



Touch A Life  
FOUNDATION

THE MOON MOVES SLOWLY, BUT  
TOUCHES THE WHOLE WORLD.  
AFRICAN PROVERB

## Why Give?

BY GIVING TO TOUCH A LIFE, WE BELIEVE THAT YOUR LIFE WILL BE CHANGED AS MUCH AS THE LIVES YOU CHANGE.

Our programs in Ghana began in 2006 after the *New York Times* published an article detailing the life of 6 year old Mark Kwadwo, a boy sold into slavery on the waters of Lake Volta. Within 6 weeks of the article's publication, Pam Cope rescued not only Mark, but 6 other children that became known as "The Magnificent Seven". Pam had "found her Mark" yet realized that as much as Touch A Life had rescued these children, the children also rescued her. Today, "The Magnificent Seven" have grown to almost 70 former exploited child laborers who are free from a life of slavery and now enjoy attending school—some for the first time in their lives!

Our programs in Vietnam and Cambodia are where Touch A Life started, and today we enhance the quality of life for almost 300 children by providing education, recreation, and medical care. Our programs are designed to provide a "hand up" not a "hand out" with sustained economic self-sufficiency strategies and measurable results that ensure that your gift is being used effectively and efficiently.

One dollar donated to Touch A Life goes a long way! For example: rescuing, housing, educating and providing medical care for one child in Vietnam costs only \$50 per month. In Ghana it costs about \$1800, only \$150 a month. New building projects are merely a fraction of what they would cost in the US. Providing clean water, healthy foods, and the love and care of our teams of house parents are minimal, but crucial! Every donation counts. Every dollar can touch a life.

We truly believe that your life will be changed as much as the lives of the children you help. **One child at a time.** It's a simple formula. Only by empowering ourselves with the gift of giving, and by training the next generation to give back as well can we truly "Find our Mark." Co-Founder Pam Cope states it best... *"What I learned along the way is that maybe the answer to grief, or to feeling lost, is to give passionately. It is in those acts of giving that you become open to receive life's most tremendous blessings."*

