



**BEST
GIFT**
COMMUNITY OF FAITH



THANK YOU!

2020 has not been the year we were expecting! From division and strife in our country, a worldwide pandemic, and the difficult personal trials that many have faced, we've all felt the heaviness this year has brought us. It would be so easy to lose hope. But Laura and I want to celebrate God's goodness with you! In spite of the trials of this year, Community of Faith has seen God's hand at work, both here in Houston, and all around the globe! Your continued faithfulness in the midst of a difficult year has proven to be the catalyst for changed lives and destinies! We celebrate that, despite all 2020 has thrown our way, God is using you to transform the lives of thousands. Love is the Mission and it cannot be stopped! Please take a few minutes and celebrate with us just a handful of the many stories that your generosity have made possible. Thank you for helping to make 2020 a year transformed by God's goodness and grace!

"You will be abundantly enriched in every way as you give generously on every occasion, for when we take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give thanks to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

Your Pastors,

MARK & LAURA SHOOK



When 18 year old Uwase came to Abba's House with her 4 year old daughter, they had no one else to turn to for help. She had become a refugee in the Democratic Republic of Congo when she was only 7 and didn't know if her parents and siblings were even alive– but God's hand of restoration was at work! She was able to locate her father and two siblings still alive. This “homeless orphan” now has a family and a place to call home. Thank you, COE, for helping to support stories of a reunion like this.

MICHAEL MEISSNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Abba's House
Cypress

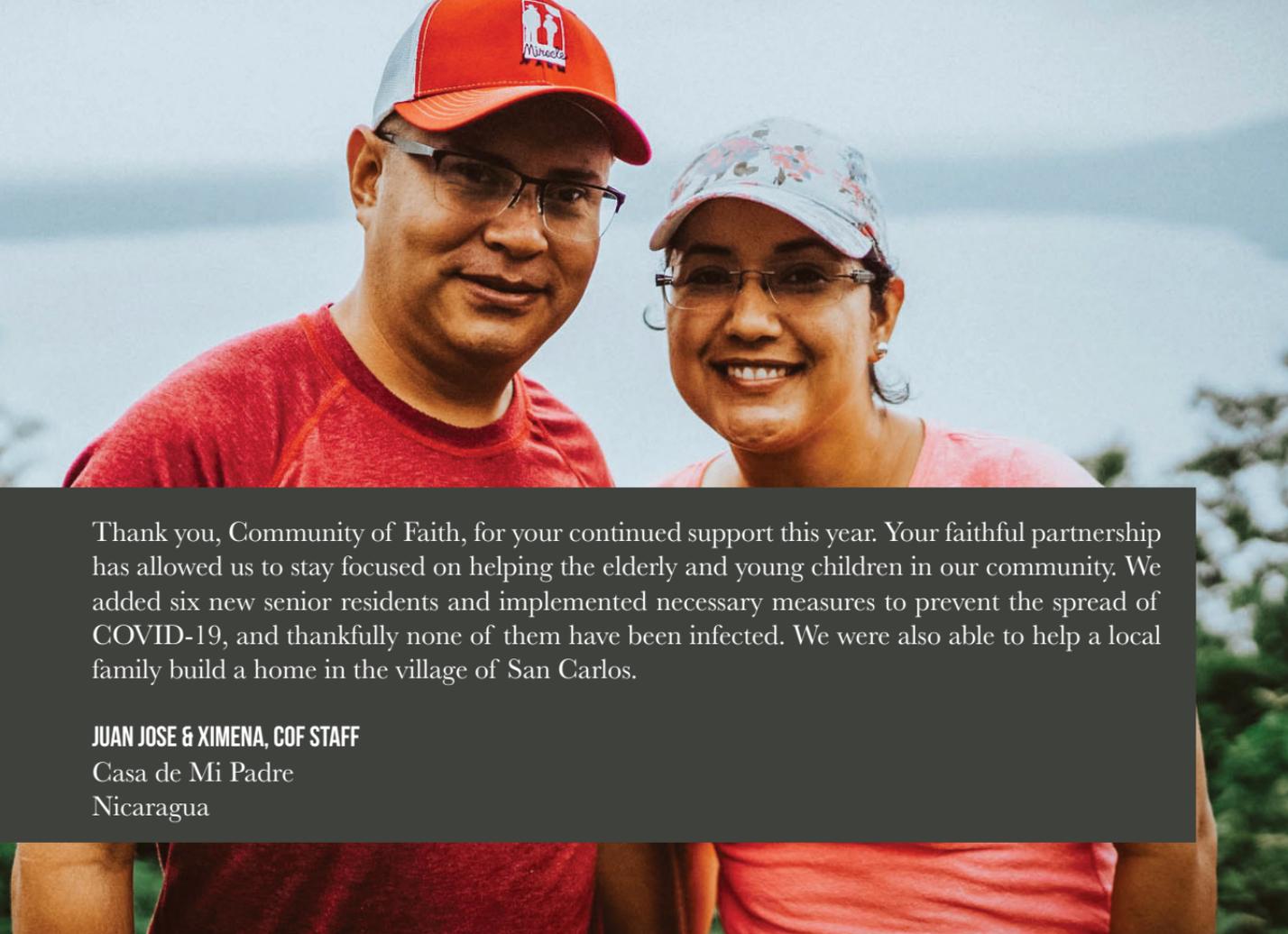
I am the happiest homeless person around because I'm not really homeless. Thankfully, I have a home here at The Mission. These women have become my family and I am truly grateful. Everyone that has contributed by praying, volunteering, or donating has played a part in changing my life!

SHARON, COLLEGE STUDENT

Mission of Yahweh
Houston

SHARON IS NOW FINISHING HER DEGREE, SUPPORTED BY MOY. SHE HAS HER OWN APARTMENT AND WORKS FOR STARBUCKS WHILE SHE FINISHES SCHOOL FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN.





Thank you, Community of Faith, for your continued support this year. Your faithful partnership has allowed us to stay focused on helping the elderly and young children in our community. We added six new senior residents and implemented necessary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and thankfully none of them have been infected. We were also able to help a local family build a home in the village of San Carlos.

JUAN JOSE & XIMENA, COF STAFF

Casa de Mi Padre
Nicaragua

I was alone, depressed and sick. I had no one to take care of me. Words cannot express how grateful I am for Hogar Dulce Refugio. This place has transformed my life. I am not alone and my health is improving each day.

MARIA LUISA

Hogar Dulce Refugio-Home for the Elderly
Diriamba, Nicaragua



Casa de mi Padre and Community of Faith helped build a new home for my family and me. My siblings and I have grown up going to the COF Children's Center in San Carlos, where we get daily meals, health checkups, tutoring and computer classes. Now, I feel safe and happy in our new home! We are so grateful for our friendship with Juan Jose, Ximena and our extended family at COF.

GERSON

The Children's Center
San Carlos, Nicaragua



I love being able to serve our city's needs with COF. What a blessing!

FLORA THOMAS, BLOOD DONOR AND VOLUNTEER
Gulf Coast Blood Center
Houston

**COF'S MONTHLY BLOOD DRIVES IN 2020 HELPED
OVER 500 PEOPLE IN NEED, MORE THAN DOUBLING
COLLECTIONS THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**





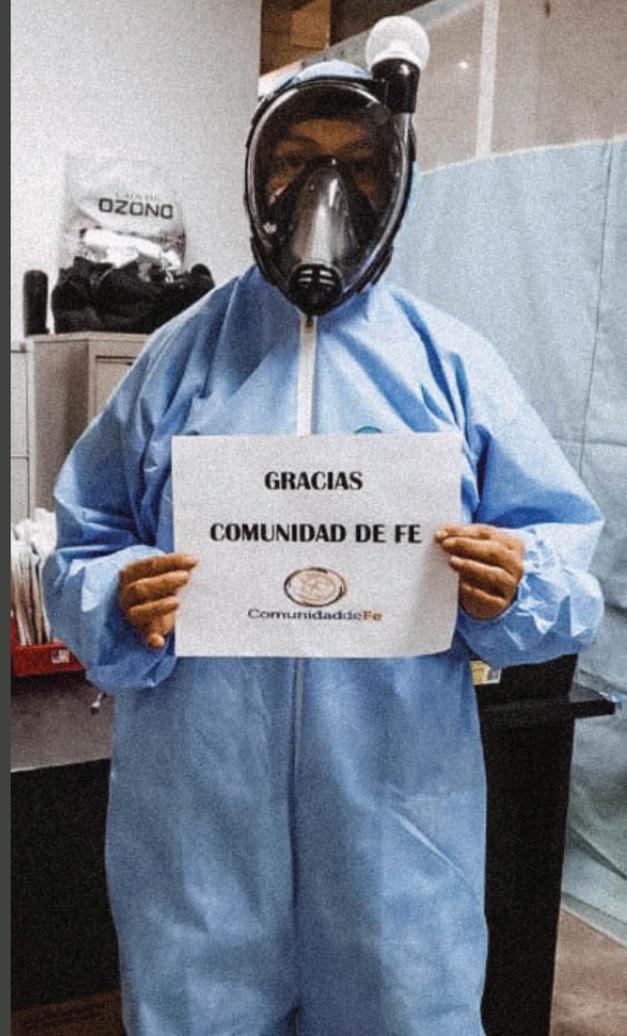
This year, Comunidad de Fe has supported numerous families that lost 100% of their income due to the pandemic. Since Mexico does not have any food banks, they had no way of getting help. We provided 750 “despensas”— approximately 110 per month. A “despensa” is a package with an assortment of basic foods for families in need. We are thankful for our partnership with COF because it has allowed us to continue serving others in Cancun.

MARCO & CARINA, SENIOR PASTORS

Comunidad de Fe
Cancun, Mexico

As a doctor in a state-run hospital in Cancun, I saw our supply of medical grade equipment deplete drastically, in a short amount of time, due to the pandemic. With the help of a generous donation by Comunidad de Fe, we were able to keep our staff of medical professionals safe during the influx of COVID cases here in our city. We received 200 full body suits, 200 N95 masks, and 1000 standard masks. We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with local churches like COE, so we can better serve the citizens in our community.

JUAN LUIS, PHYSICIAN
IMSS, State Hospital
Cancun, Mexico





This past year, we've seen amazing life change through Community Counseling. A married couple canceled their date in divorce court, and renewed their wedding vows instead. Dozens of couples caught up in emotional and physical abuse have learned to connect in love, peace, and unity. Countless individuals have moved beyond childhood abuse and neglect into peace, healing, and freedom, through resolution of childhood trauma. For those dealing with addiction, many have gained insight and awareness, and found healthy coping skills to manage the stress of life. Families are establishing stronger emotional connections with each other, while supporting the next generation coping with divorce and depression. Many clients dealing with a sharp increase of anxiety and depression due to the impact of COVID, have learned emotional regulation and life balance skills.

JENNIFER CROSS UHEREK, CLINICAL DIRECTOR
Community Counseling Center
Cypress



In the midst of all of the challenges this year, God has been at work. We have witnessed 12 young men accept Christ as Savior and six of them have been reunited with their families. We have not only survived, but thrived, during COVID.

ALEX HAMILTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Miracle Farm
Brenham



I was struggling in my pregnancy after I lost my job due to COVID. I couldn't even buy food, so the thought of a new baby was scary. Tomball Pregnancy Center supported me with groceries, counseling, and prayers. I am so thankful for the help and can't help but think that my son wouldn't be here if it weren't for them.

M., MOTHER

Tomball Pregnancy Center

Tomball

It has been amazing to see God's faithfulness at work in the children's home that COF built more than 15 years ago. Watching God connect these precious lives with adoptive parents or safely reunifying them with their biological family has been nothing short of miraculous! I'm so thankful to be a part of this organization and for the support of our church family here and in Houston. This is God's love in action!

SUSANA, DIRECTOR/PSYCHOLOGIST

Excelencia Familiar
Costa Rica



An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely Chicago, featuring a large body of water (Lake Michigan) and a multi-lane bridge crossing it. The image is heavily tinted with a dark red color. The text is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

THE LANDING SERVES SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. THIS YEAR, THEY CREATIVELY ADAPTED OPERATIONS WITH NEW VIRTUAL SERVICES, INCLUDING CASE MANAGEMENT, COUNSELING, AND SUPPORT GROUPS, AND HAVE ENSURED THAT SURVIVORS HAVE ACCESS TO FOOD, SAFE SHELTER AND URGENT NEEDS.

When I arrived at The Landing earlier this year, I needed a place to stay and was trying to take care of my two sons. They helped connect me with the things I needed and moved me to a safe place. After that, I completed my Certified Nursing Assistant certification and am now working a job that provides for my family. Thank you for supporting The Landing.

L., CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT

The Landing

Houston





I have two daughters, and I was worried about how I was going to feed and educate them. I met Sangeetha from Rescue Pink and was invited to join their women's entrepreneur training program. At first, I was shy and quiet, but after a few weeks of classes, I discovered that there was a brave and bold woman inside of me! I graduated from the program, got an entrepreneurship loan, and started a tailoring business. Now, my girls are back in school, and I'm expanding my successful business with my steady income. I am so thankful for Rescue Pink and Community of Faith for this incredible program. It has changed my life and the lives of my girls.

R., BUSINESS OWNER

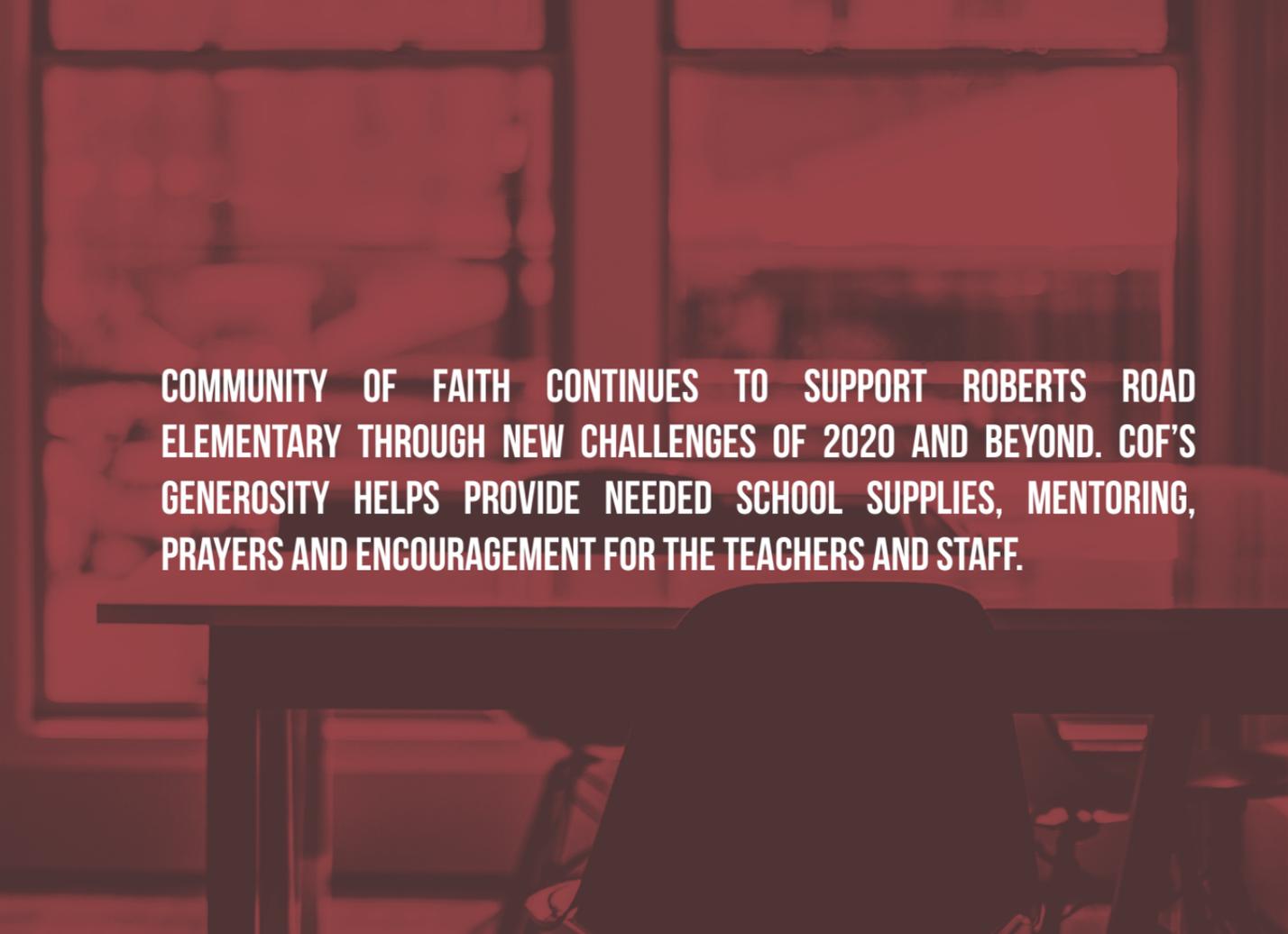
Rescue Pink, M-Center
India

I was not in school when I met Swapna from Rescue Pink. I was living in a nearby village and my parents struggled to take care of me. My health was not good. I was invited to attend Rescue Pink's after school program in 2018. Now, I am in school doing very well in my studies, learning English and computer skills, taking Karate, AND my health has improved— thanks to the nutritious food provided for me each day when I'm at the center. Thank you, Rescue Pink, for finding me and giving me the tools to become the best I can be.

D., STUDENT

Rescue Pink, M-Center
India





COMMUNITY OF FAITH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ROBERTS ROAD ELEMENTARY THROUGH NEW CHALLENGES OF 2020 AND BEYOND. COF'S GENEROSITY HELPS PROVIDE NEEDED SCHOOL SUPPLIES, MENTORING, PRAYERS AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE TEACHERS AND STAFF.

I am so proud of our teachers and staff! I am in awe of their greatness and commitment.

We are all called for a purpose and we are so grateful that COF continues to help us in our efforts.

AMY CARRANZA, PRINCIPAL

Roberts Road Elementary
Waller





One of the children at our school was born in a brothel. His mother was abused and trapped in prostitution. She wanted to protect her son from this identity of hers, so she sent her son to our school. Soon after, we started the salon training program in the red-light district, and the boy's mother was one of the first to come to get trained. After graduating, she knew she wanted to leave her old lifestyle behind. Now, SHE IS FREE and has not returned to the red-light district. She is a strong believer and wants to get baptized.

Seeing her son come to the school drew her out of her lifestyle and from being trafficked. We believe the children at our school will rescue their mothers. Community of Faith helped us start this program in 2017, and now destinies are truly being changed because of your love and support. Thank you for helping us rescue women and children!

MARK TAYLOR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Changing Destiny
South Asia



I grew up in the green fields of Matara. I finished high school there with the support of my family and my COF family. I completed nursing school and then secured a job as a nurse at the Laura Shook Health Clinic in Bubanza. Today I am a nurse serving families in Bubanza in the same spirit of COF!

DIDIER, NURSE

Laura Shook Health Clinic
Bubanza, Burundi, Africa

Before COVID-19, Burundi Fortified Foods produced 20 tons of porridge per month. Due to limited supplies and increased demand, we quickly adjusted our recipe to work with cereals available in-country. Our BFF team ramped up production to 60+ tons per month to meet the need, increasing our output by 3 times! By the end of the year we will be up to 100 tons per month to keep fortified porridge available in local shops and all the feeding programs across Burundi. It is quite a feat, but our team knew this was a way we could serve Burundi. We are so grateful for the generosity and continued support shown to us by our Community of Faith family.

BURUNDIAN FORTIFIED FOODS

Communities of Hope
Bujumbura, Burundi





I grew up learning the importance of education from my mother. With the support of the community and COF, I graduated from high school and went on to become a credentialed teacher. I now teach at Kwizera Academy in our sister community, Bubanza. It's wonderful to provide learning opportunities for others the way they were provided for me in Matara.

REVERIEN, TEACHER

Kwizera Academy
Bubanza, Buruica



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