



SAVING MOSES

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DEAR FRIEND,

Thank you so much for your time and interest in Saving Moses! In 2015, we saw amazing expansion in our work to save babies and toddlers where the need is most urgent and the care is least available. We were able to improve our operational structures to increase both efficiency and effectiveness. While our funding was almost equivalent to the revenue in 2014, we were able to expand our reach and save even more babies than we did last year. Some of the ways we grew in 2015 include:

- *Increased the number of babies and toddlers who participate in our NightCare work in Cambodia*
- *Maintained our steady supply of malnutrition formula every day for our six malnutrition clinics in Angola*
- *Started to work in rural Afghanistan to immunize babies (Afghanistan consistently has the world's highest recorded infant mortality rate for more than five consecutive years)*
- *Became a registered national charity in Cambodia to facilitate greater expansion*
- *Researched possible countries in which to expand our efforts, including Brazil, Somalia and India*

Clearly, we couldn't be this effective without faithful donors, so thank you for giving the gift of life and the possibility of a healthy future with your immense generosity! Great things happen when great people join together with a common mission!

To life!

OUR REVOLUTIONARY MISSION

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2015 AT A GLANCE

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SAVING MOSES EXISTS TO SAVE BABIES EVERY DAY BY MEETING THE MOST URGENT AND INTENSE SURVIVAL NEEDS WHERE HELP IS LEAST AVAILABLE.

*SAVING MOSES HAS SAVED, PROTECTED, AND LOVED OVER **4,943** BABIES IN 2015.*



1. AFGHANISTAN

- 407 babies delivered safely in rural areas
- 4 clinics offering vaccinations and midwife services in rural areas
- Over 700 babies and toddlers vaccinated from preventable disease



2. ANGOLA

- 1,822 babies saved from death and malnutrition
- Funding began to support mothers in the clinics and suppress withdrawal rates



3. CAMBODIA

- Four NightCare centers open and operating 6 nights each week
- 117 babies and toddlers rescued from the corrupt streets of Phnom Penh



4. NEPAL

- Baby-specific aid provided to victims of the catastrophic earthquake

WHY 0-5 YEARS?

Five years is significant because babies and toddlers under five in low-income countries primarily die because of preventable and treatable diseases. Many organizations refuse to work with this age group because their needs are more expensive to treat and babies and toddlers require so much personalized attention. Once they reach the age of five, their chances of living full lives well into adulthood exponentially rise.

WHY AFGHANISTAN, CAMBODIA, AND ANGOLA?

We have funded and established revolutionary programs in nations of the world that record the highest infant mortality rate and where babies and toddlers of sex workers are most susceptible to abuse in extreme poverty.





In 2012, Saving Moses established a revolutionary new program in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. **NightCare operates much like a daycare center except it runs overnight.** Mothers drop off their babies at our center before they go to work. The babies receive a bath, clean clothes, a nutritious meal, time for play, a lesson, and are put to bed until their mothers pick them up in the morning. We opened a new center in 2015 and now operate four NightCare centers strategically placed in the red-light districts of Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

PHNOM PENH HAS OVER 15,000 SEX WORKERS

Cambodia has one of the highest populations of sex workers in the world. Although there are a significant amount of aid groups working to end the sex trade, we have found a severe gap in aid available for the 0-5 year old population—babies and toddlers. Babies of sex workers are vulnerable to several atrocities. Often these little ones are locked in rooms alone for hours at a time, forced to work in the sex industry by selling condoms, viciously abused by their mothers' clients, or left lying next to their mother as she entertains clients.

We desire to break the cycle of sex work by encouraging a hopeful worldview during the babies' most vulnerable and formative years.



CHEA'S STORY

Before NightCare opened, Chea's mother would worry about her son at night. To provide for her family, she had no other choice but to leave him alone while she worked as a sex worker. Chea's father is a drug addict and was very violent at night. Chea was one of our first babies enrolled when NightCare opened. In the last few years, Chea has learned what genuine love looks like. As he grew, he used to model the behavior that he would see at home—violent outbursts and inappropriate behavior. The NightCare staff has showed him persistent love and they have seen tremendous progress in his words, actions, and demeanor. He is learning how to treat those around him, how to love his siblings, and that violence is not a means for communication. At NightCare, Chea is no longer vulnerable to abuse, drugs, and exposure to the sex industry. He has been given a hope for the future.

BIRTH AND INFANT AID

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AFGHANISTAN

In rural Afghanistan, many Afghan babies' first days are often their last. Around 30-40% of babies will die before they reach their first birthday. Less than 8% of women in Afghanistan give birth with a skilled attendant at their side.

The social, political environment, and cultural practices play a large role in the infant mortality rates in Afghanistan. Health centers and midwives are scarce, the terrain is incredibly dangerous, and societal structure still demands that women don't leave their homes. Even if a woman makes it to a hospital or clinic, cultural norms strongly discourage the treatment of women by male doctors.

IN RURAL AREAS, 40% OF BABIES DON'T SURVIVE TO AGE FIVE

Babies are often born in unsanitary conditions where a common practice is cutting the umbilical cord with an old knife. We have heard stories of babies born not breathing. In these cases, the parents believe the baby is dead and do not resuscitate him or her.

In 2015, Saving Moses worked in four rural clinics in Afghanistan to address this urgent need by preparing midwives to save lives every day and funding postnatal vaccinations.



AMIRA'S STORY

Amira lives in a rural village in Afghanistan. Last year she became pregnant with her third child. Despite previously having healthy, complication-free births, Amira started feeling very ill seven months into her pregnancy. She endured the dangerous journey to the nearest clinic, almost too weak to move. After a quick examination, the midwife on duty realized that Amira was hemorrhaging internally and would almost certainly die without immediate attention. Trained in basic women's health, the midwife stabilized Amira and delivered the baby.

That night, Amira gave birth to a premature son named Morad. Today, both Amira and Morad are healthy. Without the assistance of the midwife, she would likely have died a painful death along with her unborn child.



ANGOLA

Few countries have endured as much turmoil as Angola. Forty years of almost continuous civil war have created devastating effects including a lack of infrastructure, government services, and access to clean water and food. Infant mortality rates are among the highest in the world. Malnutrition is an underlying cause in most deaths—thousands of babies die each year.

HIGHEST INFANT MORTALITY RATE IN THE WORLD

Saving Moses provides therapeutic milk to six clinics in the Benguela province of Angola. This milk is essentially milk on steroids and is fortified to give a baby with severe malnutrition the nutrients he or she needs to survive.

Mothers are referred to our clinics and often need to stay between four to six weeks before their baby is healthy enough to be discharged. The survival rate of the babies who complete the full program is 86%. We found that mothers were dropping out of the program because they did not have enough food for themselves while they stayed at the malnutrition clinic. This year, Saving Moses started feeding the mothers to encourage them to stay for the entire duration of the program and ensure their baby is given the best chance at survival.



ALMINDA'S STORY

Little Alminda was severely malnourished and moments from her last breath. Her world was tragically turned upside down when her mother suddenly abandoned her. Without breast milk, Alminda's strength for survival plummeted. She was showing all the signs of malnourishment—protruding belly, high fever, and severe diarrhea. Thankfully, Alminda's grandmother, Maria, stepped in and courageously took on the role of caregiver.

A few years ago, Maria had brought a child to the malnutrition clinic who tragically did not survive. The pain of losing children never leaves these mothers, no matter how common this horrific occurrence is. Maria was terrified that her granddaughter's every breath was going to be her last. When she initially brought Alminda to the clinic, Maria didn't even want Alminda weighed because she was so emaciated.

As time passed at the clinic, Alminda showed significant signs of improvement. Her fever went down and she started gaining healthy weight. Alminda's story did not end at the clinic. This is what drives us—the reality that, if Saving Moses had not stepped in at the right time, Alminda would not be alive today.

#NIGHTCARE TRIP 2015

In July 2015, we assembled a team of people from all over the United States and traveled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia to love, care, and serve the babies in the NightCare centers. Our incredible team renovated the centers, spent time in the neighborhoods with the families of the sex workers, and loved on the babies and toddlers in the NightCare centers at night.

They worked through the muggy weather in Cambodia to renovate and prepare the NightCare centers for more babies. During the afternoons, the team spent time in the neighborhoods, talking face-to-face with the sex workers about bringing their babies to NightCare. Showing the mothers that we care about them and love their children is influential in the consistency of attendance at NightCare.

During the evening, our group welcomed the babies and toddlers as they arrived at the centers, helped feed them, played games, and participated in group lessons before saying goodnight. For ten days, our team put themselves in the shoes of the mothers, babies, and toddlers that we serve. They left with their hearts full having experienced the light and love found within the NightCare walls.

Every team member returned with stories to share, a deep appreciation for safety and love found within the centers, and an instilled vision for protecting the most vulnerable and helpless.



I don't know anybody alive that can see a baby in the situations I have seen and have it not impact their life. This is going to be a part of what I do and who I am everyday.

MARK



The disparity between the neighborhoods and the NightCare centers is startling. It is evident, at first sight, that the conditions in which these toddlers live are not safe. Once they come into the NightCare centers, they are in a safe home where they are given love and attention.

ESTHER



In 2015, we launched a new initiative to involve the millennial generation. MULA stands for most urgent and least available. Young people have an innate desire to share compelling messages. And these babies' stories need to be shared! There is also a unique synergy created when different generations come together to work towards a greater good. Young and old working together with passion, purpose, and conviction is something worth celebrating.

We launched our MULA initiative through a Coffee House Art Gallery Tour in the Denver area. These events ranged from one night art shows to month-long gallery showings. The powerful art pieces compelled conversation and inspired action. The tour was an incredible success and we're looking forward to expanding in 2016.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE

The devastating April 2015 earthquake in Nepal left over 1.7 million babies and toddlers in desperate need of assistance. Saving Moses responded immediately and raised funds to provide nutritious food and warm clothes for the babies and toddlers that were forgotten in the midst of the chaos.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR SAVING MOSES IN 2016?

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WE ARE FORGING NEW TERRITORY TO RESCUE MORE BABIES THAN EVER BEFORE IN COUNTRIES WHERE HELP IS LEAST AVAILABLE.



CELEBRATING OUR FIFTH BIRTHDAY

Saving Moses is turning five years old in 2016! We're celebrating all year long with creative initiatives to involve all generations.

One special way to celebrate is by pledging your birthday! In lieu of gifts, you can donate your birthday to Saving Moses and let your friends and family celebrate with you. Your special day can change the world.



EXPANDING EFFORTS IN AFGHANISTAN

In addition to our midwife and postnatal vaccinations program, we are expanding our efforts in Afghanistan to include a birth life-saving skills course in 2016. Too many deaths are caused by lack of knowledge about the birthing process. We are training community leaders to identify warning signs during pregnancy, practical birthing skills, and how to properly care for newborns. These leaders will then teach their family, friends, and neighbors in their community.



INDIA

India as a major hub for the international sex trade. Persistent poverty is a major factor in this – many vulnerable girls are lured by promises of employment, and some parents are desperate enough to sell their daughters to traffickers.

The largest red light district in Asia is located in Kolkata, India. We took a scouting trip in February 2016 and are focused on opening NightCare where the need is the greatest in Kolkata, India.



BRAZIL

Brazil is known as a holiday paradise, known for their beaches and beautiful people. The darker side of tourism is sex work. Widespread poverty in Rio De Janeiro's favelas have forced women into this trade. We took a scouting trip in September 2015 and witnessed the tremendous need. The babies and toddlers of sex workers are vulnerable to sexual abuse, violence, and being trafficked themselves.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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JOIN A GLOBAL MOVEMENT:

BECOME A HERO

\$38 per month

Protect, nurture, or save one baby per month in Cambodia, Afghanistan, or Angola.

BECOME AN ALLY

\$500 per month, or single gift

Partially sponsor a malnutrition clinic, birthing aid clinic, or a NightCare center.

ANY GIFT

One-time or monthly

Any amount will make an incredible impact and allow us to expand our programs.



TAKE ACTION:

Spread the word on social media:

Let your networks know that every life is worthy of action. Champion the cause of the vulnerable and forgotten on social media.

Pledge your birthday:

Pledge your birthday to Saving Moses. Use your favorite day of the year to change the lives of babies all over the world.

Travel with us:

Step out of your comfort zone and experience NightCare first-hand. Join us on our next trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Fundraise:

Use your unique talents and passions to start a fundraiser. Think outside-of-the-box and rally your family and friends to join you in saving babies.

AND IT IS ALL THANKS TO YOU!

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2015 was our biggest year yet. Everything we do is made possible by our generous, passionate, and dedicated supporters.

This year, thousands of people joined together, donated, advocated, and shared Saving Moses' message in their communities. Your compassionate response is what fuels smiles of hope and a future. You help make life possible every day.

Now entering our fifth year, we find ourselves dreaming bigger than we could have ever imagined. The days are fuller, the office is busier, and our hearts continue to grow every time we hear about another baby being saved. With more countries to expand into, bigger plans on our minds, and a countless number of lives to save, we continue to ask for your support.

Let's do this together.

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