

# Extreme Love



A Report of Your Impact Through **Extreme Love Ministries**

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OUR MISSION is to partner together to restore social justice and destiny in individuals and regions through rescues, education, discipleship, advocacy, outreach, events, business, and community development.

*NOTE: The names of once-exploited beneficiaries have been changed to protect them from re-exploitation.*

**Thank you for making a difference through your giving!** We hope you enjoy the beautiful cover story about how you helped change a rescued girl's life forever.

## An Unlikely Cinderella Story

How you helped transform a formerly exploited street child

**I**t's not uncommon for us to tell you about a child rescued from human trafficking or other exploitation. Your partnership just last year resulted in the rescue of 21 precious little ones. That truth alone causes us all to rejoice!

But follow-up is critical. Safety, healing and restoration are key long-term goals

for every rescued child. We at Extreme Love are dedicated to this task, and we're thrilled to see that miracle happen in the lives of so many.

That goes double for our kids at Hope House. They are family.

You may remember Katee's rescue back in 2020. We've often updated you on her progress. Perhaps that's because she's had so many challenges since coming to live with us. Trusting others hasn't come easy for Katee. She'd grown up on the street with a mother and grandmother, who constantly moved her and her siblings from one roof overhang to the next, and sent them out to beg each day. When the children failed to bring in enough money through begging, some were rented out for sexual favors. Thankfully, you helped us rescue Katee from a life of abuse and exploitation.

But Katee had a rough first year with us. Distrustful of the environment of love, safety and encouragement we provided, she would sometimes burst out in anger, curse at and hit friends—and teachers—and wouldn't listen to adults. Despite her misbehaviors, we continued to love on her...and prayed.

That patience began to pay off this past year. Katee began apologizing when she did wrong—even before she's asked. She also started helping around the house



*Katee dreamily gazing out a window*

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# My Thoughts

By Andrea Aasen-Kofteroff, Director of Extreme Love Ministries

## IT'S A NEW SEASON!

As we shift into the new year, many of you will find you are embracing an entirely new season. I know I am! I'm now a new bride, mom (to our soon-to-be-adopted son), and wearing many new ministry hats this year.

You might even feel like you are not the same person you were (2 Cor 5:17)—and that's because you've truly been *transformed*. I believe the Body of Christ has been made stronger through the challenges of last season, which has in turn helped to transition us into new and expanded territory.

We at Extreme Love Ministries have felt the shift . . . and many of you may also be feeling a new season that God is taking you into. Even if you are doing the same activities as last season, they may feel or look a bit different. You might have a new confidence or outlook, or you may be looking at an entirely new battlefield. Whatever the case, God is with you, and He is helping you to stand tall with new authority, taking on any new giants you may be facing.

As we expand many areas of rescue, restoration, discipleship and prevention, we are thankful for God's faithful promises. For example, we are hoping to start new Shiloh churches, expand into new communities, increase rescues, and expand our foster care and foster-to-adopt programs for rescued kids. Business and sustainability are key, and we are thankful for new, creative ideas in training, employment, and EL product sales to help even more persons in need.

Whatever your "new" is, embrace it . . . and thanks for being a part of ours!

Andrea

## Cinderella story

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and even speaking politely. Katee still struggles now and then, but she continues to heal each day. We're very proud of her for the drastic change that's taken place.

So much so that we felt our little Katee, now 9 years old, was ready for something big—being a flower girl in a wedding! And not just any wedding, but the joining of our director, Andrea, with Zak Kofteroff, who heads up ELM's Elijah Project, our frontline rescue ministry.

Katee jumped at the chance to be a flower girl along with Sanshe, another Hope House girl.

The special day began with Katee spending time with a hairdresser, right along with Andrea and her bridesmaids. Next came donning the beautiful dresses picked out for her and Sanshe. Soon after an irrepressible smile broke out onto her face, and remained there the rest of the day!

The two girls performed flawlessly—smiling ear to ear—as they followed the last of the wedding party procession down the aisle, casting forth plenty of flower petals as they went. The enchanting young girls delighted wedding guests as they slowly made their way down front.



But the best was yet to come, when this little girl, who once lived on the dangerous, dirty streets of Phnom Penh, would make what some might have thought an unlikely Cinderella-like transformation.

The wedding ceremony concluded, and everyone made their way to the reception by foot or shuttle. Toasts, speeches and tinkling glasses followed, as in Western tradition wedding guests signaled the newlyweds that it was time for another kiss. (Everyone enthusiastically joined in on that fun, especially all the Hope House kids and ELM staff, none of whom had ever attended a Western wedding before!) After all had eaten, the dancing began.

Katee did her best to join the fray of dancers, but looked a little lost at first because she was about half

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# MADE IN CAMBODIA

It seemed like everything that *could* go wrong on our wedding day *did*, but we felt the grace of God every step of the way—along with the love and support of many wonderful friends and family. In the end, we couldn't have been more grateful!



One of the many blessings we enjoyed on our wedding day was the involvement of most of our Hope House kids! They included Mark, above, who was ringbearer, Katee and Sanshe, our flowergirls, our ushers (yellow shirts), and other helpers (girls on the ends). It was truly a (Western) wedding made in Cambodia! What a blessing it was to have our Hope House family play such an important part! Zak and I would have had it no other way.



## CONGRATS GRADS!

Our newest EEP graduates, having recently passed the rigorous 12th-grade exam, come from one of the poorest slums, but all are college bound, thanks to their sponsors who've paid for their tuition, laptops, uniforms, supplies, and even lunches!

The student at top wants to become a teacher, and the other two plan to study accounting.

They've each said "yes" to Jesus! Please pray for them to succeed and grow in their faith.



# More Cinderellas await


Each day, little girls and boys in the slums of Cambodia face sometimes unspeakable exploitation. They feel little or no hope that life will change for them. They don't dare to dream. Most don't know how.

But dreams come true at Hope House. Just ask Katee.

You can help dreams come true for other children like her. First comes rescue, then placement in a safe home like Hope House. Then comes the long road of healing and restoration. This takes time, resources, prayer, and much love.

If God is tugging at your heart, you can help rescue a child who is trafficked, and provide the love and care she needs to grow up into the destiny God created for her.

Use the enclosed form today to set a child free from trafficking and abuse.



Give a child hope so she can begin to dream.


Many trafficked or exploited children never experience what it means to be a child. They never learn to dream. Life is without hope. You can change all that: Help rescue and restore a child.

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as tall as everyone else!

Then it happened. Katee's Prince Charming (*aka Zak, the groom*), invited her to dance with him. She couldn't have smiled more. In fact, she flashed an epic smile throughout the dance, visible even through twirling hair and flying dress.

We can only imagine that Katee must have collapsed into her bed from exhaustion that night. Never in her young life had she seemed so filled with joy. So special. So loved and noticed.

Katee wasn't just Cinderella for one

night, however. She has always been loved by God, the one who has been inviting her to dance with him since her birth. He has been softening her heart each day, yearning for her to spend eternity with him.

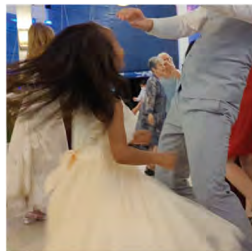
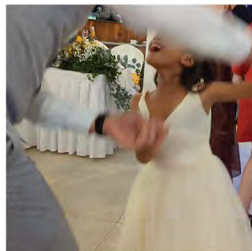
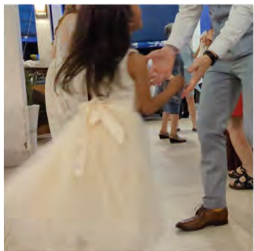
Like Katee, God is calling each of us to become transformed into his beautiful bride. But now this precious girl, snatched from abuse, has a little taste of her destiny in him. She will carry that memory the rest of her life as, we pray, she follows Jesus, her true Prince.



## BAPTISMS!

Shiloh had an incredible night recently: the baptism of 10 people declaring their faith in Jesus! So great to see the fruits of outreach and discipleship.

We are so excited about how the Lord is moving in the slum communities where we are working to protect children from human trafficking and abuse, break people free from the chains of poverty, and so much more!



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