



SOWN

Serving Orphans, Widows, & others in Need

FORMERLY CARING FOR CHINA'S ORPHANS



Caring for China's Orphans

IS NOW SOWN!

In 1995 Caring for China's Orphans was founded by Jeannie and Tim Butler after the adoption of their middle child Haley. The Butlers were among the first families in Nashville to brave the challenges of adopting internationally from China. It was a decision that forever changed their lives beyond the growth of their family. They have assisted in the care of over a thousand children living in Chinese orphanages from basic needs to supporting complex surgeries to putting many through high school and college. Jeannie has made 42 trips to China to deliver supplies, take on building projects, be hands on in surgical recovery, offer daily care for the children and even was an honored guest at the wedding of one of the children she watched grow up in one of CFCO's partner orphanages.

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 SUPPORTERS!

2022 Supporters, We couldn't have done it without you. Whether you made a monetary donation, donated orphan supplies, mailed boxes, sponsored an orphan, made special items, etc..... You made a difference in someone's life. THANK YOU!!!!

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We would like to extend special thanks to:
Bellevue Church of Christ for many years of support of our work! THANK YOU!

2022 MEMORY AND HONOR GIFTS

Thank you for your generous donations in honor of loved ones - both living and who have passed.

- In Memory of Martha Bates Love by: Brenda & Kate Love
- In Memory of Letha Ables Bates by: Mary deKnoblough
- In Memory of Brad Crouch by: Gary & Wanda Crouch
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- In Memory of Hal Cunningham by: Roberta Bass
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- In Memory of Rena Lee by Mable Blevins
- In Memory of Nancy Davis by: Jim & Dana Neelley
- In Memory of Tim Terry by: Jim & Patty Moon
- In Honor of Mary Bates deKnoblough by: Brenda & Kate Love
- In Honor of Helina Butler by: Diane Caldwell
- In Honor of Jeannie Butler by: Diane Caldwell

DONATE TODAY TO CHANGE LIVES!

Send this form to:

SOWN (formerly Caring for China's Orphans)
P.O. Box 50708, Nashville, TN 37205

This gift is a: donation___ memorial ___ sponsorship ___ honor ___
Enclosed is my gift of: ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___\$250 \$_____Other

If Memorial, please acknowledge in honor of : _____

Address for thank you: _____

Donor Name: _____

If you would like us to send acknowledgement to a family of the person honored, please share the name and address:

THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING
OUR WORK TO
SERVE OTHERS.



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For many years Jeannie envisioned growing beyond China to both offer care in other nations as needs are presented and to work locally in the Nashville community. Covid brought both of these needs right to the doorstep of CFCO with requests to support children and families through different missions that have heard of Jeannie and her work. After much discussion among some of those who have supported CFCO through the years, SOWN was born!

SERVING ORPHANS, WIDOWS AND OTHERS IN NEED.

SOWN is continuing to do work, though more limited in China, however this change has allowed us to expand into Nigeria and work locally in Nashville

There are more projects on the horizon and your help is needed with donations, supply drives....and time. Watch for opportunities on our social media page and join us as we grow!

AT 47 PERCENT, ALMOST HALF OF
THE WORLD'S POPULATION LIVES
ON LESS THAN \$6.85 A DAY.



EDUCATION UPDATE

We recently received updates on our students receiving education sponsorships in China. Our longtime partner in China, Michael, has recently sent us letters from our students. Normally, Jeannie would connect with this amazing group of kids on her annual trip, however, she has been unable to travel since the summer of 2019. We will highlight the kids on our website, Facebook page and in the next newsletter. We are so thrilled to see these kids grown into adulthood and find success beyond the orphanage. There are more opportunities for sponsorships as the need is great. Watch for updates on our new sponsorship program being launched soon.

The Significance of the Pillowcase Dresses

When launching our new initiative we searched for ways to share the story of where we have been and where we are going. We hung the dresses to take a photo but had no idea the impact it would have on the work as we began to move forward with the name change and the expansion of our work! To have a greater understanding of these 3 significances, visit our blog at

WWW.SOWNGLOBAL.ORG/BLOG!

On the Ground in Nigeria

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

In 2022 we began working with a *Christian pastor named Brother Crown*, a Nigerian native, to fill basic needs to those in his community. These are the things many of us take for granted, yet, they are simple needs for many people all around the world. Brother Crown's introduction came just as Caring for China's Orphans began the task of expanding beyond orphan care to supporting families and widows who have found themselves in dire circumstances. He is a pastor studying the Bible through Harding University and he joyfully accepted the invitation to work with us in Nigeria.

At the time we connected with him we were contacted by a longtime supporter who works with another non-profit getting pillowcase dresses to children in another equatorial nation. Due to civil unrest in that nation, they have been unable to coordinate the delivery of the dresses. Hearing of our work, they donated a substantial number of dresses to us and we were able to deliver them to Brother Crown for distribution in Nigeria! The dresses came at the perfect time. In the process of changing our name to SOWN, the gift of hand-sewn dresses for distribution in Nigeria could not have been a better reflection of our work as well.

From assisting in the cost of medical bills, delivering nutritional support such as bags of rice to those with food insecurity, delivering boxes of diapers to orphanages...he is working with us to deliver assistance to people in the areas he is able to reach.

We are not sure what the future hold for us in regards to Nigeria, but we are truly grateful to be able to serve orphans and widows and share our love.



GALATIANS 6:8

WHOEVER SOWS TO PLEASE THEIR FLESH, FROM THE FLESH WILL REAP DESTRUCTION; WHOEVER SOWS TO PLEASE THE SPIRIT, FROM THE SPIRIT WILL REAP ETERNAL LIFE.



Welcome 2023, Year of the Rabbit!

2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. The Year of the Rabbit represents peaceful and patient energy. We think the world could use a little peace and we are ready to be part of it! Our work in China is ongoing, though it is shifting beyond orphans. Watch our website and our Facebook page for more information.

Coming in March: We have amazing updates on some of our kids from China. We'll be updating you on sponsorships, education, where they are now and more. Thank you for your ongoing support. In addition, if you know of a project locally who could use our support and fits our mission, please let us know.

AN ESTIMATED 153 MILLION CHILDREN WORLDWIDE ARE ORPHANS.