Past, Present and Future of Baby Boxes in the Republic of Korea

Discovery of our Mission



Ordinary office worker ... Realized our mission while taking care of children with severe handicaps.

Start of my Activity



A child left alone in this world... In 1999, meeting this child led us to start our activity.

Preparation of a Community House



In 2003, we set up a community house in a village on a hill in Seoul.

Our Communal Family



Children abandoned because of their handicaps...
We become their parents and live with them as a family.

A Baby Found in a Cardboard Box



On a cold early morning in May, 2007, a handicapped baby was found abandoned in front of our house. The baby was put inside a cardboard box which originally contained fish.



The First Ever Baby Box in Korea



In December, 2009, the first baby box in the Republic of Korea was installed in our church wall.

- Length 70cm x Height 60cm x Width 40cm
- Fitted with an alarm to inform us of the presence of a baby
- Contains a heating pad to keep the temperature inside warm

The First Baby

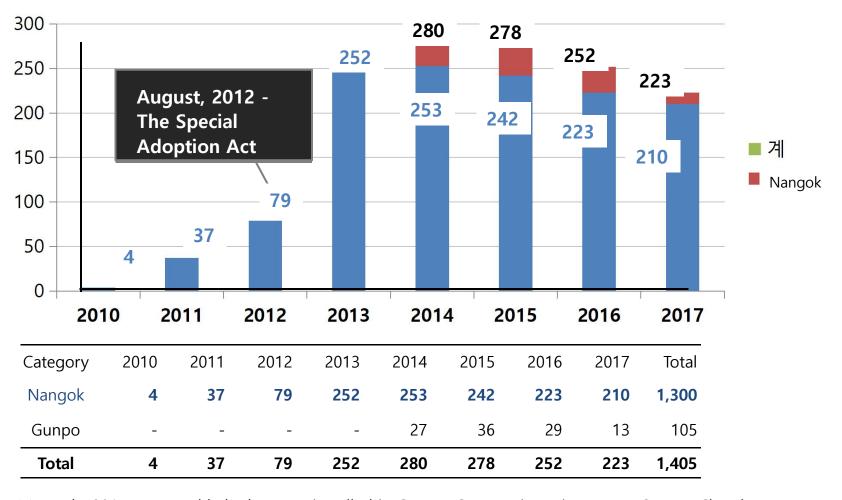


In March, 2010, the first baby was placed in the baby box.

Babies Left in the Baby Box by Year



The number of babies left in our baby box rapidly increased after 2012. The Special Adoption Act enforced in August, 2012 is behind the increase.



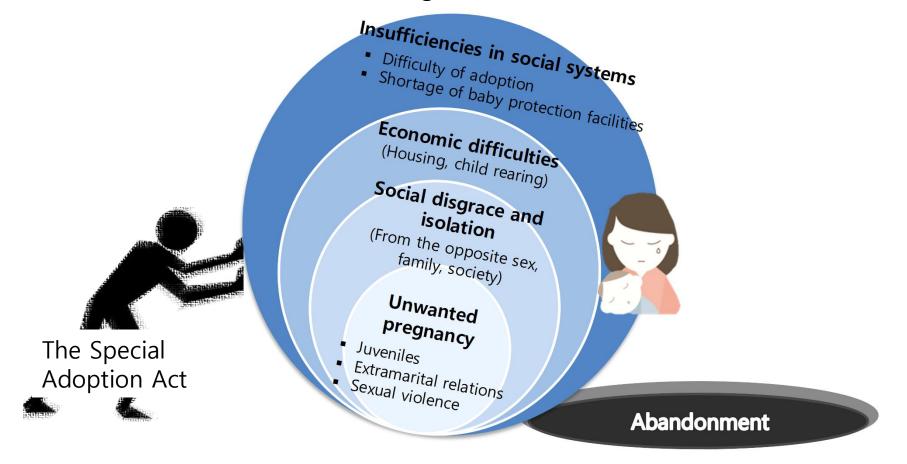
X In July, 2014, a second baby box was installed in Gunpo, Gyeonggi Province (New Canaan Church)

Factors Related to Baby Abandonment in ROK



- Primary factor: Bad social/economic conditions for single mothers
- Secondary factor: The Special Adoption Act that obligates submission
 of a birth notification form when adopting a child

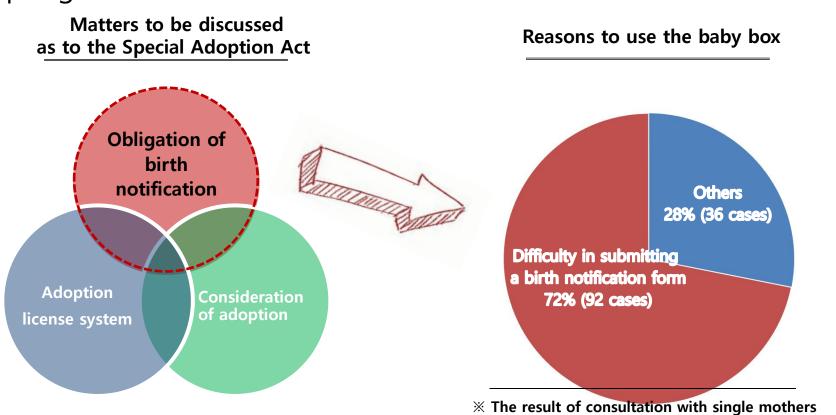
Circumstances in which single mothers find themselves



Baby Abortion and the Baby Box



According to single mothers, the main reason that makes them bring their babies to the baby box is the Special Adoption Act, which requires people to submit a birth notification form when adopting a child.



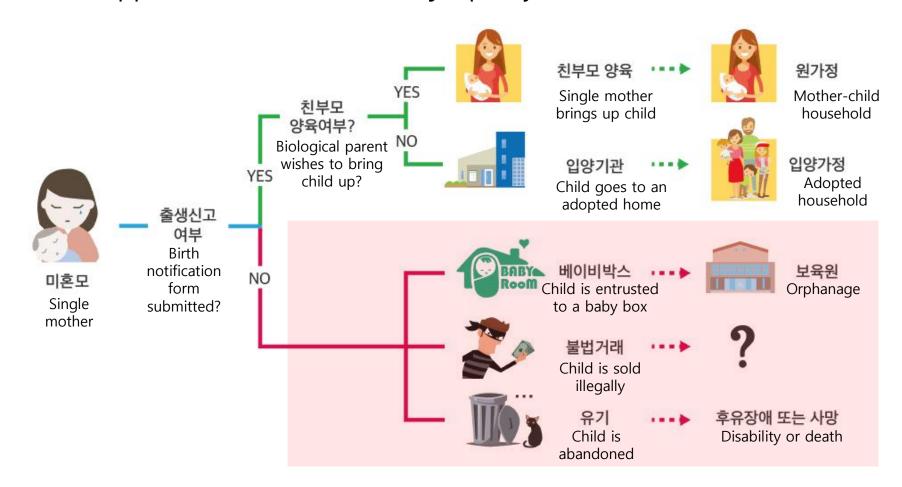
who visited the baby box from January to

September, 2017

Birth Notification and a Child's Future



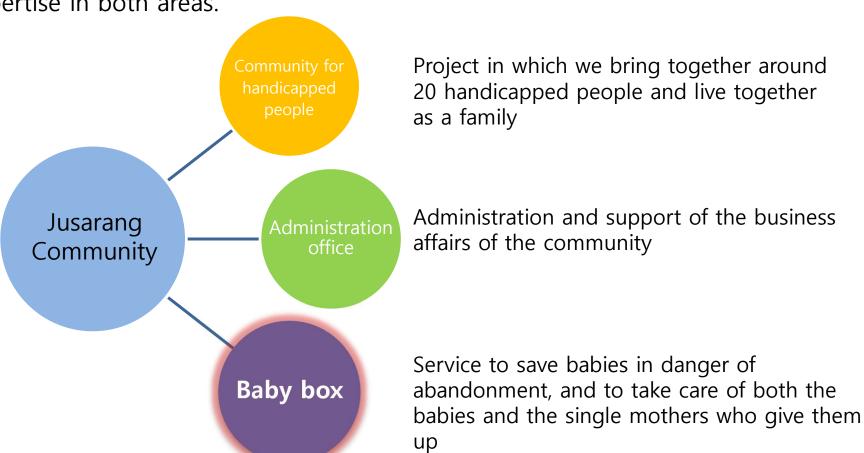
A baby's future will follow distinctly different paths depending on whether or not the baby's biological parents submitted a birth notification form or not. If a birth notification form is not submitted, the baby's future right to life and happiness will be in serious jeopardy.



Reaction of the Jusarang Community against the Change to the Law



After enforcement of the Special Adoption Act, we separated our social welfare business from our church so as to adapt to changes brought about thereby, and founded the Jusarang Community, in which we separated our community for handicapped people and our baby protection service so as to strengthen our expertise in both areas.



Running a Baby Room

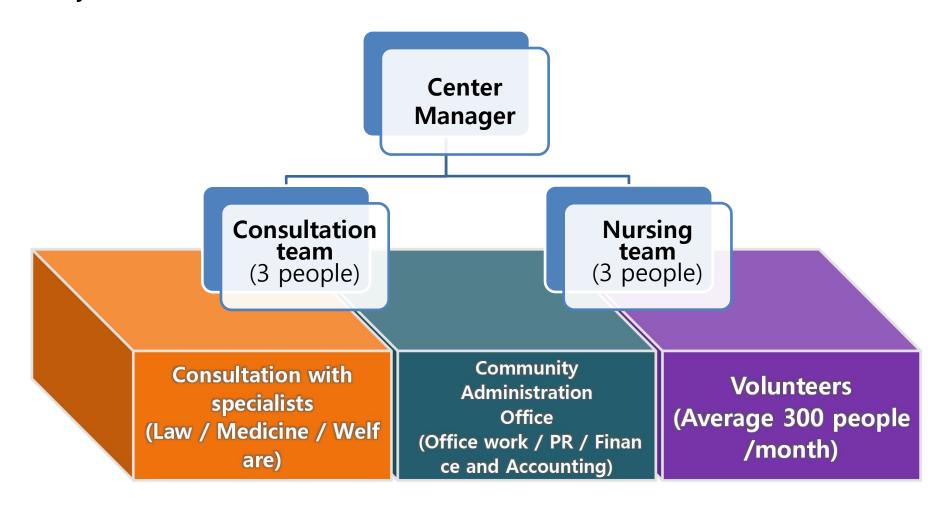


In July, 2015, we renovated our facility and created a baby room, for safer protection of babies and for more active consultation with single mothers. (We are simultaneously running the baby box and the baby room.)

Baby Box Organization



By increasing the number of staff, we have established a support system which offers a 24-hour consultation service and a nursing facility.



The Consultation Process and Details of the Baby Box



1st Step

Admiration and appreciation: Formation of a rapport

2nd Step

Interview with the single mother: Creation of a consultation record

3rd Step

• Religious/ethical education, sex education, etc. "Let's not allow such misfortunes to happen again..."

4th Step

 Nursing education to the biological parent: Explanation of support offered by the baby box

Recommendation of adoption: Explanation of support provided by the baby box

5th Step

Creation of a letter from the biological parent

Baby item check

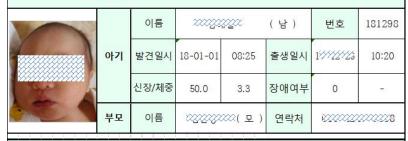
6th Step

Prayers for the baby and the parent offered by consultants

Attachment: The Baby Record and the Consultation Record Sheet



아 기 기 록 부



발견 당시 상황 기록

2018년 01월 01일 08:25분경 베이비박스에 남자 아기가 보호되었습니다.

발견 당시, 흰색 속싸개에 싸여 있었으며, 노랑 오리가 그려져 있는 흰색 배냇저고리를 입고 있었습니다.

알굴은 등근형이고, 피부는 약간 붉은 편이며, 머리숱이 적당한 아기입니다. 발견당시 몸무게는 3.3.kg, 키는 50cm 정도로 추정합니다.

이후의 아기 행방

B형간염 1차 접종.

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상담내용

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아기엄마에게 전화를 하자 아기얼마가 너무 아파서 전화를 받을 수 없다고 아기아빠가:
전화를 받고 전화 상담을 하게 되었다.
아기엄마와 아기아파는 같은 지역에서 알게 된 선후태 사이었으며, 1년 정도 사임었다.
아기엄마는 제왕절개로 아기를 낳고 예속 힘들어하고 있으며, 평소에 고절말이 심한 편
이리 지금은 더 힘들어한다고 했다.
물이 동거는 안하지만, 아기아빠가 쉬는 날은 가끔 아기아빠 집에서 만난다. 지금은 같이
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아기엄마는 올해에 대학교 2학년이 되며, 아기아빠는 대학생은 아니고 현재 고기 집에서
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나와 같이 살고 있으며, 역동생이 한 영 있다. 아기아빠의 가족은 부모님은 9살에 이혼하는
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오게 되었다고 한다.
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했다
방문당시, 아기엄마는 단필머리, 모자를 눌러쓰고, 중 패팅점퍼를 입었으며, 아기아빠는?
롱 파딩점피를 있었다.

Attachment: A Letter from the Parent of the Baby



2017년 1월 _____ 05A 14년 남아 2.3 kg B취업 및 2차 건동

야금: **--

는 등적도 없고 이리고 것도 있어서 더이상 너로 강당할수가 없어 한번해 다이산 너로 채울수가 없음것 같아 너가 건가가게 해어나줬다면 그룹이라고 다 당고겠을까 다 내닷데에 너 가겠음데 수 피우고 대교도 산해주고 냉속에 있는 너 원생산 대시 너가 그렇게 아모게 태어났나보니

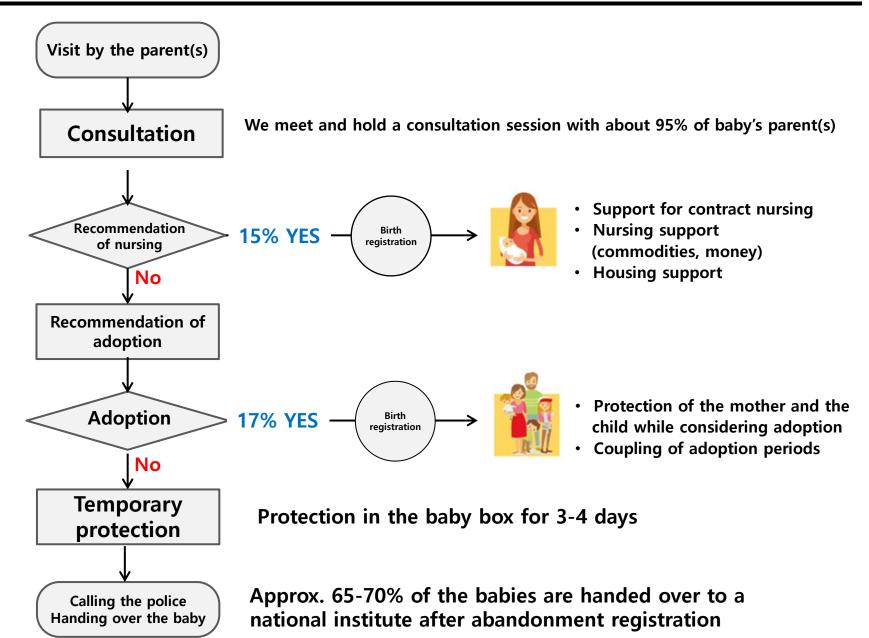
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너가 어릴 가서 잘 지내고 아픈지 않고 건강하게만 지낼으면 될겠어...
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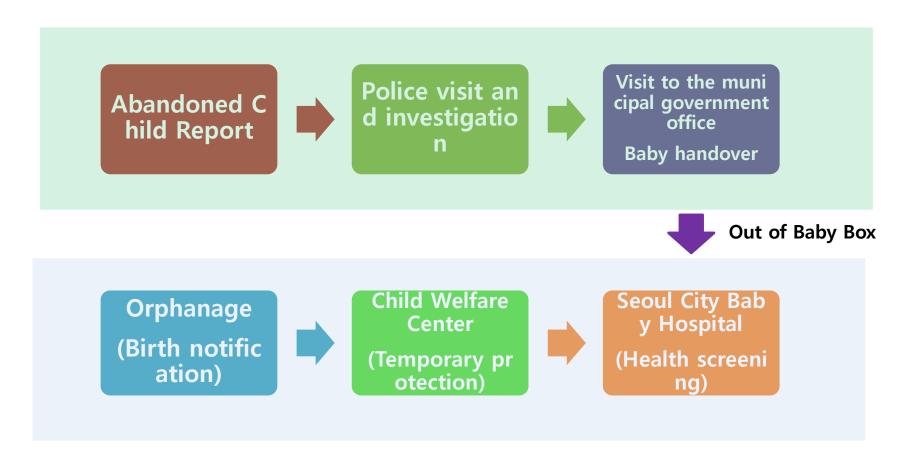
Baby Box Acceptance Procedure





Treatment of Babies After Calling the Police





- X The orphanage principal is given guardianship of the child and as such will register his/her birth within 6 months of entrance to the nursery.
 - The child will be protected in the nursing facility until 18 years old unless adopted before that time.

The Role of the Baby Box



The baby box must be neither the first or best option for single mothers and their children, but a last resort. As such, the baby box provides a range of support services so as to prevent single mothers from having to resort to leaving their babies in our baby box.



Pro-life activity Legal activity Pro-life activities, such as sex education.

Promotion of pro-life legislation via the inhibition of anti-life legislation

Services for single mothers

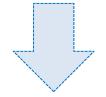
Nursing support services for single mothers.

- · Nursing entrustment service for single mothers
- Nursing support for children of single mothers who are to be married (baby care kits, etc.)
- Living cost support (housing costs, etc.) and education support.

Baby box

If a single mother cannot submit the birth notification form even when given active support, we operate a baby box as a last resort emergency shelter for single mothers and their children.

Post-Baby Box



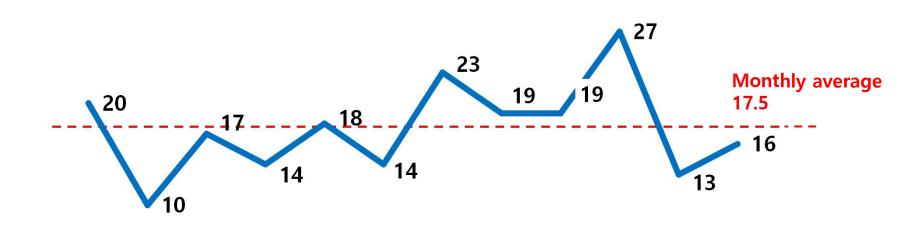
Infant protection services

After-care for baby box infants

- Searching for an adoptive family via the active promotion of adoption
- Support for children whose protection at the nursing facility is over (long-term project)



The number of babies left in the baby box by month in 2017

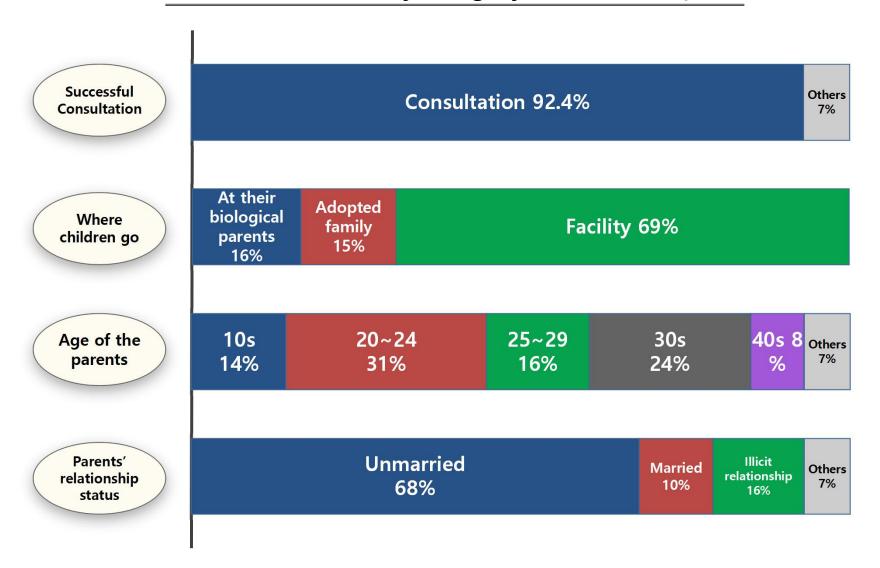


Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec (Unit: babies)

Attachment: Major Statistics Relating to Baby Box 2



Distribution ratio by category 2017 (210 subjects)



Attachment: Major Statistics Relating to Baby Box 3



Major business statistics in 2017

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Short-term entrusted protection (up to 6 months)	4	5	9	7	5	5	7	4	4	4	6	5	65
Entrance of single mother family	1	1	4	4	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	21
Use of free delivery service	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Baby care kit (Nursing goods box)	62	64	62	62	65	65	63	64	64	64	65	62	762
Living cost support (150-250 thousand won)	2	2	6	11	11	12	12	13	13	13	15	17	128

How Society Looks at our Baby Box (Media/Government/General Opinion)



In 2017, the media in the Republic of Korea reported public opinion of baby boxes about 130 times, which had a relatively large impact on national public opinion and the government's attitude.



While the pros and cons had previously been argued, mainstream reports now support baby boxes.

Also, there has been an increase in articles in support of baby box-related legislation (i.e., the anonymous delivery system).



Whereas the government previously took a negative or hostile attitude towards baby boxes, now it is in a relatively neutral position (It admitted that there is no other viable alternative available).

However, it is still against the legalization of the baby box on the grounds that there is no pertinent law therefor.



The majority of people in the Republic of Korea are aware of topics related to baby boxes.

Although some radical citizen's groups are against them, the majority of people support baby boxes.

Future Plan



Pre-Baby Box Services

Post-Baby Box Services

Basic principle

- Augmentation of single mothers' level of welfare.
- Minimization of the number of babies brought to the baby box.

Single mother welfare center

Reinforcing support for the work-life balance of single mothers through a nursing service.

<u>Legislation activity</u>

"Special Anonymous Delivery Act for s upport for pregnant women"

Preventing the "Special Adoption Act" from deteriorating.

Encouragement of adoption

Encouraging adoption at the stage b efore going to a nursing institute.

• Improvements in the level of welfare for children from baby boxes.

Establishing and operating an institute to temporary protect babies

Offering more care to children left in our baby box.

Acting as a base to promote adoption

Support for children living in our nursing facility

Scholarship service as a part of ursing support

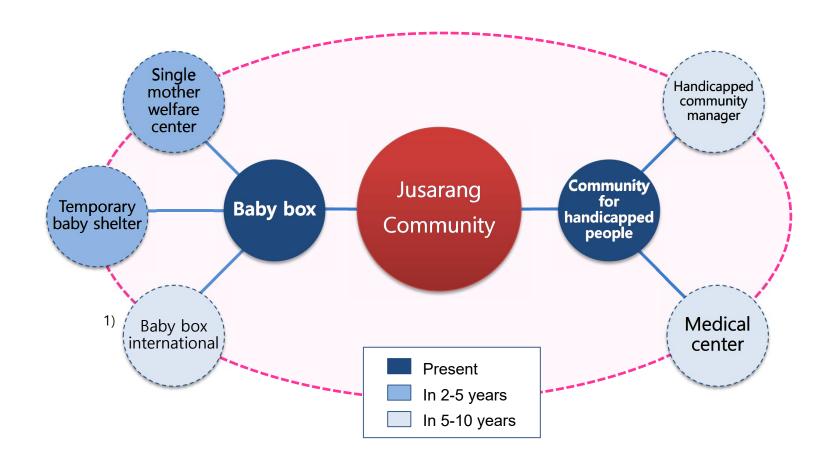
Support after protection is granted

Support for social progress

Details

Vision of the Jusarang Community





¹⁾ Management of an international 1-to-1 sponsorship program for children saved by our baby box via the installation of baby boxes overseas