

# THE PERENNIAL PATH

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*Brittany's*  
HOPE

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# Answering The WHAT-IF?



Dear Cherished Supporters,

## What if You Hadn't Helped?

**What if**...when things go wrong, we can't help but think about it. What if he caught that pass? Or if I bought the stock that soared? Or if I didn't get that ticket?

But what about when things go right? As we look back over the last two years, we can't help but wonder:

## WHAT IF you hadn't helped?

We asked for support for the tormented children in Ethiopia, where political conflict resulted in food supplies being cut off from

the orphanages. **You said Yes.**

When schools in Viet Nam were suddenly closed due to the pandemic, we asked you to provide funding for computers so children could continue their education and remain on a path toward self-sufficiency.

**You said Yes.**

We asked you to rally behind our virtual events—and make Brittany's Hope 5K and Walk of Love successful, so precious children with special needs would be united with loving families who will embrace and care for them.

**You said Yes.**

We asked for crisis relief for families in Kenya when the pandemic and locust infestation caused job loss and utter despair. And Again, **You said Yes.**

Despite these incredible challenges, we are left feeling humbled.

**We are in awe of your concern and generosity to ensure that the children in our programs have food, healthcare, and an education.**

We are beyond grateful for **Your Yes.**

We can assure you that your

generosity has been truly impactful. We can promise you we will continue to ask you to support these children. We pray that You will continue to **say Yes.**

*Mai-Lynn Abel Sahd, MSW  
Adoptee, Viet Nam 1995  
Executive Director*







## We Wonder

*Where Would He Be?*

As we are thinking about our What-ifs, we can't help but wonder: What if Mickey Wasn't adopted? Mickey is a special child for whom we've been advocating for over two years. With his dire medical condition, we have been wondering **"what if"** he didn't have donors and a family fighting for him - it's just too difficult to imagine.

Because Mickey's story has resonated with so many of you, we don't have to think about **"what-ifs."** You rose to the arduous challenge of making sure he received the proper medical care for his physical ailments. **You** began reaching out to your circle of friends asking for financial gifts to help fully fund his adoption grant. **You** continued your advocacy to make sure Mickey had what every child deserves - a family.

This is only one example of how **you** have changed the outcome of that pressing question - **"what if?"** To think of key moments in Mickey's life which may not unfold is incomprehensible. Visualizing his first step, feeling his first embrace, and hearing his first spoken word. Once unthinkable, but now possible, because of **you**.

***You have been advocating to find his forever family and raising funds to help bring him home.***

And, because you devoted your time, talent, and resources, Mickey's **"what-ifs"** can be answered.

**He has a forever family who has been awarded a Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant to help bring him home!**

His parents are building on his past to make him part of their future.



For Mickey, his wait is ending - for other kids - the wait is still real. Help them look forward to **"what now?"** and help transform their lives. **"What if"** you made a financial gift to Brittany's Hope's Adoption Grant program?

Help us again change another child's **"what if?"** into **"what's next?"**



**Your Gift, In Any Amount,  
Will Unite Families Together Forever!**

# 1,458 Granted Children Home

What if you hadn't supported these 1,458 children with special needs who now have been united with their forever families? You said yes and removed the financial barriers to help them come home. We'd like to introduce you to 5 amazing children who you brought home since May 2021...

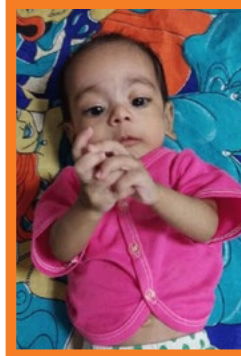
## Bedsaida & Samyson from Haiti

"We knew being matched with siblings was truly God's hand at work, it was our highest hope!"



## Kunal from India

"He has been the light of our life since we brought him home, and we are so happy to be a family."



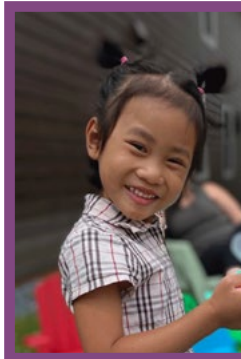
## Ben from Viet Nam

"It is because of your generosity and support that we can finally say... Ben is home!."



## Cece from Viet Nam

"Now, Cece is home and running the show like she has been here forever."





# Hope

## More Powerful Than Fire

When Lucas was young, he found himself in an impossibly desperate state. Though his family loved him, they often didn't have enough food, so he left - doing whatever he needed to survive on the streets of Nairobi. Lucas received a life-changing helping hand, but **what if** that support hadn't been there?

For street children, like Lucas, the chance to have a bright future means everything. Fifty boys at the Ukweli Home of Hope finally found the support they needed to thrive. They've come far, making great strides and building community together, only to have **tragedy strike**.

When a **devastating fire** took all their possessions early this year, the boys felt despair knowing they had to start over once again.

To see their **safe haven** in ruin has been incredibly difficult for all who feel the inspiring power of the Ukweli Home of Hope.

**But this is not the end of Ukweli and it is not the end of hope the boys share.**

Even with ceilings caved in and everything charred, we know hope lives within them, not their things.

At moments like this, we can't help but think of children like Lucas, who embody the **hope** and **determination** of Ukweli's **mission**. This place changed Lucas - gave him direction when he was at his lowest. What if he hadn't found help years ago? Would he still be a college graduate and CPA with a promising career ahead?

While we celebrate successes like Lucas', our attention is drawn back to the next generation. As they work to repair significant structural damage, we ask you to **consider a gift to support their most pressing needs!**

At one time, each of these boys wondered how they would make it on their own.

**Now, they have each other and they have YOU. Help rebuild their home and restore their hope for the future!**

### Ways to Support

Replace clothing and personal items for 1 child  
**\$100**

Furnish 1 bedroom for 8 children  
**\$500**

Reconstruct major infrastructure (roof, interior walls, plumbing)  
**\$5,000**



# What If **YOU** Accept the Challenge?

## How Many Miles Can **YOU** Ride?

**This summer**, gather your family, your church group, or just a few friends and take on a challenge:

***The Virtual Metric Century or Metric Half Century Biking For Brittany Challenge!***

**Have you ever imagined what it is like for kids in Viet Nam who ride 9 miles to and from school each day?**

By joining the Biking For Brittany ride, you can get a feel of their experience.

Commit your group to a physical

challenge while dedicating yourselves to the children of Brittany's Hope. Start pedaling and join the Metric Century (62 miles), or the Metric Half-Century (31 miles), between **June 1st** and **July 17th**. You can break your distance into segments, find sponsors to support your ride, or donate to another rider! Most importantly, you and your group will receive the gratification that you joined together to change the trajectory of a child's life.

While other riders will be logging

their virtual miles, many local riders will join us in-person on **July 17th** to take part in our First Annual Biking for Brittany Metric Century and Metric Half-Century in Elizabethtown, PA! Riders who are taking on the challenge will begin at the Historic Star Barn Village and cycle along the beautiful waterfronts and through the rolling hills and picturesque landscape of Elizabethtown, Hershey, and surrounding areas.

**Of course, they won't just be spinning their wheels; they'll be making an enormous impact for the children Brittany's Hope supports.**

### Registration:

**\$40** - Virtual Ride

**\$50** - In Person Ride Until June 1<sup>st</sup>

**\$60** - In Person Ride After June 1<sup>st</sup>

### Ways You Can Participate:

- Sign up for the in-person or virtual ride
- Support a rider through their fundraising efforts
- Volunteer at a rest stop with your family, community group, or church
- Spread the word on social media

**You can register and learn more about the ride by visiting [www.bikingforbrittany.org](http://www.bikingforbrittany.org).**

**Accept the Challenge and Ride for the Kids!**





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# Answer Their What-Ifs

Consider giving a gift toward a current pressing need. With every dollar received, a child's story will be changed forever, and a community transformed.



## Ukraine Relief for Orphans - \$150

Provide tangible relief such as food, clothing, and other needs to vulnerable and orphaned children fleeing the war zone of Ukraine. Learn more about how we are helping by visiting [www.brittanyshope.org](http://www.brittanyshope.org).



## Bicycle - \$110

A 9-mile walk to school twice a day drains kids of energy. Help them get to school faster, ready to tackle the day by providing them the means of transportation to get there quickly.



## Explore Their Passions - \$35

Help nurture children's creative expressions by providing art supplies, instruments, and yarn to bring their ideas to life.



## Food Relief - \$30

For those in the communities we serve, food relief packages help answer the question of where their next meal will come from. By providing these packages we can help families in need bridge the gap of nutrition.



## Adaptive Equipment - \$50

Proper equipment is important in helping children with disabilities grow strong and gain independence. Help provide children with the equipment they need to improve their quality of life.



## School Essentials- \$20

Learning without the proper supplies is detrimental. Your gift helps provide a year's worth of supplies to help a child succeed in their educational journey.

# Life Changing Gifts

Description	Qty	Amount
Ukraine Relief		x \$150
Bicycle		x \$110
Adaptive Equipment		x \$50
Food Relief		x \$30
Explore Their Passions		x \$35
School Essentials		x \$20
Greatest Need		x \$

# Home Of Hope Gifts

Description	Qty	Amount
Replace Clothing or Personal Items		x \$100
Furnish 1 Bedroom		x \$500
Reconstruct Major Infrastructure		x \$5,000
Greatest Need		x \$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	

# Gift In Honor Of

Honor a friend or loved one through your life-changing gift to a child.

☐ Please send me (#)\_\_\_ blank cards  
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☐ **Honoree** ☐ **In Memory Of**

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