“Love is the most powerful apologetic. It is the essential component in reaching the whole person in a fragmented world. The need is vast, but it is also imperative that we be willing to follow the example of Jesus and meet the need.”

RAVI ZACHARIAS
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DEAR FRIENDS

It is our privilege to share with you an annual report for the work of Wellspring International in FY2019. Your commitment and willingness to give of what you have for the sake of another, for justice, and for restoration of a life and healing in the broken world in which we live has made these things possible.

In July of this year, I was in Southeast Asia to visit an organization providing education to children, primarily for families living below the poverty level. I walked through the building and passed the small kitchen space with stainless steel pots and pans stacked from floor to ceiling. An hour earlier, the aroma of curry filled the air as lunch for 700 students and their teachers was prepared. I heard someone call my name and turned to see a woman with slender shoulders, her pink shirt stained with curry sauce. She looked nervous, and tears spilled silently from her eyes. She took my hand in hers, and with the help of a translator, she explained that she had two daughters. One had graduated from the school the previous year and was currently attending college on a scholarship made possible by friends of Wellspring International. Her second daughter had graduated in the high school ceremony I attended the day before. She had received a competitive placement from a widely known tech company, ensuring her higher education and job placement in a reputable organization.
“This shouldn’t be possible,” she said. “My daughters should have had no opportunities and no future. Thank you.” Her gratitude is to you, and I assured her of this. A few hours later, I stood in the entrance of a college campus as her oldest daughter walked down the outdoor corridor toward me in her yellow sari, holding her textbooks with a beautiful smile on her face. It truly felt like I was watching in slow motion. I was looking at the picture of what happens when human beings choose to mutually put faith and humility in each other and in the value of human life and living.

In these pages, will you find details of your investment to provide clean water for the homeless, food for refugees, protection for vulnerable children, education for kids with special needs, HIV care for victims of trafficking, legal services for women in domestic violence, medical care for those with no alternative for life-giving treatment, and prevention and rescue services from human trafficking.

On behalf of our team at Wellspring International, we want to thank you for what you have entrusted to us. It is an honor to serve together for the mission we believe in, and most importantly, in response to a call we hear and hold from a Creator who calls each one of us invaluable to God Himself.

Sincerely,

Naomi Zacharias
Director, Wellspring International
HISTORY, MISSION, AND VISION

The vision of Ravi Zacharias, Wellspring International was established in 2004 as the humanitarian arm of RZIM. It is an extension of our central focus, where we live out what we passionately defend. Wellspring International exists to empower you to impact the lives of women and children in need around the world. With extensive due diligence, we identify and financially equip existing organizations internationally who are meeting a legitimate need through methods of integrity to care for some of the most vulnerable people of humanity.

100% of donations designated for Wellspring are distributed directly to organizations and individuals we have vetted. By connecting you to genuine need, together we impact a world far beyond ourselves.
DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS

APPROVAL PROCESS FOR A GRANT

Extensive written application that meets IRS requirements as well as researched project data.

Receipt of all applicable legal, financial, educational, and medical documentation.

Site visit to include interviews with project leadership as well as beneficiaries.

A legal Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the specific use of funds, a timeline for project spending, and a monitoring and reporting system.
THE MONITORING & REPORTING PROCESS INCLUDES

Submission of all expense receipts and relevant bank statements to reconcile balance sheet.

Monthly progress reports.

Quarterly financial reports.

Certified annual Compilation/Review/Audit of project organization, conducted in compliance with General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Compliance with all MOU specifications.

Annual site visit and completed report by Wellspring Operations Manager and Senior Project Analyst.
NORTH AMERICA SNAPSHOT

340 music therapy sessions provided for refugees, hospice patients, and child bereavement.

2019 IMPACT

1.58 million USD distributed in FY19
Grant support given for 11 families and 14 organizations
Program portfolio included 11 countries, reaching 5 continents

SOUTH AMERICA SNAPSHOT

Outreach to 2,838 sex workers.

268 women received support services at a drop-in center.

134 children of sex workers were registered in a weekly education and prevention program

21 former sex workers received vocational training.
EUROPE SNAPSHOT
9 women who had been trafficked received comprehensive support services including housing, medical, counseling, social work, and job training.

Contact and support services offered for 1,039 women in the sex industry.

2,300 students participated in an extensive sex trafficking prevention program; 1,500 conversations with sex workers in Outreach program.

MIDDLE EAST SNAPSHOT
1,049 refugee families received monthly food coupons.

AFRICA SNAPSHOT
37 children with special needs received comprehensive care, education, and family support services.

Social work services and home support for 36 permanent foster care homes and 183 children who have been abandoned, abused, or orphaned.

Permanent housing, education, medical coverage, and holistic care for 30+ orphaned or abandoned children.
1,073 victims of violence through burning received treatment including 30 reconstructive surgeries, 259 dressing changes, 480 legal cases, counseling, and job training.

623 children from families living in slum areas received a scholarship for accredited Christian education.

Emergency medical support and hospital services for a cost-free clinic located in Asia’s largest red-light district that sees an average of 300 exploited sex workers each month.

Housing, food, medical care, spiritual care, and education for 75 children previously living on the streets or with mother living in nearby brothel and working in sex slavery.

300 abandoned elderly were taken in and given a home and comprehensive care.
HIGHLIGHT STORY

Since 2015, Wellspring International has supported Namelok-Naretoi, an organization in the Maasai region of Kenya working with children with physical disabilities. Over six hours from the closest hospital, this small organization has become a beacon of hope for these children as they have transported them to the hospital for corrective surgeries as well as providing education.

In recent years, young girls in the community have run away and shown up at their center before being forced to undergo Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and often early marriage. FGM became illegal in Kenya in 2011, but it still widely happens, especially in more remote areas. While already working at their capacity as the only NGO within the community, Namelok responded to this need by creating an Awareness Program.
In the 2019 Fiscal Year, we added funding for them to expand their Awareness Program in local schools: educating boys and girls about reproductive health, empowering girls to stay in school, providing sanitary towels for the girls, and also training families on family planning and the importance of education.

Recently, the Director shared with us about Naserian, a 12-year-old girl who was forced to undergo FGM and marry against her will. She had been in one of the school awareness sessions and fled to the center to seek help.

While undoubtedly traumatized by what has recently happened, the awareness session she previously attended at her school sparked a seed of hope for Naserian, a desire for something more. When the Namelok staff talked with her about what she had experienced, she said she just wanted the joy of being educated. She is currently staying at the Namelok center, and they are working with her and her family to provide a better future for her.
2019 FINANCIALS
$1,583,580 total given in Fiscal Year 2019

- Human Trafficking: $212,076
- Education: $335,036
- Orphaned or Abandoned Children: $357,671
- Refugees: $53,540
- Burn Treatment & Surgical Center: $223,363
- Abandoned Elders: $220,540
- Music Therapy: $50,888
- Individual Education Scholarships: $68,209
- Individual Basic Living Needs Scholarships: $59,354
- Individual Medical Scholarships: $2,993
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“Working with Wellspring over the past 14 years has been an absolute joy. They are so much more to us than donors and supporters—they are truly our partners. Partners who we’ve been able to grow alongside, who have shared our highs and lows and who share a vision of a better world for God’s children. We are so grateful to Wellspring for everything they’ve done and for the journey that they’ve walked with us.”

PIPPA SHAPER
FOUNDER OF HOME FROM HOME, A WELLSPRING GRANT RECIPIENT