HIS HANDS SUPPORT MINISTRIES

# FOUR TEAM MEMBERS VISIT BALI

- Team members updated all the children in the sponsorship program
- Team members visited The Widow's Home

Three of the new children







Since our last visit, 13 new children have been added to the home. ALL are stillwaiting for a sponsor!

# His Hands for Indonesia

MARCH 2018

#### His Hands for Indonesia team visits The Lion King

Our Indonesia team visited the Lion King Orphanage in Bali, Indonesia in February 2018. We had four team members on our team - Jamie Charles (program coordinator), Marilee Colpitts, Denise Sprague, and Shelly Zoebisch. For Denise and Shelly, it was their first visit to The Lion King. We were so pleased to see all the children happy, healthy, and doing well. Having been partnered with The Lion King since 2011, it is a joy to see some of these children, who have been in the home for as long as we have been visiting there, growing up and achieving their goals.

My personally sponsored child has graduated from University and is now gainfully employed in the south of Bali and is earning a living and supporting herself. We are so pleased to see results like this being attained. But even more importantly, the children are all growing in their walk with the Lord and this brings us the greatest joy. The children are involved in helping to lead nightly devotions as well as their Sunday meetings so strong disciples are being created - praise God!

~ Jamie Charles



above - children of The Lion King participating in nightly devotions

### Visiting The Widow's Home

The last time we visited Bali, the Widow's Home was still in need of renovations. We were thrilled to see that most of these renovations have been completed with new bathrooms installed, bedrooms painted, and work being done on a new safety railing. The kitchen still needs updating but work will continue until all the renovations are complete. There are still just 3 widows

living in the home but as soon as the renovations are complete, the plan is to accept more widows into the home. Denise and Shelly, both widows themselves, were so pleased to see how well these sweet women are being housed and cared for.

Right - One of the new bathrooms in The Widow's Home



Shelly and Denise visit The Widow's Home

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Marilee showing the kids their photos on her phone

#### Team Reflections - Shelly

This was my first trip to the beautiful island of Bali. It was such a blessing to be part of this amazing trip. The Lion King Orphanage helps children to continue their education while providing a safe environment for them to grow. Their nightly devotional time was extremely moving even with the language barrier. Watching the children worship God as well as

watching them play together and study together was a joy. We also visited the Widow's Home which still need some repairs and financial support to take on more residents.

right - Shelly meeting her sponsored child, Suka.



#### **Another Reflection - Denise**



Bali is a beautiful country and I'm so thankful for the opportunity I had to go. The children in the Lion King home were absolutely amazing, so sweet and well cared for. It was a blessing to see this little pocket of believers full of God's love in a place that desperately needs more of it.



above - Denise measuring Susi for the sponsorship program

#### More Reflection - Marilee

When we arrived at the children's home, the children's home, the children greeted us enthusiastically with their creative handshake. Smiles and enthusiasm were prevalent. After talking with the directors, we learned the difficult stories of these children. They come from tough situations and heartaches. Yet, the Lion King

is doing an exemplary job of caring for them. They are loved, and deeply cared for. Frankie listed each child's strengths, weaknesses and background from memory, sparkling with each description. They love these kids and truly want the best for them. The sponsorship program helps make this

home run and the children's needs met. Going to the widows' home tugs at the heart, too. These women need to know they have value in life and are cared for and a secure sense of belonging. My biggest hope from this trip is that more sponsors will step forward because these children need sponsors.

## New Children All Waiting for Sponsors

As was mentioned previously, thirteen new children were added to the home after our last visit in 2017. Three are pictured on the first page of this newsletter. The remaining ten are pictured here. All of these children are waiting for sponsors.





















## Some Final Thoughts

We have been partnered with The Lion King since 2011 but still have not found sponsors for most of the children. We are dependent on God, first and foremost, but we are also dependent on you - our sponsors - to help spread the word about the need for support for the

ministry of The Lion King. Inside this mailing you will find a brochure and an extra copy of this newsletter for you to share with a friend, family member, coworker, etc. Please let them know how they can help. If someone would like to help but is not able to take on a sponsorship, onetime donations for the Widow's Home

would be gratefully accepted. It takes much support to keep these homes running so please prayerfully consider helping us spread the word.



above - The 2018 His Hands for Indonesia team