help:



**Build a Hut**

\$6,800 for a modest home



**Higher Education**

\$1,500 - \$3,500 per year per student



**Boarding School**

\$750 - \$1,200 per year per student



**Namibia Boarding School Remodel**

\$5,000+ depending on the work needed



Please, scan the QR code or visit us at [h4ki.org/50years](http://h4ki.org/50years)

You can sponsor a child, help with food for the kids, or drill a well and provide safe clean water.

We truly appreciate all you have done to give these kids a future and a hope!

## HISTORY OF SHORT-TERM INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Tom's first mission trip smuggling Bibles into the Soviet Union was in 1971. After a few trips bringing God's Word to the courageous believers living in communist Soviet Union, where Christians were publicly mocked and punished, Tom created his organization in 1973. Those first few years, all of his mission trips served USSR-era Russia, East Germany, and Romania and surrounding countries.

In 1981, Tom was arrested in the USSR and was banned from entering the country for 5 years. At that time, he began smuggling Bibles into Cuba, as well as China and Vietnam.

As you can imagine, Tom has served on hundreds of mission trips. When asked how going on so many trips has impacted him, he immediately replied that it changes your perspective on life. Tom believes that serving our brothers and sisters in Christ living around the world helps us to get our priorities in order. Tom shared that seeing the needs of the poor and serving alongside our team members "has kept my heart soft" for the people who lack basic needs every day of their lives. He believes everyone should go on a mission trip once a year!

In the 90s, after the fall of the Soviet Union, Tom returned to Romania. This time he was with a youth leadership convention. On previous trips, he had visited orphanages and hospitals, but this time, he realized those places

had been government set ups to show foreigners how perfect the USSR was, yet it was not the real state of the services available to the orphaned and the sick. On this trip, they found the real orphanages and hospitals where they could see the children and patients suffering, lacking

very basic needs. At this time, Tom responded to the current biggest need that he saw, resources for the orphans and supplies for the hospitals.

In 2002, Tom visited Uganda for the first time. Our organization was in the red financially and he didn't really want to go to Uganda because he didn't want to promise to help with any needs he wasn't sure he could fulfill. Once in Uganda, he was humbled by the children worshipping God in church despite their extremely poor living conditions. He told them he couldn't promise anything, but he would take the names of 100 of the neediest children and try to get them sponsored. After visiting Uganda, Tom felt like this was the purpose for which he was born: To bring Hope to the poorest of the poor.



Many people ask us, is it better to just give you the money instead of going on a mission trip? Tom firmly believes that it is better to go yourself. This gives you the perspective on how people around the world live, the struggles they face, and how you may personally feel led to respond. You will always be an advocate for the poor once you meet them and know their names!

H4KI began working in Namibia in 2011, Guatemala in 2013, the Philippines in 2015, Mexico in 2017, and Nepal in 2019. We look forward to continuing Tom's tradition of serving children and families living in extreme poverty through Dignity, Health, Joy, and Love all over the world.

# 2023 Mission Trip Dates

Restoring hope to kids & families around the world since 1973.

## Philippines

Feb 21 - Mar 6    Oct 31 - Nov 13

Adults: \$1995    Students: \$1895

+ Tour of Manila or Beach Day  
Scheduled Excursion Cost: \$200

## Nepal \*

April 11 - 24    Adults: \$1995  
Students: \$1795

## Uganda

July 4 - 17    Oct 31 - Nov 13

Adults: \$1995    Students: \$1895

+ Wildlife Safari and Nile Trip  
Scheduled Excursion Cost: \$320

+ Add Optional Gorilla Trek \*  
July 17    Cost: Contact Us  
Application deadline Feb 17, 2023

## Namibia \*

Aug 29 - Sept 7    Adults: \$1795  
Students: \$1695

## Romania

May 2 - 11    Adults: \$1795  
Students: \$1695

+ Day Trip to Budapest, Hungary  
Scheduled Excursion Cost: \$125

## Mexico

July 10-12    App Fee: \$50  
Trip Cost: \$200

Deadline to apply 2 weeks before trip date.

Driving or carpooling is required for this trip.

## Guatemala

June 1 - 8    Adults: \$995  
Students: \$895

+ Exploration of Antigua  
Scheduled Excursion Cost: \$50

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- Due to the difficult nature of travel, at this time we will limit mission trips to 20 participants.
- All trips are tentative pending airline and host country's travel restrictions. Excursions may not be available on all trips.
- Please contact our office at teams@h4ki.org if your preferred trip is full, as we will keep a trip interest list in case any spots open up, or to be notified when a specific trip resumes.
- One month application deadline on all trips unless otherwise noted.
- \$250 application fee for all trips unless otherwise noted. The trip fee includes room and board, bottled water, outreach participation costs, and daily transportation to outreaches, when applicable. Trip fee excludes travel to destination, visas, vaccinations, and excursion costs.
- For more information regarding trips, including excursion details, please contact Amy at teams@h4ki.org
- \* Team members will be required to cover the cost of internal flights booked by H4KI.

# WHY DO I NEED A WILL?



H4KI has made it possible for you to create a legally valid will for free!

Everyone should have an estate plan to support their future and protect what God has blessed them with, a will is the only way to:

- Save your family pain and complications by giving exact instructions on how to handle your estate
- Start a legacy at H4KI to bless children around the world for generations to come

## FREEWILL MAKES IT EASY!



Scan here to visit [freewill.com/h4ki](https://freewill.com/h4ki) or call **623-979-5516** for more details!

If you have additional assets outside of your will, such as a401(k), IRA, or life insurance policy, FreeWill can help you make plans!

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