



IN BETTER HANDS

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Director's Statement

Rescue. Renew. Redeem.

Dear Ministry Partner,

On behalf of our entire team, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your faithful support of In Better Hands. Because of your generosity and God's love, lives are being impacted, and the love of Christ is being made known in tangible ways. Thank you for believing in this vital mission and for standing with us. We are grateful for your partnership.

Every story we share has your fingerprints on it: a child feeling loved and cared for, a family being restored, a community strengthened through the Gospel, a widow with renewed dignity, a refugee experiencing safety and hope. These moments of healing and transformation are only possible because you have chosen to pray, give, and stand with us.

We know that none of this could happen without your prayers, generosity, and God's blessing. You are part of every story, every life touched, and every step forward. As we continue this journey together, my commitment is to lead with integrity, love, respect, and humility. We are called to not only meet immediate needs but to walk alongside people as they discover His love and hope for a brighter future.

Your giving is more than a financial gift; it is a Gospel partnership. Together, we are rescuing the vulnerable, renewing lives through holistic care, and pointing people to the redeeming hope we have in Jesus Christ. Eternal seeds are being planted, and lives are being changed for eternity.

As the Apostle Paul wrote, "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus" 1 Corinthians 1:4.

With gratitude and hope in Christ,



Rev. Seth C. Van Tiffin
Executive Director
In Better Hands



Vision: Our Vision is to holistically care for the most vulnerable, providing hope for a brighter future.

Mission: Rescue the Vulnerable.
Renew through Holistic Care.
Redeem with Hope in Christ.

Values:

- Do Good
- Seek Justice
- Help the oppressed
- Care for orphans
- Defend the rights of Widows



Statistics on human trafficking

Globally, women and girls remain the majority of detected victims of trafficking: about 61%.

Forced labor is now the most common form, accounting for 42% of all detected trafficking victims globally.

Sexual exploitation remains a major form of trafficking, especially for women and girls: about 36% of detected victims globally.

Vulnerabilities are increasing due to poverty, conflict, & displacement. These make certain populations more susceptible to trafficking.

There is growing evidence of large numbers of people trafficked into online scam operations, especially along borders.

(e.g. Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos).

The average price of a slave today is \$90.

It is estimated that 50 million people are in situations of forced labor or human trafficking at any given time.

236 billion dollars is generated each year from human trafficking.

**"You may choose to look the other way,
but you can never again say that you did not know."**

~ William Wilberforce ~



Hope for the Child is the ministry that Father God first impressed on our hearts. Hope for the Child is the establishment of safe homes for rescued children and youth who have been orphaned, abandoned, abused, or trafficked. Each safe home is run by loving Christian parents. These children are given holistic Christian guidance each day—physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. We strive to help them build a strong foundation in their lives for a brighter future.



**"RELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCEPTS AS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS THIS:
TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP
ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD."
JAMES 1:27**



Hope for the Widow cares holistically for widows in need. The widows we minister to may be aged or some of them may be much younger but have some type of disability. We assist widows who cannot provide for themselves and have no one else in their life to help them in their time of need.



**"LEARN TO DO RIGHT; SEEK JUSTICE. DEFEND THE OPPRESSED.
TAKE UP THE CAUSE OF THE FATHERLESS; PLEAD THE CASE OF THE WIDOW."
ISAIAH 1:17**



Hope for the Baby is the rescue effort to protect innocent newborn babies. We have rescued many who were abandoned, almost aborted, and others that were for sale. With our experience in Asia, typically it is a very young teen mother, uninvolved father, and/or extreme poverty that lead to babies needing to be rescued.



**"RESCUE THE WEAK AND THE NEEDY; DELIVER THEM FROM THE HAND OF THE WICKED."
PSALM 82:4**



Hope for the Village is a proactive model of ministry to help protect children and youth from neglect, abuse, and trafficking. These children and youth live with biological relatives, however, they attend our In Better Hands classroom before and after their school day. We work holistically with everyone we serve, guiding them to build a life filled with hope in Jesus Christ.



**"DEFEND THE WEAK AND THE FATHERLESS;
UPHOLD THE CAUSE OF THE POOR AND THE OPPRESSED."
PSALM 82:3**



Hope for the Refugee exists because of our concern for the youth in Myanmar who are in danger, stemming from the February 2021 military coup and subsequent violence toward their citizens. Millions of Myanmar people have been internally displaced and additionally hundreds of thousands of people have been forced to flee the border for other nations. These sponsorship funds provide for their education at a private Christian university, food, housing, personal hygiene needs, long-term visa to legally live in Thailand—ultimately offering them hope for a brighter future in Christ.



**"GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE."
PSALM 46:1**

Stories of Hope

"I am so glad to be part of Blessed Home Family. My new parents are very kind and loving. In the past, I stole and smoked cigarettes, there was no one in my life who cared for me or guided me. However, I have been taught by my new parents to be a good person. I have accepted Jesus as my Savior. Now I am a good person because God has changed my life. I am so thankful and grateful to In Better Hands." ~ **Than**



"Since being part of In Better Hands, my life has changed a lot; in terms of education, physical, and spiritual development. I now feel at peace and want to thank In Better Hands for this opportunity. Most importantly, I want to thank God for changing my life." ~ **Som-O**

"I am so grateful that I met In Better Hands, and am thankful for my sponsor, they have helped my son and I so much. I now attend church, Bible study, and have accepted Jesus as my Savior. God is so good to me!" ~ **Reth**



"I am thankful and happy every time I receive food. I am also thankful for the teachers who give gifts on special occasions, such as International Children's Day, Christmas, and when I receive good grades at school. I also love the time we spend learning Bible stories with my friends. Thank you to my sponsor and In Better Hands!" ~ **Hong**

"We may never fully understand His plan, but I believe He is always working for our good. I am deeply grateful to In Better Hands and to everyone who has supported me along the way. I sincerely hope that one day I will have the chance to meet the kind people who helped me though such difficult times." ~ **Sa Re Shee**



Donor Testimonies

My wife and I have partnered with In Better Hands for nearly 14 years. Recently, I had the privilege of traveling with Seth to Cambodia, Thailand, and Myanmar. In Cambodia, we visited several villages and saw the impact of the “Hope for the Village” ministry firsthand. In Chiang Mai, Thailand, I had the opportunity to see Home of Hope, and in Myanmar, I met more than a dozen house parents and spent time with 13 beautiful babies who are part of the “Hope for the Baby” ministry. It was such a blessing to witness firsthand the incredible work that Seth and the In Better Hands team do every day. I am deeply thankful for their faithful service and grateful to be part of such a vibrant and life-changing ministry. ~ **James**

Every time we receive a sponsorship correspondence letter from one of the children, our hearts are filled with joy. Their words remind us why we give—to make a difference in real lives. Over the years, we’ve seen children grow, families restored, and lives changed through the ministry of In Better Hands. This organization truly provides a Christ-centered foundation for people in need, bringing hope where there once was none. It’s a privilege to be part of what God is doing through In Better Hands. ~ **Margaret**

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1968
Mexico

Amy Van Tifflin (Harris) was 13 years old when she visited an orphanage home in Mexico. She knew from this point that she would one day adopt children in need.



1987-2009
Adoptions

Over the course of 22 years, Bill & Amy Van Tifflin adopted a total of 18 children from five different nations.



2005
Calling

December 2005, Seth felt called by God to serve in mission work.



2006
First trip to Asia

July 2006, Seth went to Thailand & Myanmar for the first time.

Three Year Budget

	2026	2027	2028
OPERATIONAL	\$720,000	\$792,000	\$871,000
PROPERTY / CONSTRUCTION	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$525,000
PLANNED GIVING	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
TOTALS	\$1,445,000	\$1,567,000	\$1,696,000

GRAND TOTAL FOR THREE-YEAR BUDGET: \$4,708,000

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Spring Arbor
UNIVERSITY

2006

Spring Arbor University

September 2006, Seth attended university for Bible & missionary training.



2010

Marriage

Seth & Hlawn Hlawn were united in marriage on January 23, 2010.



2012

In Better Hands

Seth & Hlawn Van Tifflin began the legal process of the 501c3 for In Better Hands.



2013

Myanmar

On May 20, In Better Hands opened their first safe home called Grace Family, in the country of Myanmar.

HOME OF LOVE (Myanmar) January 8, 2025



HOME OF HOPE (Thailand) October 31, 2025



2016
Cambodia

In Better Hands began work in Cambodia.



2018
Thailand

In Better Hands began work in Thailand.



2020
Home of Love

Land was purchased in September 2020. Construction began in August 2023



2022
Nepal

In Better Hands began work in Nepal.

HOME OF REFUGE (Thailand)

Home of Refuge will be a place where youth from Myanmar can find stability, opportunity, and hope for the future. Many of these youth have overcome incredible challenges – leaving behind their homes, families, and dreams – yet still long to continue their education and build a better life.



The Van Tifflin family has opened their hearts and home to walk alongside these young men and women, offering not only shelter but also guidance, love, and encouragement. This new home will provide space for the Van Tifflin family and more than twenty university-aged refugees, giving them a safe environment to study, grow, and discover their God-given potential.

Home of Refuge will be more than a building – it will be a family community where hope is restored, futures are rebuilt, and the next generation of leaders can rise strong and confident in who they are and what they can become.



2022

Home of Hope

Vacant land was purchased in August 2022. Construction began in May 2024.



2023

Vietnam

In Better Hands began work in Vietnam.



2024

Home of Refuge

Vacant land was purchased in December 2024. We are hoping to break ground in December 2025.



2025

Philippines

In Better Hands began work in the Philippines.