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**DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,**

As the new Chief Executive Officer of Good Neighbors USA I am so honored to greet you in this next edition of our magazine. May I begin by saying THANK YOU for your support of our Mission “to make the world a better place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.”

Of course, Good Neighbors has been a vibrant and effective organization for over 25 years with programs that help children, individual adults and families in need in 38 countries of the world. We are dedicated to child rights protection, providing emergency relief during times of natural and man-made disaster, and engagement in a range of community development initiatives in education, health, water and sanitation, income generation, women’s empowerment, advocacy, and building partnerships and networks all with the goal of creating self-reliance and promoting human dignity. Please know YOU have changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people for the better!

GNUSA now enters our 10th year. As we approach this important milestone let me share two important updates with you:

**1) Globalization** - Through the visionary leadership of our founder, Mr. Ilha Yi with the support of the Good Neighbors International President, Mrs. Jinok Yang we are embarking on an intentional strategy of strengthening our global partnership. Supporting our field countries currently are GN Korea, GN Japan and GN USA - with registration in Canada underway and longer term plans for support offices in other countries of the world. This requires more local - - autonomy, board leadership and fund raising. This effort like any democratic process takes time, participation and eventual consensus. I have seen other global organizations go through this process and the outcomes are very rewarding.

**2) U.S. Based Presence** - One of my roles is to strengthen the “brand” recognition of our organizations - in a country, state and community with many other charitable organizations. I also am dedicated to our contributing tangibly to the needs in our own back yard - Los Angeles and Orange County. As a result, we are developing programs and partnerships that provide transitional housing for women with children and others who have been victimized by domestic violence. You’ll be hearing more and in the media about our work - so we will value your continued support.

We are INDEED GRATEFUL - for your concern for those in need and your financial and volunteer support for Good Neighbors USA.

With kind regards,

CEO, Good Neighbors USA

Ralph E. Plumb, PhD

# GOOD NEIGHBORS DONOR INTERVIEW

BY **PAULINE WANG** / GOOD NEIGHBORS USA  
TRANSLATED BY **JULIA YI** / GOOD NEIGHBORS USA

Could you keep a promise? Child sponsorship is one of the most effective ways to help our children and families because we believe that a child's education is essential to unlocking their future successes. In the second season of 'Spotlight on Donors', we met with Good Neighbors sponsors, Ted Yun and Joanne Kang, to find out why they decided to change a child's life.

## TED YUN

VIP SPONSOR OF GOOD NEIGHBORS USA



**Pauline Wang:** Hello Mr. Yun. Thank you so much for taking time out of your schedule to be part of this interview. How did you hear about Good Neighbors and for what reason did you decide to become a member?

**Ted Yun:** I heard about Good Neighbors by watching a broadcast and I already had previous interests in sponsoring a child. I freely received grace of salvation from Jesus so I started to sponsor the child wanting to repay that grace. These words from the Bible, 'Truly I tell

you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me' and 'And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me...' pulled me to have this kind of heart. However, as life became stressful, I became ill and lost a sense of mental leisure so I wasn't able to pull my hopes into action. But, in 2010, I retired and moved and became more stable. Although I'm donating a small amount, I was able to share God's love to a five-year-old girl from Guatemala named, Evelin.

**PW:** Wow! You've been a member for 7 years. What is your motivation?

**TY:** There wasn't physical interaction with Evelin during that time, but her hope and prayer to become a path to salvation for the people in her town is my motivation. 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.' Just as this verse reads, the duty of someone who loves and believes in Jesus is solely to help and serve others.

**PW:** What are you expecting from Good Neighbors?

**TY:** I think it will be a good idea to gather hearts to support the children in a more realistic way by creating a method for members to visit the children they're sponsoring and to see their condition and the child's living circumstances to provide support that they need.

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## JOANNE KANG

NEW STUDENT SPONSOR OF GOOD NEIGHBORS USA



**Pauline Wang:** Hello Joanne! It's amazing to see young students donate to help out other countries. What initially motivated you to sponsor children through your school's club?

**Joanne Kang:** My school, Canyon Crest Academy, is in a privileged and rich part of San Diego. It's normal to see people spending money on frivolous, unnecessary items; I'm ashamed to admit that I am occasionally part of this group. When I began researching the different projects under Good Neighbors, Child Sponsorship stuck out to me, particularly because these children were living in conditions that I was unaccustomed to. I felt motivated to sponsor this project because I wanted to help children who were not as privileged as those in our community. I also believe that all of these different nations are connected to each other, despite the gaps

and distinctions in almost all aspects of life, and helping those in less developed countries is necessary for our world to prosper.

**PW:** How does your club raise funds to support the child in Guatemala?

**JK:** As high school students, all of our club members have pretty busy schedules, but everyone is very dedicated and tries to make the time for all of our fundraisers and events. Before each event, we pass out flyers and utilize social media to raise awareness and support for our activities. Everyone always feels really great after each fundraiser, knowing that we all successfully put in a lot of effort to support this amazing cause.

**PW:** You and other students signed up to travel to Guatemala this summer to continue to support this amazing cause. What do you expect when you meet the child in-person this summer during your trip to Guatemala?

**JK:** I expect meeting the child, Yeimi, in-person to be a very humbling and eye-opening experience. Meeting her will show all of us what a huge impact we can have on another human being, despite them living thousands of miles away from us. We will be able to personally see how our seemingly simple monthly donation is able to transform one's life. I also believe that meeting Yeimi will encourage all of us to work even harder to support the Good Neighbors organization, as we will feel motivated to try to make a difference in more people's lives.



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# HAITI'S ROAD TO RECOVERY

BY SINHWA LEE / GOOD NEIGHBORS HAITI

On October 4th of 2016, a Category 5 hurricane caused widespread damage in Haiti: a country that has been suffering from poverty for decades. Hurricane Matthew brought strong winds and heavy rainfall in southwest Haiti and nearly or completely destroyed around 200,000 homes, leaving 1.4 million people (12.9% of Haitian population) in need of humanitarian aid. The hurricane also wiped out majority of the livestock and crops in the departments of Grand'Anse and Sud which left the population living in destitution without reliable sources of food; infrastructure facility, such as communication network and road system, were also severely damaged. In total, the damage amounted to \$1.9 billion dollars.

Good Neighbors Haiti (GNH) dispatched a disaster relief team on October 11th to Jeremie which is the capital of the Grand'anse department and one of communities in Haiti that was affected by the hurricane. As the GNH staff surveyed the situation in Jeremie, GNH realized that Good Neighbors needed to partner with the government and the UN agencies in order to successfully alleviate the damage. GNH constantly and faithfully attended the DPC(Directorate for Civil Protection) meetings led by the local government and UNOCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), collected all information of the damage status, and coordinated whole official humanitarian assistance. While attending the meetings, GNH met directly with the local residents who were affected by the storm.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS HELPED 10,780 PEOPLE IN JEREMIE**

After the data was collected by the GNH research team, we selected four towns in Jeremie to distribute Good Neighbors emergency relief box that included food (rice, corn, beans, oil, salt, butter, spaghetti, fish can, tomato paste, and water) and hygiene items (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, sanitary pad, and match) to provide one family for about 3 to 4 weeks. GNH prepared the items in Port-au-prince, the capital of Haiti, and delivered the kit with the help of IOM (International organization for Migration), UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), and the Haitian government and police. Through this distribution, Good Neighbors helped 10,780 people in Jeremie with the donation of \$205,280 from KOICA and the Japan Platform.

- 01 Good Neighbors staff working hard to distribute the packages of food.
- 02 Kits that KOICA supported for the people in Haiti.



**DONATION OF \$54,000 FROM GN KOREA AND GN USA.**

Good Neighbors also supported Ganthier which is a commune in the west department of Haiti. Although the area was severely damaged by the wind, rain and especially the flood from Hurricane Matthew, Ganthier rarely received support from the government and other organizations because majority of the humanitarian assistance were concentrated in the southern region of Haiti. Good Neighbors could not just stand by and watch so GNH identified the level of damage in Ganthier, provided the data to the government to encourage the government to start taking action, and organized the first emergency relief in this area. After coordinating with the government, GNH selected 3 towns in Ganthier to distribute our emergency relief kit similar that was similar to the kit distributed in Jeremie. Through these packages, Good Neighbors supported 2,850 people in Ganthier with donation of \$54,000 from GN Korea and GN USA.

Because of the excellence in quantity and quality of the support GNH provided to Haiti, GNH was broadcasted on the local radio and received high praise from the beneficiaries and related organizations.



“This hurricane was the worst hurricane I have ever experienced. The wind and rain was very powerful and it scared me. As you can see in Jeremie, all the tress, food, livestock have disappeared. So I was having a very hard time but the support (from Good Neighbors) was so amazing. I heard from other people were looking forward to the support (from other organizations) but they never received anything. This emergency relief box was really needed for our family and can live off it for 3~4weeks. After, I will find the next step for our family. Thank you for helping when we didn't have anything left.”

Interview. **Jean Ystare** (42/woman)



# WATER WELL PROJECT IN ZAMBIA

by **Dongwon Jang** / Good Neighbors Zambia

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In Zambia, more than a third of the population does not have access to clean water and more than half lacks access to proper sanitation facilities. Water and sanitation facilities in basic schools are generally poor. The Government's Educational Statistical Bulletin 2013 indicated that more than 25 percent of basic schools do not have access to a safe water supply (borehole-piped, borehole-pump, piped water, or protected well) and improved sanitation facilities. Not having access to clean and safe water led to diseases such as diarrhea and cholera.

The insufficient supply of safe water at schools can lead to outbreaks of such diseases among children. The impact could result in caregivers, such as

families, staying at home to take care of the sick children instead of working, thereby, forfeiting their precious income. It is essential that the supply of clean water and sanitation at schools to be integrated with the provision of water and sanitation facilities in surrounding communities to ensure that the need for child labour (e.g. for water collection) does not prevent children, especially girls, from attending school.

As part of its Water and Sanitation Programs, Good Neighbors USA has helped GN Zambia build water wells to provide clean water to the people of different districts in Zambia. So far, GN has drilled and installed 20 boreholes across Zambia.



Because of these water wells, many community members have access to clean water. Furthermore, girls can now attend to school regularly due to the reduced burden of labour of drawing water for their families. One of the beneficiaries of the community shared that the prevalence of water related disease was also diminished. Mr. Moses Moonga, a resident of Mpango Community explained their situation before the project of good water was implemented. “We used to collect water from nearby streams as we had no borehole in the community to get clean water. This water was not good as we shared the same water with the cattle thus many children suffered from water borne diseases in the community. The women and girls also suffered as they had to walk long distances during the hot seasons when the streams dried off in the search for water. It was a dream come true to see clean water flowing in the community with the support from GN Zambia. Now, our community is healthier and happy”.



The road to provide clean water for the communities has not always been an easy one. Many times, we struggled during the rainy seasons to reach some areas due to the bad road conditions caused by the heavy rain. During the implementation of the Water project in 2016, we felt the need to extend our services to more distant places and more rural areas of Zambia such as villages of Southern Province. We

had planned to drill four boreholes; however, the project was delayed due to the rain pattern that we experienced. We had very heavy rains in 2016, thus the roads to the villages were impassable and drilling could not take off till the end of the rainy season. In some cases, the road was completely washed away which cut off the accessibility to the villages by the vehicle that is used for drilling. In future, we plan to drill as many boreholes during the dry season (Apr –Oct) to avoid the rainy seasons.

## 2017 GOOD NEIGHBORS GOOD WATER PROJECT PLAN



Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh,  
India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos,  
Mongolia, Vietnam, Tajikistan,  
Philippines, Rwanda, Ethiopia,  
Tanzania, Malawi, Chad, Zambia,  
Uganda, Kenya, Cameroon, Haiti,  
Chile, Paraguay, Guatemala,  
Dominican Republic

**25 Countries**



**229,085  
People**



Installed Drinking  
Water & Purifier  
Facilities



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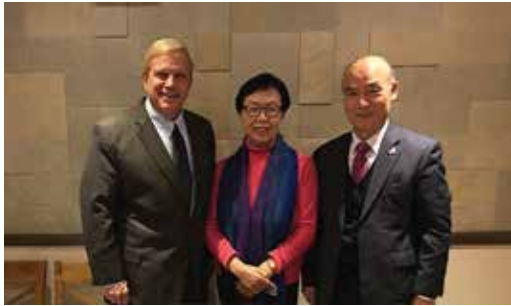


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# A PROMISE FULFILLED

BY RALPH E. PLUMB / GOOD NEIGHBORS USA CEO

There are many characteristics to consider when describing a visionary leader. She or he is a person who thinks about and plans for the future with imagination and wisdom. And they are individuals who are inspired, creative, innovative, ingenious and enterprising. For certain these traits apply to two of the persons in this recent photo, Mr. Ilha Yi, President, and Mrs. Hae Won Chung, now Honorary Chairperson, where I enjoyed a lovely traditional Korean lunch with them in Seoul. Both had spent years in humanitarian service, and in 1991 along with 8 founding staff members launched Good Neighbors today a globally recognized and respected charity.



In those early years they understood that the most vulnerable among us – children, widows, the displaced and disadvantaged people in our communities needed the physical, emotional and spiritual support of those who had the to help. Korea has now gone from being an aid-recipient country in the post-war years to a strong donor and philanthropy minded country.

As a result, they established the VISION for the future – **Good Neighbors exists to make the world a place without hunger, where people live together in harmony.**

Today we see evidence in the millions of people we have served; the range of programs we employ, and the 38 countries where our dedicated staff work (including Good Neighbors Int'l – pictured here).



Our PROMISE was kept and is still being kept day by day! We are warriors against hunger, advocates for children, supporters of the community and sincere contributors to a world that will live in harmony!

# A PROMISE MADE 25 YEARS AGO FOR MAKING A BETTER WORLD



**1991.03.**

**Founded**



**1992**

Began the 1st Relief support project in Bangladesh



**1996**

Obtained General Consultative Status from the UN ECOSOC

**2007**

Received the 'MDGs Awards' initiated by UN



**2013**

Established Social Enterprise 'H Plant' in Nepal



**2015**

- Participated in UN summit for SDGs Conference
- Dispatched emergency relief team to help earthquake victims in Nepal
- Participated in World Education Forum

# Good Neighbors USA News

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## Good Neighbors 2017 Summer Volunteer Abroad Trip



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In April, Good Neighbors USA prepared youth (High School and College students) donors from across the country to travel to our field site: Guatemala. During the trip in June, students were building the G.I.F.T. Chickens project and personally meeting the families they are helping. This is a great opportunity for our GN USA donors to volunteer and learn more about the works of Good Neighbors.

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## Good Neighbors Benefit Concert with Pastor Lee Eun Soo



During the month of April, Pastor Lee Eun Soo held Good Neighbors Benefit concerts in Los Angeles at Nasum Church and New Covenant Community Church. Pastor Lee led worship with various contemporary christian songs and shared his inspiring testimony as a GNUSA Brand Ambassador with the the concert attendees. Through these concerts, we were able to raise more support from churches within the Los Angeles community.

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### Radio Interview with KGBC



**GNUSA CEO Ralph Plumb** was interviewed on May 1 by KGBC announcer Young Kwon with translation provided by GNUSA development associate Helen Hwang. The interview allowed the opportunity for him to share the good work of Good Neighbors globally, the growth and new direction anticipated in the U.S. operation, give some specific ways in which the dedicated KGBC listeners could participate and he was asked to share his personal testimony and faith journey. The taping will be edited for time and content and then aired widely. Following the interview taping Dr. Plumb met with KGBC President Pastor Young Sun Lee who expressed interest in a closer and more regular relationship between the two organizations.

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### Skylink TV Interview

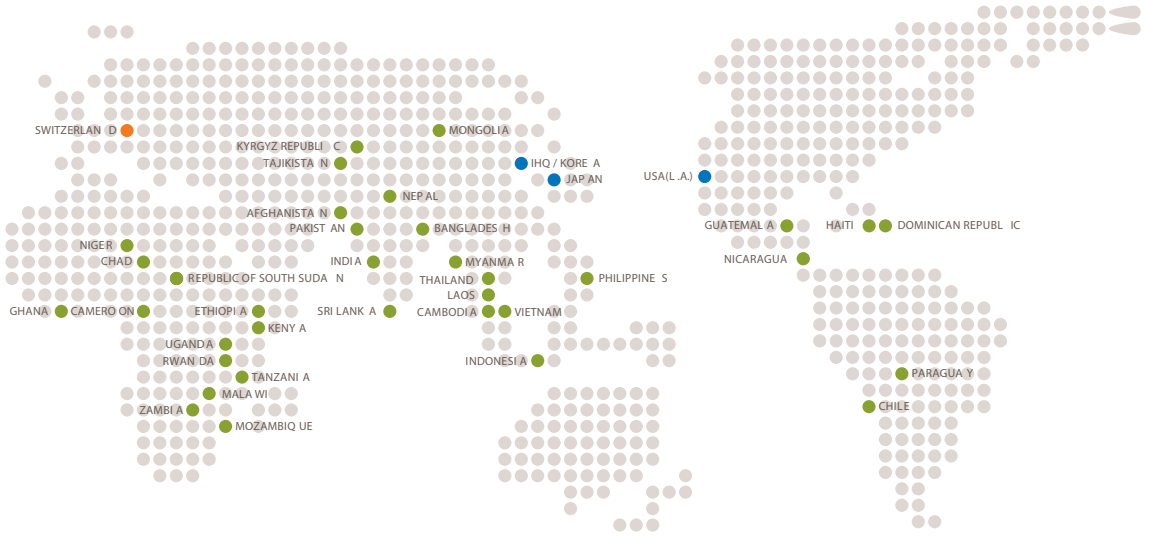


#### On the 4th of May, 2017

Skylink TV interviewed GNUSA. During this interview, Good Neighbors introduced the organization's vision and work in Africa while addressing the need for well-maintained water wells. The 5-minute interview was broadcasted on Channel 44.3 throughout the month of May.

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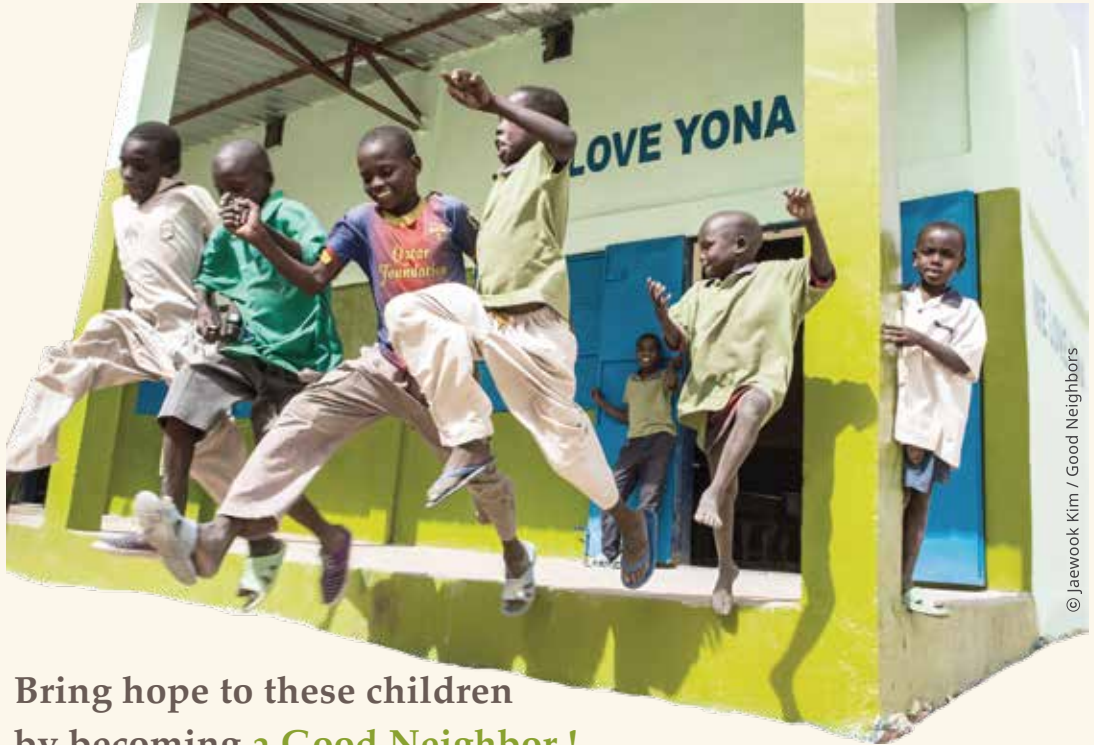
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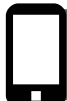
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