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Joining Jesus in
His mission

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Because of donors like you, José (right) receives training in Christian leadership through a program begun by Ronnie and Angi Hopkins (left).



A vision for the future

José was eight years old when he lost his eye in an accident.

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In the rural village in Nicaragua where he lives, medical clinics are few and far between. And for families like José’s, who struggle to make ends

meet, medical care can often be out of reach financially as well.

Undue hardship in Nicaragua

When the accident happened, José’s grandfather took him to the closest clinic, several miles away. But José had to be transferred to three other clinics before arriving at a medical facility with the capability of removing his eye. It was a week later

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before the two returned home.

“My father had to sell four cows to pay for the medicine, surgery, and expenses from the trip,” remembers José. “When I got home, everyone was very sad. My mother cried all of the time. I could not see very well with only one eye, so I stayed inside and did not go out to play with my friends. Some kids called me ‘one-eyed,’ so I tied a rag around my head to cover my missing eye.”



A divine encounter

Around this time, José’s grandfather met TMS Global cross-cultural workers, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins, who serve in Nicaragua. He asked the Hopkinses how to go about getting a glass eye for José. To his surprise, the Hopkinses offered to raise the funds through their ministry. Soon after, José traveled to a hospital in the capital for the procedure.

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“Ronnie, Angi, and those who support their ministry provided absolutely everything for me!” said José.

José’s confidence increased after he received his eye prosthesis. He attended elementary school and was at the top of his class. He no longer felt as if he needed to hide indoors.

“Receiving the glass eye changed my life!” he said.

A bright future for José

José is now 17 years old. He attends high school in another village. He leaves for school at four o’clock in the morning, travels by horseback to the river, takes a boat, and then walks for two-and-a-half hours. After his classes, José travels back home.

José plans to attend college and wants to study English and business administration. But until then, he is one of the students in Ronnie and Angi’s youth leadership program.

YOU are helping raise up leaders in Nicaragua

The Hopkinses designed a one-year course for students who want to learn more about leadership. The students, ages 16-26, engage in a variety of activities including doing public speaking, creating a resumé, having a daily devotional time, setting short-term and long-term goals, and volunteering for community service.

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Partnering with local communities—through YOUR support

In addition to the youth leadership program, the Hopkinses, through donations by their supporters, started a medical clinic in José’s village. They have also worked with nearby communities to build schools and provide access to clean water.

“We meet with the community leaders and find out what they need,” said Ronnie. “Then the residents provide the labor, and our supporters provide the funds.”

“When I think about all that has happened in my community and to me, **I am very grateful to God and to our North American friends for so much help,**” says José. **“God is good!”**



YOU are helping lift single moms in Peru out of poverty

Raquel and Alicia are among countless single mothers in Peru who struggle to provide for their children. It's the situation many women find themselves in. Alone. Uneducated. Unskilled.

So when Paul and Kelly Wiegert began ministering in Peru, they prayed about how they could help.

That's when they met Hilda.

A heart for ministry

"Hilda has a heart for the church and for the women in our community," said Kelly. "She is an excellent seamstress and wanted to make and sell cloth diapers." So Hilda and the Wiegerts partnered together to form Ella Handiworks.

"The word 'handiworks' came from Ephesians 2:10, NIV," said Kelly. "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

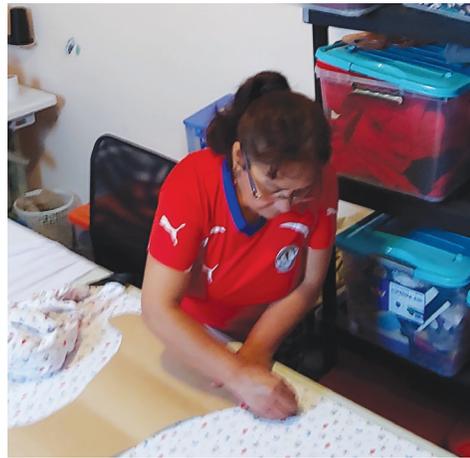
Sowing seeds of faith

Hilda started with two apprentices: Raquel and Alicia. As they learned to sew, the women also started meeting for a weekly Bible study to learn more about God's Word and how to apply it to their daily lives.

Thanks to donations from ministry friends like you, the women were able to purchase two industrial sewing machines, and Ella Handiworks began production.

After their first week, Hilda, Raquel, and Alicia each received a paycheck. Raquel's son was so excited because his mother bought him some fruit, which she had never had the money to buy before. He also prayed and thanked God for Paul, Kelly, and Hilda and the opportunity they gave his mother to work.

"We want these women to know their worth," said Kelly. **"Their worth is in God, and He wants us to share His love through actions and in love."**



Your support makes it possible for programs like Ella Handiworks to provide women with jobs to support their families.

It's all about the mission

When I was a young boy, I remember learning in Sunday school . . .

*This is the church.
This is the steeple.
Open the doors
and see all the people.*

Well, I always messed it up. I'd put my hands in the wrong place. I'd say, This is the church. This is the steeple. Open the doors . . . and the people are supposed to be inside, right? But when I'd open the doors they'd be standing on the roof. I could never get it right.

And then I started following Jesus. And one day it dawned on me, I may have been the only person in my Sunday school class getting it right.

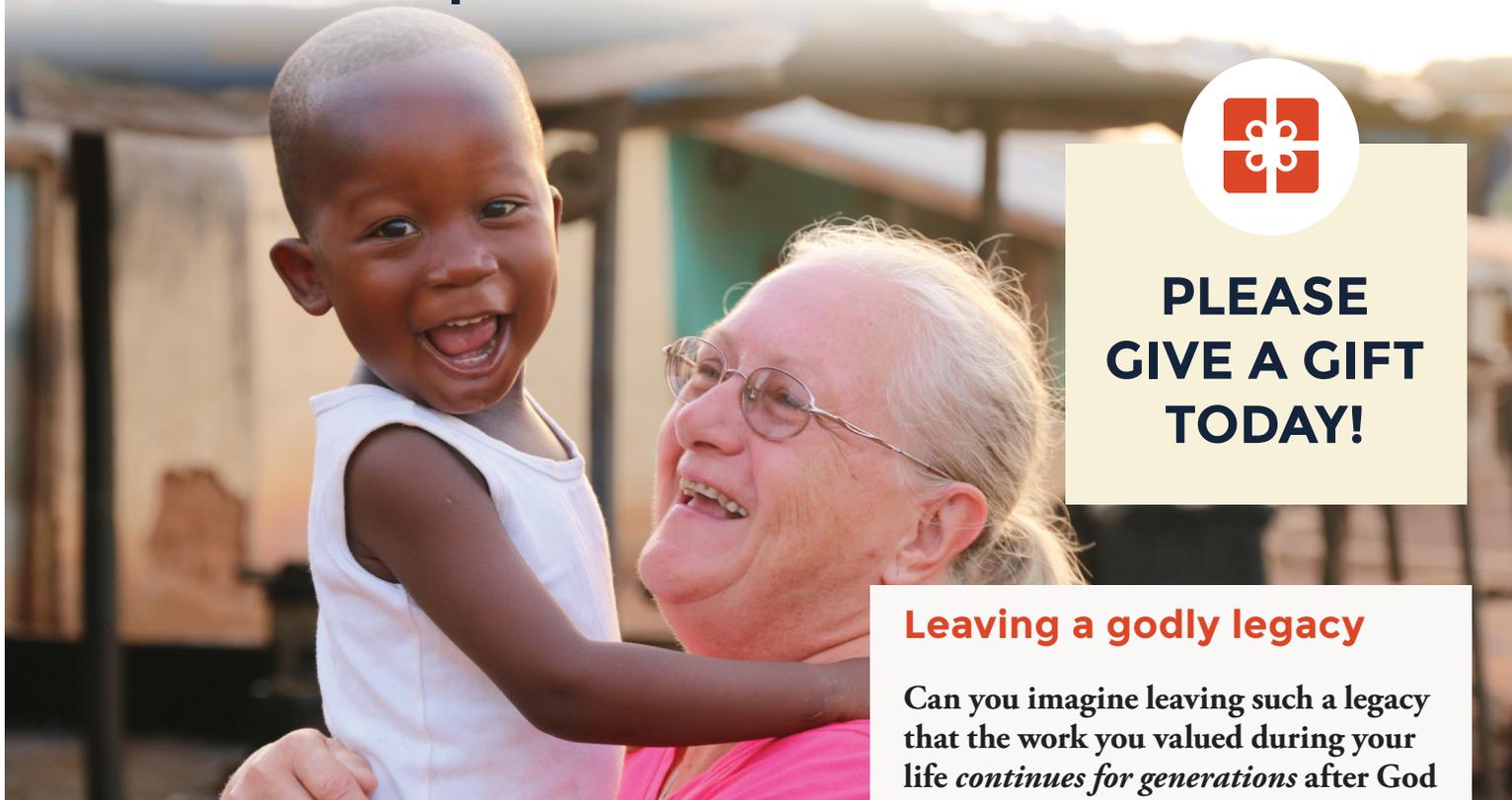
Because when you open the doors—except for a couple of hours on Sunday—the people should not be found stacked up inside the church building, but rather outside—in the world, on mission with Jesus. That's our calling. And this importance is magnified as churches have been forced to keep their doors closed due to COVID-19 social distancing.

We are so grateful you "get it." May God bless you for being on mission with Jesus! We love serving with you!



Max Wilkins
President and CEO

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GIVE A GIFT
TODAY!**

Leaving a godly legacy

Can you imagine leaving such a legacy that the work you valued during your life *continues for generations* after God has called you home?

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Please contact Beverly Mancuso for more information at bmancuso@tms-global.org or (678) 542-9035.

Right now, all around the world, there are . . .

- Communities in isolation and unaware of Jesus' presence with them.
- Men, women, and children living in fear during this pandemic who have **no understanding of who God is**.
- People who feel hopeless and who have **never experienced the love of Jesus**.

Your gift today will support and equip the body of Christ to share the hope of the gospel during these unprecedented times!

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