

# The Perennial Path

Summer 2013



**Huyen**

is off to America for college! Thanks to her dedicated sponsor parents, she has an opportunity few orphans even dream of.

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# Injibara is Growing!

**We need your help!** You've helped Yeromnesh, Abel and many others, but thousands more live without nurturing parents, desperately seeking refuge. Your gift will save a child from a life of pain - and open up their world to wonderful opportunities. **Donate today & change a life.**

**4**  
New Homes  
**20**  
More Kids  
**∞**  
Endless  
Love

## Child Progress Report



### Nourished

3 healthy meals daily



### Safe

Comfortable home & bed



### Healthy

Regular doctor's visits



### Educated

Improving every day

## Yeromnesh

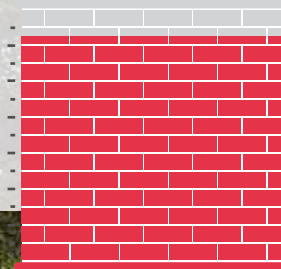
At 10 years old, HIV+ Yeromnesh was the sole provider for her younger brother, Yigermal. After arriving at the Children's Home, the housemothers got her immediate medical attention. Tonight, Yeromnesh will sleep without the weight of the world on her shoulders.

## Building Update

We are so close! Thanks to our incredible supporters, we are only \$19,723 away from helping 20 more children find a safe & happy place to call home!

**\$160,277**

Put more children on the **Road Home**, today!



## Abel

Abel's father viciously slayed his mother, and abandoned him in the streets. Shunned by the locals because of his father's crime, Abel struggled to find food, water and a safe place to sleep. Since coming to Injibara, he receives weekly counseling and the love and security of a stable home.



# College in America!

For most children living at an orphanage, dreams of going to college and getting a good job seem out of reach. Some dare not hope for such an opportunity for fear of being let down.

After the death of her father, 11 year old Huyen entered the House of Love with very little optimism in her future. A year later, board member Dr. Peggy McFarland and her husband Bob, entered her life as sponsors and began the long process of rebuilding her self-confidence and self-worth. Considering the miles that separated them, this seemed impossible, but the McFarland's were determined to give Huyen all the love and attention she needed.

My life is more beautiful since the first day I met you all, 9 years ago. You provided me with so much love and care. Now, I am a third year university student and have a chance to chase my dreams!

As an educator and orphan advocate, Peggy initiated the Service Learning Trip to Viet Nam as a partnership between Elizabethtown College and Brittany's Hope. During the first trip, 6 years ago, Peggy and Bob had the opportunity to meet Huyen, a moment which changed her belief about what is possible.

Over the past 9 years, Huyen has blossomed into a strong, educated and determined young woman. All the while, she passionately practiced speaking English, to the point of fluency. When it came time to take her entrance exam to Nha Trang University, she passed with ease.

This fall, Elizabethtown College has given her the chance to spend a semester abroad, immersed in English. This rare opportunity will separate her from the crowd and ensure that she has the skills to pursue her career and grow into a thriving adult. For a child living in an orphanage, what seemed like an unobtainable goal is now possible.



## Super Kid Konnor

There are truly no words to express our gratitude for being awarded a Seedling Gift grant, which helped unite us with our son.

This little boy has changed our lives in more ways than we could ever have dreamed. He has a smile that can light up any room and we have yet to meet a person who doesn't get completely caught up in the joy that just radiates from him.

Konnor has been home with us for a little over a year and just celebrated his 2nd birthday (first with his Forever Family). He has been such a blessing to our family and we are so grateful every day that we were chosen to be his parents. He has come so far in just a year and Brittany's Hope helped make it all happen!



Meet more Super Kids online at  
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# Granted Children Home



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## March 2013 to Present

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**Kyle**  
from China

"To see him, and how he fits  
in our family, is truly seeing  
the hand of God daily."



**Heather**  
from China

"Heather is such a joy and loves  
spending time with each of her 8  
adopted siblings."



**Audra**  
from China

"Our family has been touched and  
changed by your mission... and for  
that, we are endlessly grateful."



**Lexa**  
from China

"When we saw her face, we knew  
she deserved to be loved and  
belonged in our family."



**Jordan**  
from Ethiopia

"Jordan enjoys spending time with  
her big brothers and meeting the  
extended family she finally has."



**Li Lu Ke**  
from China

"It was so touching to have Brittany's  
Hope stand in support both of us and  
the many children who need a home."



**Kinley**  
from China

"Kinley is a sweet, loving and spunky  
little girl who loves being with her  
family more than anything else!"



**Zone**  
from Ethiopia

"Our family is so grateful for the  
grant and the wonderful people  
associated with it."





# Service Learning in Viet Nam

**Rustin Dudley**  
Elizabethtown College Student  
& Trip Participant

It's difficult to summarize three weeks of service and three weeks of pure joy down to a few paragraphs. What we witnessed was, in many ways, indescribable - yet essential to understanding the amazing work Brittany's Hope is doing every day.

Each experience we endured, each place we visited and each child we met was unique and beautiful in their own right. The caretakers at all of the orphanages showed such unspeakable love for each child and that love is clearly returned.

In Can Gio, the faces of the children lit up as bright as the sun when we gave them their own personal bikes. Walking miles to school in the blistering heat would be a

distant memory for them; a gift, we in the States, so often take for granted.

While visiting the Huynh De Nhu Nghia Blind Center, the children physically took our hands and were elated because they could feel our caring touch. Providing a new classroom, where the children could learn mobility training was one of the highlights of our stay. The new space afforded the nuns additional room to teach the kids skills for their future.

The Ha Tinh Orphanage was the last of our planned visits and one of the most moving. The Director of the Ha Tinh Orphanage was incredibly appreciative for the new mattresses and bunk beds provided to the

kids. It was evident his positive approach reaches to all aspects of his life. He is affectionately referred to as "father" and it was apparent why. Even though he has high expectations for their academics and behavior, he deeply cares for all the children as though they were his own.

Three days later, when it was time to leave, the courtyard was awash with tears, of both sadness and joy. The thought of leaving such wonderful children behind was heartbreaking, but we were incredibly happy to forge such a strong connection with them in such a small amount of time.

## 9 Centers & Hundreds of Happy Children



### 10 Shiny Bikes

Getting kids to school, where they belong, as swiftly as possible



### 60 Cozy Beds

All of the children at Ha Tinh have their own bed to snuggle up in at night

### 1 Month of Formula

Over 100 cases of formula will provide infants in two orphanages with nutrition



### 150 Survival Kits

Essential items for children who are forced to leave their orphanage



### New Classroom

40 blind children now have space to practice their mobility training



### 1,000 Books

The kids at the House of Love will have stimulating content to read for years



## We Meet At Last! Amy Witkowski Child Sponsor

We began sponsoring Thang in 2007 & have enjoyed watching him grow through updates from Brittany's Hope. It was surreal to finally see him in person! While playing with his friends, he would look back fondly and occasionally come sit by me or hold my hand. He seemed so confident and happy - it was obvious to me that the caretakers are doing an amazing job.

I never realized how much our family would mean to him. I left Viet Nam with an understanding of how important our family's love, regardless of distance, is to his well-being.



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\*Children 12 & under participate for free under the supervision of a legal guardian.

\*Brittany's Hope grant recipients participate for free.

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