

# RESCUE RESTORE RENEW



Greetings, friends!

In 2014, the power of your heartfelt prayer and giving brought about lasting change for the children and families we serve. We want to wholeheartedly thank you for what God accomplished through your generous support in 2014.

2014 was a year of change for us. When comparing the goals we made for the year to what actually happened, only one thing can be said: we serve an amazing God. He didn't just meet our needs and requests, but gave us abundantly more. Below, you can see how He was Jehovah-Jireh ("God will Provide") for the children we care for, their homes, and the leaders caring for them.

Additionally, our board decided to transition from being operated by volunteers to hiring a few part time staff members. Our desire is to always be ministry-focused, without a hefty administrative budget. We prayerfully decided that adding staff would not overshadow our mission to rescue, restore, and renew.

We also launched a new ministry called Life Leadership Academy, an 18-month program created to give intensive ministry training to 15 students. Upon completing the Academy, they will be equipped to break ground as missionaries in unreached areas!

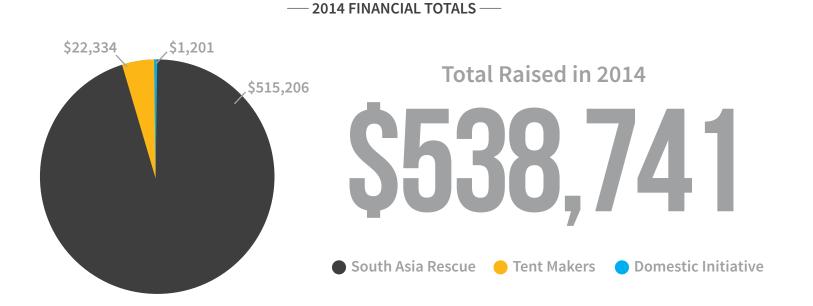
In this new year, I encourage you to learn how God is blessing our work at our website,

www.lifefortheinnocent.org, and on our Facebook page. We want you to be in the know about our prayer requests, praises, and upcoming events. Hopefully our excitement is contagious and you are joining us in praising His name with grateful hearts!

My best,

Chris Semmens Executive Director NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL WE ASK OR THINK....

**Ephesians 3v20** 



#### – 2014 GOALS • EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS —



He eclipsed our request for 400 children by gathering 38 more from abuse and neglect into lives filled with love, compassion, and grace.



When we asked God to expand our leadership in Southeast Asia, we never expected Him to equip 1,600 pastors to serve the exploited in their communities!



After appealing to Him for the ability and means to start our 10th children's home, God gave us 11! You fully funded the expenses to run all our homes with absolutely no debt.

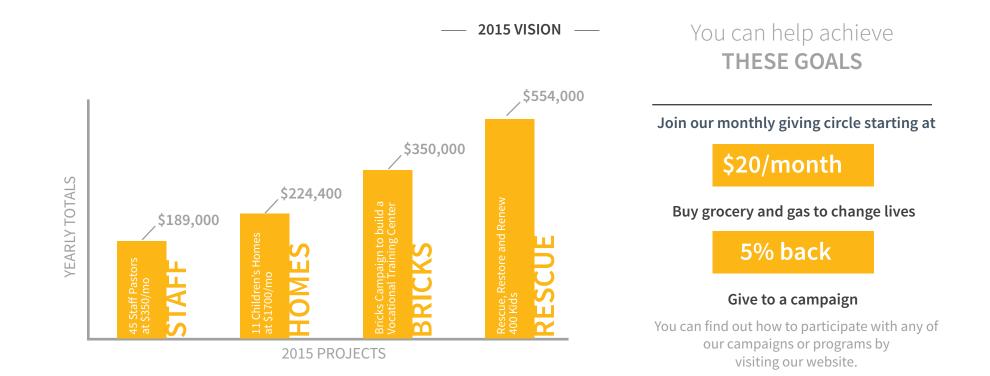
## **DOMESTIC INITIATIVE**

In October our Domestic Initiative launched by two of the most dynamic and gifted young women we have ever met! Shelby Houser and Laura Albritton are working to equip the community with the knowledge and tools necessary to end sex trafficking in the U.S., while raising their own support. Check our website to see how you can help LFTI prevent trafficking, intervene when necessary, and aid the restoration of survivors of this atrocity happening right here in America.

### **TENT MAKERS**

In order to better serve the children not able to be placed with forever families, we developed a new program called Tent Makers! It will equip young adults with vocational training and offer spiritual discipleship to achieve self-sustainability and Kingdom expansion.

Our largest facility to date, this center will house 125 promising young adults, along with their training workshops and classrooms. While growing in their knowledge of Jesus and continuing to heal, they will learn a marketable skill of their choice for sustainable success. We currently have an ongoing campaign called Bricks to support the staff, students, and construction of the building. Please consider joining us in making this goal a reality in 2015.



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