

## I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE

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Sugandai achieved only what she dared to dream of. She got sick very often and for long periods and needed to take medication to survive. Her illnesses prevented her from doing many things. But with the aid of the Life Hope Center in Trinidad, her life improved.

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"I used to feel sick, but with exercise and diet control, I stopped taking my meds," Sugandai said. "Now I'm doing things I couldn't do before. At the age of fifty-five, I thought this would be impossible."

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The Life Hope Center is an Urban Center of Influence (UCI) in Brickfield, a community on the island of Trinidad. Just a few blocks away is one of the largest Hindu temples in the country. Whenever visitors walk past the Life Hope Center, they are drawn to the colorful sign that offers a variety of services aimed at satisfying the needs of the community.

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Christine Mathura, the Center's manager, conducted a community needs assessment before the UCI opened its doors. "We found that children in this community can't read properly," explained Christine. "So, we enroll not only the children but also the parents so that the children will come with them."

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The Life Hope Center began offering math and literacy classes for children ages six to fifteen and a preschool program for younger children. For adults, UCI offers fitness and healthy living classes that teach the community how to prevent disease and improve quality of life.

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The Life Hope Center's holistic approach has led many people to receive academic and physical training, and find hope in Jesus. Employees regularly receive requests for spiritual counseling, Bible classes, and prayer. "Thanks to the Center, we were able to plant a church," Christine said, "and now we have twenty-five people attending the services."

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There are dozens of Centers of Influence like this one all over the world. Pray for these projects so that people can glimpse God's love through friendship and compassion. With your support, we can change lives through the Global Mission offerings! The 2018 mission offering was sent to Trinidad and helped this Center of Influence.

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But today, many more still need resources to advance with the work of the Lord. So, as you return the Tithe and Promise, put your desires last and God first.