

ANNUAL REPORT 2025





VISION & MISSION

In 2025, after 10 years of ministry, members of our community from around the world from various phases of our history came together to reflect, refocus, and reawaken our vision. Through the course of 3 virtual gatherings, we realigned ourselves to the vision and mission of CHI and we co-created vision for the next 10 years.

The Vision Committee reflected on how Creative Hope unfolded the way a painting is created in stages. As we saw the way our work emerged in 3 different stages, we identified the common themes throughout our history, revealing more about our identity and calling as a ministry.

We are seeing that our work at CHI is joining God in the song that began at creation. We walk in the good works He prepared for us and we invite others into creativity with us. The act of being creative as worship is our sacred calling.

Creative Hope exists to invite others into creating beauty because this act is sacred, healing, and filled with hope.

ISAIAH 61

EPHESIANS 2:10



TEAM OVERVIEW

BOARD

Our board was an international team of seven members: Cris & Emily O’Neill, Claudia Maldonado, Maren Heiberg, Sunny Sapkota, Benjamin Bowling, Eileen Thapa

STAFF

Our Staff was an international team of six: Eileen (founder & director), Jessi (creative programs), Chelsea (operations), Prabal (music teacher), Prashansa (student mentor), Nishal (music teacher in training)

PARTNER

Our partners:
Shubha Sandesh Shikshya Sadan School
Assembly of God Church School
Pleroma Home for Girls and Women

SUPPORT

Our Support:
Prayer: 7 members
Finances: 35 members

OUR WORK: SOME HIGHLIGHTS

School Partnership

Dang

This year, we continued our partnership with a local school in Dang. Through this collaboration, we provided a dedicated student mentor and a music teacher, helping to create a more holistic learning environment where students could grow not only in their studies but also in their personal development and creative expression.

Mentorship

This year, we welcomed a new mentor, Prashansa, who made a meaningful impact in the lives of students at our partner school in Dang. Through one-on-one meetings, she walked closely with students, offering guidance, encouragement, and wisdom as they navigated personal challenges. Her care and intentional investment created space for students to feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we were able to offer both partial and full scholarships to students at our partner school in Dang. These scholarships not only supported their academic education but also opened the door for them to participate in music classes and a special music camp, enriching their overall experience and nurturing their talents.



OUR WORK: SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Music Class

Our faithful music teacher, Prabal, continued to invest in students across all grade levels by leading regular music classes at our partner school. His consistent presence and dedication provided students with the opportunity to develop musical skills, build confidence, and experience the joy of creative expression as part of their education.

Music Teacher in Training

Nischal, our music teacher in training, has continued to excel in his studies this year. He remains on track to graduate in Spring 2026 and is eagerly preparing to step into his role as a CHI music teacher at a new location in the coming year. His dedication and growth have been encouraging to witness, and we look forward to the impact he will have as he begins this next chapter.

School Partnership Darjeeling

This year, we were able to collaborate and facilitate a theater camp for the students at our partner school during the summer. Students dedicated a week to storytelling, collaboration, and creative expression while conveying a topic with great meaning to them. It was an opportunity for students to grow their relationships and creativity.



OUR WORK: SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Music Teacher Conference

This year, we had the joy of gathering all of our music teachers together for a time of connection, encouragement, and collaboration. Through shared learning, mutual support, and creating music together, this conference became a deeply meaningful experience for each member of the team. It was a refreshing and inspiring time that strengthened relationships and renewed vision for the work ahead.

Music Teaching Resources

Throughout the year, we continued developing music teaching resources designed for both CHI teachers and others across Southeast Asia. These materials are thoughtfully created to incorporate local musical styles, equipping teachers with culturally relevant tools that enhance learning and engagement. This ongoing work supports not only our own programs but also contributes to the broader community of music educators in the region.



OUR WORK: SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Prayer Training

This year, we launched a weekly healing prayer training with a committed cohort of five pastors and ministry leaders from Southeast Asia. Meeting regularly, this group is engaging in a two-year journey focused on deepening their understanding and practice of healing prayer, equipping them to minister more effectively within their local contexts. Their dedication and consistency have laid a strong foundation for lasting impact, as they grow in both confidence and spiritual leadership, with the vision of carrying these principles into their churches and communities.

Cambodia Arts Camp

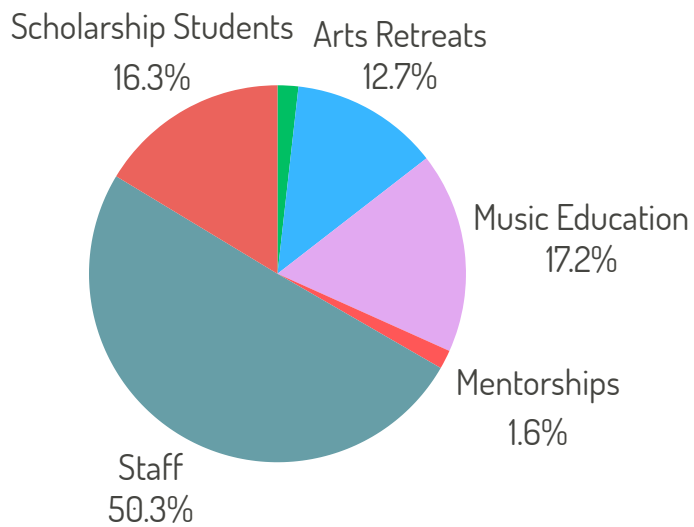
In September, we hosted a Creative Arts Camp in Cambodia, creating space for the girls and staff of a local home to experience hope, joy, and healing through creative expression. Through a variety of activities—including arts and crafts, dance, and interactive group experiences—we sought to foster connection, encourage self-expression, and provide moments of renewal. The retreat offered a meaningful opportunity for participants to engage their creativity in a supportive environment, strengthening relationships and nurturing a sense of dignity, resilience, and hope.





FINANCE REVIEW

We spent approximately \$39,800 this year. Here's the breakdown of our spending:





ISAIAH 61:7

"Instead of shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy."

