

# The Perennial Path

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*Brittany's*  
**HOPE**

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# House of Love Expansion

The House of Love orphanage in Viet Nam is special to Brittany's Hope. Throughout our 10 year relationship, we have been blessed to watch a group of saddened children blossom into a happy and loving family. It was a long and bumpy road, but our strong partnership has ensured each child's safety and well-being.

The center's location made it susceptible to natural disasters, like typhoons which placed its buildings under 2 feet of water. While these disasters didn't endanger the lives of the children, it made the center's overpopulation apparent. Nearly 100 people would crowd into small rooms on the second floor of the original, antiquated building. It

was clearly time to expand and compensate for nature.

In January 2012, Brittany's Hope finished an incredible expansion to the House of Love center. This new building is elevated, spacious and functional! With the help of our supporters, we were able to supply new classrooms, a sustainable fruit garden, a library and most importantly a comfortable bed and locker for each child to call their own. In addition, the original buildings were repaired and upgraded! It was such an accomplishment that over 600 people from around the country, including government officials, joined the kids and their caretakers in an opening celebration.

# Travel & Serve

*"In early January, our group, along with nine suitcases stuffed with toys, gifts, clothes, diapers, formula and candy embarked on what was to be both a cultural as well as humanitarian experience." - John Penatzer, Child Sponsor*

When Brittany's Hope traveled to Viet Nam to attend the center's grand opening, an invitation was extended to sponsors and supporters. During their journey, the group visited orphanages in Ben Tre, Da Nang and Ho Chi Minh City where they implemented projects and distributed essential items to orphaned children.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to the House of Love where many of the group members sponsor a child. There is often a

pre-conceived notion that their involvement in their sponsored child's life will be limited to a monthly contribution. We believe that the connection forged through sponsorship is special and encourage our sponsors to send gifts, exchange letters and hopefully one day visit the child that they love and nurture from far away.

Viet Nam has been one of the primary focuses of the Humanitarian Aid that Brittany's Hope provides. When adoptions

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*"The joy of seeing her in person and hugging her is indescribable." - John Penatzer*

from the country ceased, it was even more important that resources be allocated to caring for the children who would remain in orphanages, without necessities or hope. Each year, we provide safe cribs, bikes, infant formula, vitamins, food, clean water and education to hundreds of kids through centers that span the unusual length of the Viet Nam countryside. We couldn't possibly sustain our programs abroad without the generous commitment of our supporters who provide monetary support to children who live thousands of miles away.



Join a  
**Service Trip**  
to Viet Nam or  
**Ethiopia**

Contact Mai-Lynn Abel  
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Join us to meet the children and see the work of Brittany's Hope in action. This is an opportunity to witness the programs enacted to overcome poverty and improve the lives of children. Together we can be the difference in the lives of children worldwide.

# Recipient Family Q & A

## What activities are the girls involved in?

Our girls are very active, learning to swim, playing soccer and baseball. They have thoroughly enjoyed a summer school class and can't wait to start school in the fall. Since becoming part of our family, they have learned to ride bikes, have gone to their first Easter egg hunt, and are excited about camping this summer.

## What is the biggest challenge they have endured thus far?

Considering the major transition to an English speaking country and family, they are doing amazingly well. In just 3 months they have learned a lot of English, but still speak Spanish amongst themselves. They love asking for English translations.

## Any Favorites?

Our girls love ice cream! They all prefer pinks and purples, are incredibly creative and enjoy dancing around the house. Angie and Roci are particularly athletic & Camila is particularly dramatic. The girls love water and just started swimming lessons!



Camila

Roci

Angie

# Children Home



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cost of international adoption.



We Provide Grants  
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## Jackson from China

"Our little Jackson fits right in to our family, he is a happy easy going little boy who loves his family!"



## Mei Li from China

"Our Mei Li is so precious, and it is such a blessing to see her blossom and grow even in such a short time."



## Bae David from Korea

"Bae is adjusting very well to our family and really loves his older brother, who also has special needs."



## Quinn from China

"She took our breath away and she has continued to do so the 6 weeks we have been together."



## Solomon from Uganda

"We are finally home with our precious son, and we could not have done it without Brittany's Hope."



## Da-Jeong from Korea

"She is doing amazingly well and has already brought so much joy and love to our family."



## Kassidy Lin from China

"Our Family was blessed to receive financial assistance in bringing our Kassidy home."



## Joel from China

"Many family members expressed how happy they were to help us bring Joel home."



# A Letter From Hang ~ HOPE Program Graduate



My name is Vo Thi Thanh Hang and I am a recent graduate of the Da Nang Red Cross Vocational Embroidery class sponsored by Brittany's Hope. The two year class went by quickly, but it has left a deep impression on me. The instructors were kind and considerate to their students, and were genuinely concerned about our success. I considered the center a second home as it was an exciting place

to live, learn and work in one comfortable environment.

The center often organized activities, games and interactions with volunteer students which were helpful for our overall moral. I remember quivering as I held my first needle, thinking I might not be able to do this job, but the teachers were great at keeping me encouraged.

I continuously felt thankful to Brittany's Hope and my instructors for supporting and inspiring me. I knew that I had to try my best and because of that, I finally have experience and a skill in a field that I truly enjoy.

I no longer reside at the center because the program helped me to locate a suitable embroidery job. I receive products from Tam Ky and embroider them at home. My income is great as it allows me the independence I've always dreamed of but often considered unreachable. I no longer feel self-pity and shy as I did before. I now feel joyful, happy and marketable. It is amazing to believe that a

special needs child (hearing impaired & non-verbal) like me has been able to find a stable job. With the money that I am earning, I can easily support myself.

I will focus on the future and promise to do a great job to make the most of the education I have been blessed with.



## A Great Need For HOPE

In countries like Viet Nam, mentally or physically disabled children, including orphans, are often shut out from society. Very few opportunities are afforded to these precious children to show that they do matter and can become productive members of community. Our HOPE Program is providing these opportunities, while giving children a sense of self-worth and the knowledge that someone cares about their future.



# Your Support Enables

**Powerful Programs that  
save orphan's lives.**

As the orphan crisis rises,  
Brittany's Hope responds by  
creating projects to care  
for the children left behind.



## Child Sponsorship

Just \$35 / month provides an orphaned child with:



Clean  
Water



Nutritious  
Meals



Clothing  
& Shelter



A Bright  
Future



### Brittany's Cribs

Safe, stimulating cribs and essentials for  
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### Nutrition Program

Sustainable feeding programs in remote  
areas where children live in hunger.



### HOPE Program

Helping Orphans by Providing Education  
builds bright and sustainable futures.



### Medical Intervention

Surgery and treatment for orphans with  
life threatening medical conditions.



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Brittany's Hope is teaming up with  
motivated individuals across the  
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families by competing in their honor.  
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their upcoming event by fundraising for  
Brittany's Hope Foundation.

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