



2022 Program Update

2022 was a challenging year with the winding down of COVID -19 pandemic and the lingering health and economic effects in many poor regions of the world. As we continued our humanitarian assistance, we have also stepped-up our assistance to many young people on job-oriented training in Africa and India so that they can get a meaningful employment. We also ventured into funding community clinics, providing necessities for women and old, and supplies for schools in the poor neighborhoods in Africa.

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We sincerely thank each one of you for your generous support of our mission. These are the highlights of our activities:

Education and religious retreats at Christeen - our major service collaboration partner

Hope for Youth supports many programs for youth through Christeen, India (Teenagers for Christ). These programs consist of religious retreats to exam preparation bootcamps. During 2022 they also conducted several leadership camps, parents/children joint retreats, and animators' training programs.





Community Relief Programs in Adilabad

Adilabad in Telangana State in India is one of the poorest areas of the state. The Diocese of Adilabad is doing a fantastic work of love by feeding and supporting the most vulnerable in the society. Hope for Youth participated in funding part of these programs. They have built an excellent network to distribute food supplies in the hard-to-reach areas.





Mariapalana Society, Kerala

Mariapalana Society has been our grant recipient for many years and as the new government regulations restricted the operation of their orphanage, they diverted their mission to feed the poor and homeless. Hope for Youth partially funded some of their programs.





Gimbi Mission Ethiopia

Hope for Youth is collaborating with Bethany Sisters, a Catholic congregation, who established a mission post in Gimbi area of Ethiopia. They just started to run a school and a basic clinic. They have an acute need to assist local youth to find jobs also. Gimbi, a town in the western region of Ethiopia, is a poor and underdeveloped area with low literacy rate. Hope for Youth has agreed to find sponsors for scholarships for vocational education. In 2022 we have funded several candidates for 2 year-certification for Commercial Vehicle Licensing program, Kindergarten Teacher Training, and other job training programs.

Early 2023, the local head of the convent and other sisters at the convent were kidnapped by opposition rebels (Ethiopia is going through a civil war). Mother of the convent begged the captors to release other sisters and take her alone. The captors finally released other sisters. The captors blindfolded this nun and made her walk through the forest for over 8 miles. The rebels claimed a huge amount as ransom. The church leadership, after many painstaking attempts, obtained the release of this nun. This incident resulted in the discontinuation of the mission in that area as it posed grave danger for life of the sisters. Undaunted, the sisters wanted to serve the poor and asked the bishop to given them a new mission location. Accordingly, they are in the process of starting a new mission in the Emdibir area – an admirable Christian spirit!





Generator project at St. Thomas Church Mangalassery, Kerala India

The church and their community facility needed a generator as power cuts and load shedding have been a common occurrence in this area. Hope for Youth funded the purchase of a new generator that solved this problem.



<u>Support for Snehibhavan (Adivasi - Dalit Boarding Home) and Adivasi Dalit</u> <u>Women Empowerment Center</u>

Throughout 2022, Hope for Youth had been supporting **Snehibhavan/Adivasi Women Empowerment Center**, in the tribal area near Idukki-Kottayam boarder in Kerala, India. Snehibhavan houses young girls (ages 7 to 19) who are abused or unsafe at home or has no economic means to study. Walking to school is extremely hard and unsafe due to wild animals and other predators. The founder had this idea while serving under the Center for Tribal and Dalit Studies of UNICEF, a UN initiative. The founder Sajini Mathews who herself is a Dalit, is the first one to get high school diploma in that Adivasi district. She has received many awards and recognitions for her service such as *Arali Award, Good Samaritan Awaard, Rosemary Award* among others.



Hope for Youth has funded education expenses for three nursing students. We also provided financial assistance such as urgent repairs of Snehibhavan facility to secure it before monsoon rain and other emergency needs.

Youth United 4 Christ All India Programs

Youth United 4 Christ, based in New Delhi, India, is one of our program partners who conducts impactful programs for youth at the national level in India.





Once again, thank you for your generous support without which we could not have funded these programs. You can set up monthly donations by going to our website at <u>www.hopeforyouthinternational.org</u>. You can also mail the check to:

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We will be very happy to discuss with you about various ways you can contribute for a good cause for youth with your tax-deductible donations. You can also be a sponsor for technical education for any youth in Africa or India. Please contact <u>info@hopeforyouthinternational.org</u> or <u>jmelookaran@gmail.com</u>.

Thank you for your support and God Bless!!