



A Message From Franklin Graham

"Go into all the world

and preach the Gospel

to all creation."

—MARK 16:15, NASB

uring His earthly ministry, Jesus showed compassion for people's physical needs while urging them to turn from their sins and trust Him for eternal salvation. "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of

God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15).

Samaritan's Purse follows Christ's model for ministry, meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine, while sharing the Good News of salvation found only in Jesus. We worked in more than 100 countries last year

to bring lifesaving aid and eternal hope to people in desperate situations.

With your support, we provided food, medicine, and other essentials for migrant families in Colombia, supported Christians persecuted by ISIS in Iraq, and offered a helping hand to our neighbors in the U.S. who were affected by natural disasters.

Our teams installed clean water filters, distributed tens of thousands of tons of emergency food, and loaded medical equipment on cargo planes bound for mission hospitals worldwide.

> message of the Gospel, "for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16). Praise God, more than 2 million people made decisions for Christ through our programs worldwide.

I am deeply grateful for your generous support and tireless prayers for this ministry. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely

Most of all, we boldly proclaimed the

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COVER PHOTO: When wildfires ravaged Butte County, California, late last year, Samaritan's Purse volunteers comforted homeowners and sifted through ash and rubble in search of salvageable belongings.

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Florence, offering encouragement and prayer, and sharing the Gospel.

Franklin Graham visited with families whose homes were torn apart by Hurricane

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lass shards were strewn across the floor, and ceiling insulation spilled across the living room. Sopping wet furniture, toys, and clothes were molding and ruined. "When I came home, it was raining in my house," recalls Briton Wertz of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The single mother and EMT had been on shift for the past six days, while her two children stayed with a family friend. Hurricane Florence had settled in over eastern North Carolina, churning up seawater and pummeling the coast with torrential rains. While Briton worked to help storm-affected members of the community, she was wondering what had become of her own home.

When she finally returned to her house, Briton was

overwhelmed by the amount of work that needed to be done. Debris covered the yard and powerful winds had ripped shingles from her home, causing the ceiling to saturate with rainwater and collapse. Briton knew she couldn't clean up the wreckage on her own, but she didn't know where to turn for help. "My

whole life has been to take care of other people," she said. "I've never had to ask anyone to take care of me." But when a crew of Samaritan's Purse volunteers pulled into her driveway, Briton knew that she didn't have to walk this



U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

difficult road alone. They pulled waterlogged sheetrock and insulation from her home, dragged heavy tree limbs to the street, and helped sort the family's possessions to determine what could be saved.

This team was among 7,000 hard-working Samaritan's Purse volunteers that blanketed the Carolina coast in the aftermath of the massive storm, reaching out to hurting homeowners in Jesus' Name.

Through our U.S. Disaster Relief program, we set up bases of operation in Jacksonville, New Bern, and Wilmington, N.C., and Horry County, S.C., mounting a response that reached 2,000 stormaffected families.

As our team demonstrated Christ's love in word and deed, Briton's heart was opened to the love of Jesus Christ, and she committed her life to Him. "They explained the Gospel in easy terms," she said. "It wasn't a hard decision."

More than 200 people made that same decision to trust Christ as Savior through our disaster response in the Carolinas.

> Katie Martin's husband had been deployed to Afghanistan for nearly a year when the hurricane struck, damaging their home and rental property. She had her hands full with four children, but

Katie was determined to get things cleaned up quickly so that she could help others who were affected by the storm.

525,000 MAN HOURS



The Martins have always welcomed military families, offering a place for them to live when they are in transition. Katie wanted that to continue, especially after Hurricane Florence displaced so many people. "I want people to have a place they can stay as long as they others," Katie said. insulation pulled from the house," she explained.

need. That's my heart for our home. God has put us here to love Samaritan's Purse volunteers hauled away storm debris and tree limbs, and removed ruined sheetrock and flooring. "If it wasn't for Samaritan's Purse, I don't know how I would have gotten a tarp on the roof. I don't know how I would have gotten the soaking wet

Most of all, Katie was grateful for the way our teams demonstrated Christ's love, making the way for her to continue ministering to her community. "Samaritan's Purse has shown our neighbors the love of Jesus. I'm so grateful—that opens up doors for me, too."

On the heels of Florence came Hurricane Michael, a powerful Category 4 storm that slammed into the Florida Panhandle then decimated parts of Albany, Georgia. Samaritan's Purse deployed to the hardest-hit areas, joining hands with nearly 3,000 volunteers to help 1,400 families.

One of these homeowners was Christopher Henderson, who tried to clean up on his own but found that the task was too much. Christopher uses a wheelchair since his legs were amputated due to complications with diabetes.

"If it hadn't been for Samaritan's Purse, I don't know where I'd be right now,"

During the storm, flying debris punctured the roof of his Florida home Water ruined the ceiling, drywall, and insulation and powerful winds toppled a large tree. "It was like a war zone," Christopher said. Our volunteers put a tarp on his roof, removed debris, and cleaned up the yard.

In the storm's aftermath, Christopher realized that he needed to refocus his life on his relationship with the Lord. He is grateful for how God encouraged him during a difficult time through Samaritan's Purse volunteers.

"Stay resilient—there's hope," he said. "God will see you through." During our response to Hurricane Michael, 157 people came to faith in Jesus Christ and many more—like Christopher were encouraged to turn their hearts back to the Lord.





PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH IN CHRIST



when wildfires tore across california, destroying everything in their path, Samaritan's Purse came alongside homeowners, offering emotional support and practical help. Volunteers sifted through ash and rubble, helping families recover irreplaceable heirlooms and other valuables that had been spared by the blaze. Our teams also responded when record-setting rainfall caused widespread flooding and mudslides across the Hawaiian island of Kauai. As volunteers nailed tarps to storm-battered roofs and shoveled mud from homes, they had many opportunities to share the Gospel.







TEXAS REBUILDS

LONG AFTER NEWS CAMERAS HAVE LEFT a disaster zone,

Samaritan's Purse remains, repairing and rebuilding homes that were severely damaged by hurricanes, floods, or other catastrophes. In Texas, we reached more than 3,000 homeowners through our cleanup efforts following Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Now, our teams are helping those whose houses need more extensive repairs. So far, we have made it possible for 139 families to return home. As we serve those who are still hurting, more than a year after the storm, we are showing these homeowners that God has not forgotten them.





CLEAN WATER BRINGS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

AS SAMARITAN'S PURSE PROVIDES CLEAN WATER, THE LORD TRANSFORMS HEARTS IN CAMBODIA.

uon and her husband are farmers in a remote, poverty-stricken village in Cambodia. The family lacks many basic necessities, but the shortage of clean drinking water was causing serious health issues.

Kuon developed kidney stones that required surgery, her husband struggled with intestinal pain, and her children frequently had diarrhea—a potentially life-threatening condition in their region where healthcare is inadequate.

Then Samaritan's Purse came to Kuon's village and installed a water filter in their house. Our team also taught the family about proper hygiene. "The health of our family is better," she said. "I thank Samaritan's Purse for all the support."

Kuon has become an advocate in her community, promoting



good hygiene and encouraging people to continue proper use of the water filters.

Around the world last year, we provided clean water for more than 440,000 people and built nearly 6,000 sanitation facilities.

Access to clean water transformed Kuon's health, but her spiritual rebirth was even more life changing. Like most everyone in the village, Kuon was Buddhist. But when our staff shared the Gospel with her, she decided to repent of her sins and commit her life to Christ.

Kuon's husband and their teenage daughter also prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

"I accepted Jesus inside my heart," Kuon said. "Before, I felt afraid and worried. Now, I know God loves me."

In another village, 21-year-old Sitheang also came to faith in Christ through a Samaritan's Purse clean water and hygiene project. "Only Jesus can pay for my sins," she confessed.

Sitheang said that her marriage has changed since she became a Christian. "I was quick to get angry and we would always argue," she explained. "Jesus taught me patience. My husband and I have stopped fighting."

Sitheang and her husband, who are rice and corn farmers, received a water filter and learned the importance of handwashing, and drinking and cooking with clean water—teaching they had never heard before.

"Before the Samaritan's Purse project my son was always sick due to drinking dirty water," Sitheang explained.

Through our clean water program in this village, nearly half of the population has heard the Gospel and decided to follow Jesus. Samaritan's Purse has also started several small group Bible studies to help people like Sitheang draw closer to God.

"I want to grow in my faith," she said. "I'm so excited because more and more people are becoming Christians."

Household water filters provide a long-term source of clean water for impoverished families. They use locally-found materials to filter impurities from water and don't require electricity.



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At the Center of Hope and legal advice, as well as Christ centered counseling



SAMARITAN'S PURSE RESPONDED IN THE MIDST OF DISASTER AND CRISIS,

offering physical relief and sharing the hope of the Gospel.



ike tens of thousands of other desperate migrants, Yudi Salazar and her 9-year-old son walked across the Simón ■Bolívar International Bridge into Colombia. They were fleeing the collapse of the Venezuelan economy, which has made survival more difficult than ever.

Hyperinflation has robbed the nation's currency of almost all value, triggering an avalanche of poverty, hunger, and desperation. The healthcare system is crumbling, and violent crime and suicide rates are on the rise.

To escape the crisis, countless Venezuelans, like Yudi, are entering Colombia in hopes of finding food, work, and medical care. It's the largest mass migration in the world today and the

most significant in modern South American history.

Back at home, Yudi's husband is one of the few who has a job, but the money he earns as a bus driver is not nearly enough to feed their family. Even staple items, like a small bag of rice, can cost more than a month's wages. "We barely have enough to eat," Yudi

The busiest point of entry for migrants is the city of Cúcuta, Colombia, where Samaritan's Purse has partnered with a local church to run the Center of Hope. At the center, migrants are welcomed in Jesus' Name and offered medical care, legal services, crisis counseling, and personal care items.

"They come by the tens of thousands every day," said

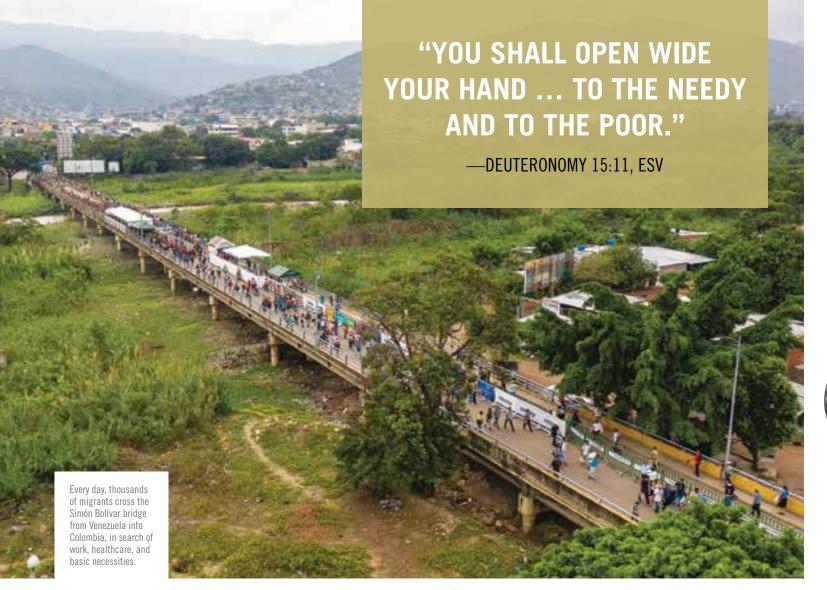
Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. "Their money has no value. They're coming here with whatever they can carry. It breaks your heart."

Yudi brought her son to Center of Hope to receive medical treatment. "I thank God for this place," she said. "In Venezuela,

42,500 PEOPLE HELPED IN COLOMBIA

"WHEN HE CALLS TO ME, I WILL ANSWER HIM; I WILL BE WITH HIM IN TROUBLE."

—PSALM 91:15, ESV



it's impossible to find anything. Even if you do, money is not

A young mother named Orangeles came seeking diapers and medicine for her 1-year-old son's rash. She left Venezuela and moved to Cúcuta, where she now works as a beautician and sleeps with her little boy on a mattress in a cleaned-up storage

Through the witness of our staff at Center of Hope, Orangeles rededicated her life to Jesus Christ. After years of prodigal living, she now wants to begin walking in faith.

Nearly 13,000 visitors came through the center's doors in

2,794 PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS



2018. Thousands made first-time professions of faith in Jesus or—like Orangeles recommitted their lives to Him.

"We preach the Gospel and pray for them," said Livineth Espejo, a nurse and chaplain who works at Center of Hope. "We're blown away by what God does in this

Many Venezuelans are going back and forth between Colombia and their home country on a regular basis. But others journey farther into Colombia seeking employment in larger cities, or perhaps as far as Ecuador or Peru. They are often trying to reunite with relatives—husbands, wives, parents, siblings—who left Venezuela earlier.

As these migrant walkers—known as "caminantes"—make their uphill trek over the Andes, thousands come through the Samaritan's Purse shelter, which is situated along the roadside in the town of La Don Juana.



INTERNATIONAL CRISIS RESPONSE

14,000 PATIENTS RECEIVED MEDICAL CARE

We offer them warm meals, a safe place to spend the night, and items like clothing and hygiene supplies. Jesús Paez, a local pastor, and other staff members share from God's Word and encourage them that the Lord has not forgotten them. "We're being Samaritans to help people along the road," said Pastor Jesús.

Many have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including Jose Luis Ochoa, a 47-year-old grandfather who fled Venezuela with six family members. As our staff and partners

> demonstrated God's love in word and deed, his heart was opened to the Gospel. "They're treating us really well. They're supporting us," Jose Luis said of shelter staff. "They baptized me in the Christian faith, and I give thanks to God for that."

Samaritan's Purse also established two medical clinics in Puerto Santander and Maicao—both border towns where Venezuelans make day trips in search of work, healthcare, food, or

medicine. These facilities are among the only options for hundreds

"We've had people travel four hours by bus because they heard a rumor that there might be a clinic," said Melanie Wubs, our coordinator at Puerto Santander. "That's how great the need for medical care is."



Doctors and other medical professionals offer compassionate care in Jesus' Name. More than 14,000 people have been treated at the Samaritan's Purse clinics in Colombia

Doctors are giving nutritional supplements to pregnant women, providing pediatric care, offering antiparasitic medicines, addressing skin problems, and helping those with chronic medical

Freddy Morales, 41, walked to our clinic with his wife and children from their home in Venezuela. "There's no food, there's no medicine, nothing at all," he said of his town. Between them, they were suffering from a toothache, the flu, rashes, pain, and parasites. They had no place else to turn for medical care.

Dr. Adriana Mareugo, a Colombian physician who works at the Puerto Santander clinic, feels passionately about treating patients' physical needs, while sharing the eternal healing found only in the Gospel. "We can't give them medicine all their lives," she said. "But we present Jesus—He's the Giver of health and the Savior of their souls."



VOLCANO RELIEF

THE DEADLY ERUPTION OF FUEGO VOLCANO

in Guatemala claimed dozens of lives and left thousands of people without shelter, food, and water. Our teams responded, working with our local church partners to provide clean drinking water, food, hygiene supplies, clothing, and other essentials. Most importantly, we listened to the stories of grieving survivors, praying with them and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.









TYPHOON RELIEF

WHEN SUPER TYPHOON YUTU ROARED ACROSS THE ISLANDS OF SAIPAN AND TINIAN, THOUSANDS WERE STRANDED

without electricity, shelter, or clean water. Samaritan's Purse mobilized an immediate response, airlifting more than 80 tons of relief supplies to the tiny Pacific islands, including heavy-duty plastic shelter tarps, generators and solar lights, and water filtration systems. We provided aid to more than 6,000 hurting families, and distributed Bibles in five languages. As our teams showed the residents that God had not forgotten them, we had many opportunities to share the Gospel.





NEW LIFE FROM THE RUINS

CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ CELEBRATED EASTER BY MOVING BACK TO THE LAND OF THEIR FOREFATHERS, INTO HOMES RESTORED BY SAMARITAN'S PURSE.

n 2018, Holy Week was even more meaningful than usual for believers in the town of Bartella, Iraq. For the first time in three years, these Christians who had been targeted by ISIS were able to return to the land where their families had lived for generations just in time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Their joyful homecoming was possible because, through Project Nehemiah, Samaritan's Purse has restored damaged homes in this region of Iraq. When ISIS ravaged Bartella and the surrounding towns, many houses were severely damaged and the families living there ran for their lives.

Ishaq* clearly remembers the day in 2014 that he fled from his beloved home. After staying for months in a school with many others who had escaped, his family ended up living in a tent in an informal camp outside the city of Dohuk. There they shivered in the rain and snow because all they had to wear were thin clothes.

Eventually they moved into a temporary home, but Ishaq's health had begun to suffer. His

only One who can."

heart problems were compounded by liver complications. After undergoing exploratory surgery, the doctors gave him little hope of survival. Ishaq prayed to God, "No one else can heal me. You're the

And God did heal him. Soon after that prayer, a series of tests revealed that his health had remarkably improved. "I was dead, but now I am alive," he rejoiced. When ISIS was finally driven from the region, Christians longed to return, but their homes were uninhabitable. Ishaq and his family found the plumbing

destroyed, walls damaged, floor tiles burned, and kitchen sink broken. But through the assistance of Project Nehemiah, their home is now completely repaired. Samaritan's Purse restored flooring, patched walls, laid tile, and painted soot-stained ceilings so they—and hundreds of other families—could move back home.

"It's the first time all of Bartella will be back," said Ishaq. "Words can't express how happy and excited we are to be celebrating here in our home again. We feel like we're in Jerusalem celebrating with Christ!"

Since September 2017, 900 homes have been restored, giving Christian families on the Nineveh Plains a chance to rebuild

their lives. A total of 682 of these were completed in 2018. These believers are shining the Light of Christ in the midst of a spiritually dark region, giving testimony to the victory and freedom found only in Jesus.



Ishaq was overjoyed to finally return to Bartella and thankful to God for restoring his health and his home

*Name changed for security reasons





SHOEBOX GIFTS OPEN **DOORS FOR THE GOOD NEWS**

THE GOSPEL IS GOING FORTH IN MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE

through Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey as young people become followers of Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and share Him with others.



ach time Kwale was sent home from school because of his bare feet, the 13-year-old Tanzanian boy remembered his parents' promise to buy him shoes: "When we have the money."

He considered begging or stealing to get money for shoes, because he didn't believe God was responding to his mother's prayers and fasting. Instead Kwale reluctantly accompanied her to church each week although he "had no heart for God."

Then one Sunday he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and heard the Gospel. "When I opened that box, I found a pair of shoes and a pair of socks," Kwale recalled. "And my heart toward God began to change. This was the first time I



saw God answering my prayers." That answered prayer led Kwale to repent of his sins and receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Through his testimony, several of his friends have also decided to follow Jesus. Last year, more than 10.6 million shoeboxes

were collected to be sent to children like Kwale. These simple gifts opened doors for the Gospel and touched the hearts of their families in more than 100 countries worldwide.

The Lord also used a shoebox gift to show His love to a boy named Alex in the Philippines. In addition to toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, Alex's shoebox contained a Bible written

10.6 MILLION SHOEBOX GIFTS IN 2018

in Tagalog—the national language of the Philippines. It touched his heart that, out of all the languages in the world, the Bible was written in the language he could understand.

Alex is a member of the Iraya tribe, which is considered unreached because less than 2 percent are Christian. His parents, "BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS **OF GREAT JOY.**"

—LUKE 2:10, ESV





and most of the people in their village, followed the dark spiritual practices taught by a leader in the community.

As Alex studied God's Word, he was among more than 40 children in the village who prayed to receive Jesus Christ through the outreach of Operation Christmas

Child. His parents, and many others, abandoned

their religious practices and started attending a Bible study led by a pastor from a nearby town—one of our local partners.

Last year, the Gospel was proclaimed among the Iraya and many other unreached people groups through Operation Christmas Child. We also equipped local Christian leaders within unreached people groups with the resources needed to disciple believers and start new churches.

In the remote grasslands of Mongolia, Tuya Tserendash is

working with local Christians to share the Good News and plant new churches in Buddhist and animist communities. Shoebox gifts have been a valuable tool for her work, opening doors in areas that were previously resistant to the Gospel.

Through Tuya's dedication and Operation Christmas Child outreach events, there are now six new churches in this region, where there was previously little Christian influence. "It would be very hard without shoebox gifts," she said of the church planting efforts. "They are such a great Gospel opportunity. They equip churches to reach out."

Now, these new congregations are inviting children to participate in The Greatest Journey—a discipleship program designed by Samaritan's Purse especially for shoebox recipients. Through its 12 lessons, boys and girls are learning about Jesus, growing in their faith, and becoming young evangelists in their families and communities.

4 MILLION CHILDREN DISCIPLED

In Kopegan, Togo, what started as a small group of children studying The Greatest Journey is now a thriving congregation. It all began with Pastor Ransome Kwami Tomety and a small team of leaders

equipped with shoeboxes and full of faith that God would do something miraculous. Fifteen children came to the first

gathering, huddled together under the shade



between two large mango trees, brimming with curiosity about the shoebox gifts. They returned to that same spot each Sunday during the following weeks to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program. With each lesson, the number of kids in attendance grew as they invited friends and family to hear about Jesus. "Soon we were the size of a small church, so we decided we should start a regular congregation," Pastor Ransome said. "And that was what happened."

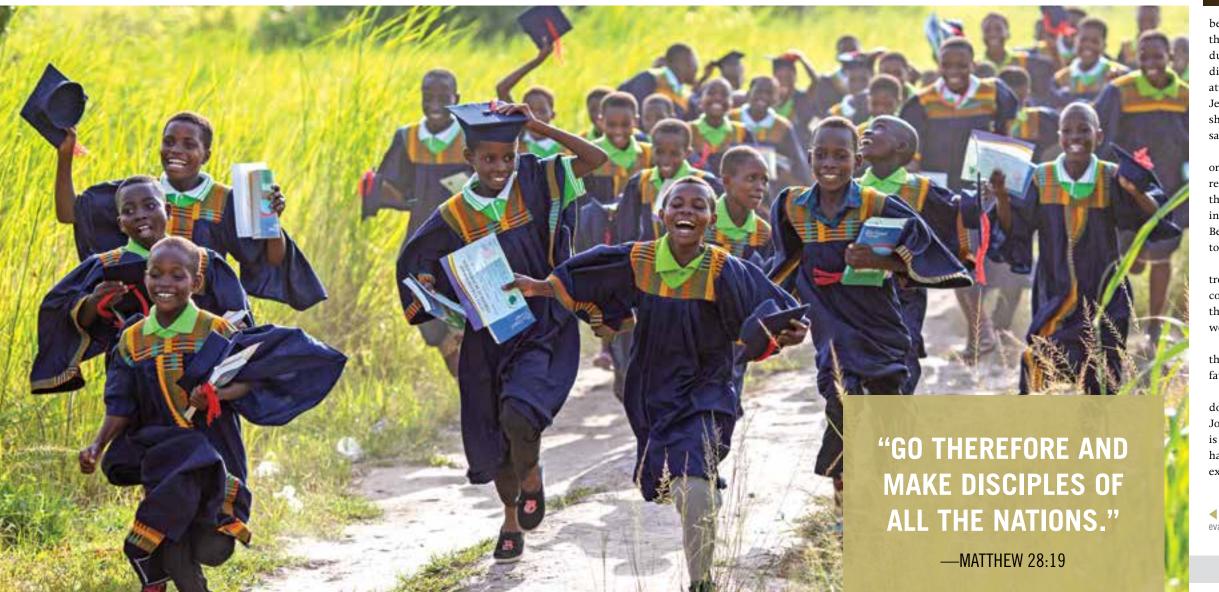
Bernard Mignanou was among the original group of children who came to receive shoebox gifts. "When I received the gift box, I found a lot of good things in it—soap, a pen, and lots of things," Bernard said. "The following Sunday I went to church."

It was that Sunday, between those two mango trees, that he understood the Good News that Jesus died so he could be forgiven, then was raised to life again. During one of the lessons Bernard made a decision to receive Christ. "I started worshipping God that day," he said.

Bernard and the other children began seeing the Lord work through them to change the lives of their parents and families. His father, mother, and sister are now attending church with him.

And Pastor Ransome is amazed by what the Savior is doing through Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey. "New things are happening every day," he said. "God is transforming every aspect of people's lives. There are things happening in this church and in this community that I never expected."

Boys and girls in Togo celebrate following their graduation ceremony. These little evangelists are eager to share their faith in Jesus with family and friends.



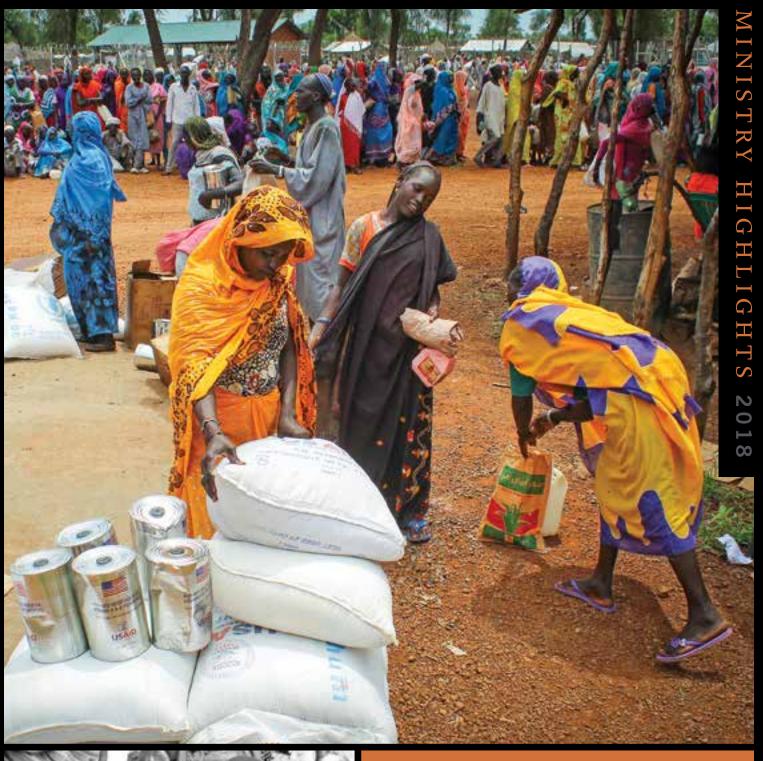


ANIMALS, AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

A GIFT OF SOME SEEDLINGS, BABY CHICKS, OR A GOAT

can transform the health of an impoverished family. In Cambodia, Bolivia, and Niger, Samaritan's Purse is working in poor communities to improve the standard of living and empower people to earn an income. As we offer livelihood training, teach families improved farming techniques, and provide resources, we have opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.







FEEDING PROGRAMS

THE SURVIVAL OF MORE THAN 400,000 SOUTH SUDANESE DEPENDS

largely on the emergency food rations distributed by Samaritan's Purse each month.

Many of these people have been displaced by war, or are victims of the food shortages that plague the country. In South Sudan and other countries worldwide, our feeding programs sustain refugee families and help save the lives of undernourished children.

As we meet these needs in Jesus' Name, we are obeying His command to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

CARING FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES

FAMILIES ARE TRANSFORMED THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION AND THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

Sopheak, a mother of two, never learned how to properly feed her babies and didn't know the basic hygiene practices that would help protect them from infection and disease. She and her husband are poor rice farmers living in a village in rural Cambodia, where there is little access to health education or medical care.

Millions of mothers around the world, like Sopheak, are struggling to raise healthy families without knowledge of proper nutrition or good hygiene. Their children are at risk, and many perish needlessly simply because their mothers lack knowledge about how to keep them healthy.

Samaritan's Purse is working in Jesus' Name to help reduce the tragic deaths of women and babies from preventable causes related to pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal care. We are at work in Sopheak's village—and many others in Cambodia and around the world—training women to lead mother-to-mother meetings in their communities.



Women like Sopheak and Sokjae learn to cook with nutritious vegetables, infusing meals with vitamins and minerals that boost immunity and improve the well-being of their families.

Through these groups, women learn about the best food for newborns and children and how to keep themselves healthy during and after pregnancy. Samaritan's Purse is also training local midwives and traditional birth attendants and setting up birthing centers in remote villages.

Sopheak gained valuable knowledge from the mother-to-mother groups. "I learned that I need to wash my hands before eating and I need to drink safe water," she said. "I have transferred what I learned to my family." Sopheak also learned how to prepare a healthy porridge for her children, which includes different food groups and not just rice and water, as is customary in rural Cambodia.

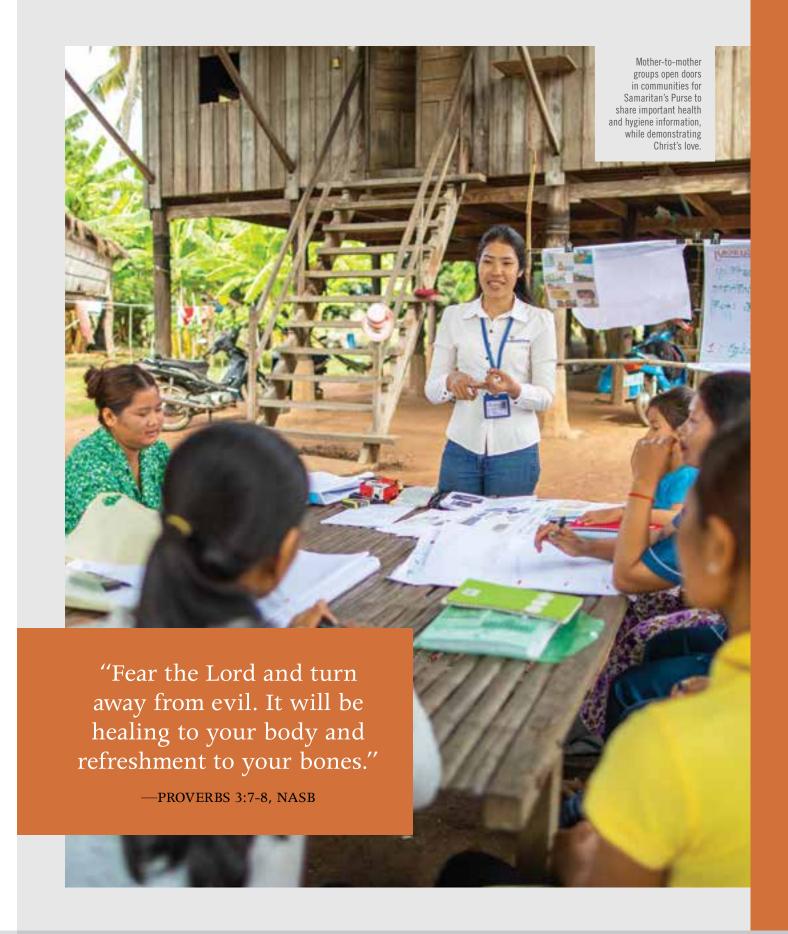
But the most important truth Sopheak learned from our staff was how Jesus Christ could transform her family spiritually as well as physically. "I had many problems in my heart," she explained. "I was not patient with my family and I always argued with my husband."

When Sopheak heard the Gospel, she turned from Buddhism and trusted in Jesus. Her marriage that was once marked by domestic violence is now peaceful, and her husband's life has also been changed. "I shared about Jesus with my husband, and I started praying for him," Sopheak said. "He became a Christian a few months after I did."

Sokjae is another mother who participated in the Samaritan's Purse mother-to-mother groups. She was so encouraged by the knowledge she received that she volunteered to become a leader in the program and is now teaching other women.

"Before Samaritan's Purse provided the training, I didn't know how to cook the porridge for my children," she said. "It is full of nutrition. My children are stronger and have gained more weight."

Our staff also taught Sokjae how to grow a small garden so that she can use those vegetables in her porridge. "I'm excited to have Samaritan's Purse in the community—our community is better," she said. "I want all women to know how to take care of their babies."







WOUNDED VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES COME TO SAMARITAN LODGE ALASKA for

a week of physical rest, Christ-centered counseling, and spiritual renewal through Operation Heal Our Patriots.



he attack that changed Army Sergeant Greg Butacan's life also took the lives of five of his fellow soldiers. On April 10, 2009, Greg's convoy was preparing to leave for a mission outside of Mosul, Iraq, when the blast hit.

marriage to Christ last year in Alaska.

A suicide bomber had plowed through security checkpoints in a dump truck packed with 2,000 pounds of explosives. The detonation shook buildings and created a powerful shockwave that struck Greg's body and launched him into a row of oil drums.

"I didn't think I was hurt," Greg recalled. "My ears were ringing, and I was definitely shaken up-but I seemed OK."

But he was not OK. Daily speech difficulty, memory problems, and nervous ticks revealed the severity of Greg's injuries, and

forced him into medical retirement. "I remember everything before the blast, but after that I have a hard time remembering anything," Greg said.

In addition to post-traumatic stress disorder, he also has major neurocognitive disorder. Greg struggles with balance and has severe headaches, as well as debilitating back pain that sometimes forces him to use a walker or a wheelchair.

Greg and his wife, Krystal, arrived at Samaritan Lodge Alaska, weary from years spent coping with these injuries.

Greg was hoping to find physical rest and renewal, but God had something greater in mind.

Through Operation Heal Our Patriots, the Lord is working to bring healing to the hearts and marriages of military couples like Greg and Krystal. This project of Samaritan's Purse offers a week of wilderness excursions, marriage enrichment training, and Gospel-centered counseling for veterans and their spouses.

Greg's traumatic experiences didn't begin on the battlefield, but years before. He had grown up in a home that was filled with hate and condemnation rather than love. When he was 17, Greg turned to paganism. Eventually he became a practicing Wiccan. "I was searching for family. That's why I began worshipping with

"THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH."

--- ISAIAH 40:31



pagans," Greg recalled. "It's also why I joined the military. I was searching for a family I never had."

After leaving the Army and marrying Krystal, who was a believer in Christ, his heart began to open to the truth. But he was still haunted by the actions he had taken to fulfill his duties as a soldier. "One thing my family would say to me is there can be no forgiveness for the things I had done in battle," Greg said. "They told me I was going to be punished."

All this weighed heavily on Greg when he and Krystal reached Alaska. But it was there at Samaritan Lodge that he

70 PEOPLE RECEIVED CHRIST IN 2018

understood for the first time what it means to be a Christian. Through the love of volunteers and staff, connections with other couples, and Biblically based marriage resilience classes, he felt his heart opening to God.

Krystal said she finally realized they weren't alone in their struggles. "We felt the love of God through the people there," she said. "It was overwhelming. It's hard to put into words."

During a conversation with Dan Stephens, one of our retired military chaplains, Greg was able to release the hatred and unforgiveness he had harbored for so long toward his family—and toward himself.

"What I realized was that I was blaming something on God that had been done to me by mortal men," he said. As Chaplain Dan shared the Gospel and prayed with him, Greg made the decision to follow Christ, embracing healing for the wounds of his dark, painful past. "The greatest thing I experienced is that God loves me. I have a Heavenly Father who doesn't condemn me."

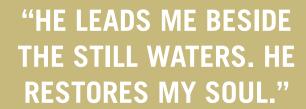


83 COUPLES

RENEWED THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS

Greg and Krystal rededicated their marriage to God, and were both baptized in Lake Clark. We praise God that during the 2018 season, 70 people received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, 35 rededicated their lives to Him, 88 were baptized, and 83 couples publicly renewed their marriage vows.

Army Sergeant Jesse Watkins also placed his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized in Alaska. He and his wife, Army Specialist Shawna Watkins, were encouraged and renewed during



—PSALM 23:2-3



Franklin Graham has a passion for seeing wounded veterans and their spouses experience spiritual healing and stronger marriages through the power of the Gospel

their time at Samaritan Lodge. The fellowship, Biblically based counsel, and marriage resiliency classes made a profound impact and the Gospel transformed Jesse's heart. "It was groundbreaking," he said. "I learned you can repent and you can be forgiven and the first step is asking to be saved and asking for that forgiveness."









SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATES A FLEET OF 16 AIRCRAFT—based

in Africa, Alaska, and North Carolina—that equip us to transport relief supplies, staff, medical equipment, and shoebox gifts to disaster zones and impoverished villages around the world. Last year, our pilots flew these aircraft, loaded with more than 210 tons of cargo, bringing help to hurting people in Liberia, Ecuador, Saipan, and many other countries.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FOR 100 YEARS, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE CHURCH HAS BEEN A BEACON FOR THE GOSPEL in its drug and alcohol-ravaged community in southwestern Alaska. But after enduring many harsh Alaskan winters, the sanctuary had fallen into disrepair. Though believers were faithfully ministering to their neighbors, they desperately needed a facility for worship and outreach. Samaritan's Purse came alongside these brothers and sisters in Christ, flying in materials and volunteers, and spearheading the construction of a new sanctuary. Pastor Marc Murchison was deeply grateful. "This is a tool that God will use for the next 100 years to bless the people of the village, to honor God, and hopefully to use as an outpost to reach out to other villages that are close by," he said.





MENDING HEARTS AND CHANGING LIVES

THROUGH CHILDREN'S HEART PROJECT, BOYS AND GIRLS RECEIVE LIFESAVING SURGERY AND EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

hen Diane and Brian Pauls heard the medical diagnosis of a baby girl from Mongolia, they knew immediately that God was calling them to help make it possible for her to have the surgery she desperately needed.

Little Sarana was born with a hole between the lower chambers of her heart called ventricular septal defect (VSD). "That's the one medical term I know," said Diane Pauls—because her daughter Kristen once

had the very same condition.

Kristen's defect healed naturally, as many do, but the hole in Sarana's heart was much larger and would require open-heart surgery. No hospital or surgeon in Mongolia can perform this intricate procedure on such a small child. Sarana's parents considered options in South Korea but there was no way they could afford the trip, much less the cost of the surgery, that was needed to save their daughter's life.

When Samaritan's Purse staff in Mongolia heard about Sarana's condition, we brought her to Colorado, where she received cardiac surgery through our Children's

Heart Project. The surgeon and hospital donated their services, while the Pauls family opened their home to Sarana, her mother, and a translator. Their church, neighbors, and friends all pitched in and embraced Sarana and her mom with the love of Christ.

The surgery was a success, and in just a few weeks, Samaritan's Purse flew Sarana and her mother back home to Mongolia. Soon after, her family celebrated her first birthday and rejoiced that she has the opportunity to grow up healthy.

Sarana was among 70 children who had lifesaving surgery in 2018 through our Children's Heart Project. Since 1997, Samaritan's

> Purse has provided worldclass care for 1,316 boys and girls with life-threatening heart defects.

Through the witness of our host families, host churches, translators, medical staff, and former patients who have become Christians, we have seen over 500 individuals make decisions to trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through

When Franklin Graham visited Mongolia in October, patients from years past. One

he met dozens of our former boy has grown up to become a youth pastor and has led over 100 young people to faith in Christ. Two girls are now in medical school

Children's Heart Project.

Little Sarana will have the chance to live a long and healthy life because of the generosity of the Pauls family, one of our partnering hospitals, and the work of Children's Heart Project.

and hope to become heart specialists that Mongolia so desperately needs. As Graham told the Pauls when they decided to host Sarana, "You never know what that little girl will grow up to be."



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL THROUGH MISSIONARY e are offering es for passionate stian physicians,



WORLD MEDICAL MISSION IS SUPPORTING
DOZENS OF MISSION HOSPITALS

worldwide with the personnel and equipment needed to offer lifesaving care while sharing the life-changing message of the Gospel.

hen Aya came to Hospital of Hope, she was desperate for help. Suffering from painful ulcers, she had turned to the village witch doctor, but he was unable to heal her.

The Christian physicians at Hospital of Hope in Togo—one of many mission hospitals supported by Samaritan's Purse around the world—treated Aya's condition. Most importantly, they shared the Gospel with her.

During her stay at the hospital, Aya watched the JESUS film in her own language and asked many questions of the chaplains. Deeply moved by Jesus' suffering for her sins, she prayed to receive Him as her Savior.

Aya could not keep this wonderful news to herself. When

her health improved and she was released from the hospital, Aya asked one of the chaplains to come to her village, which is about an hour's journey away.

The chaplain, who was born in the village, gladly accompanied her. As he spent time in the community the chaplain found a handful of people who were interested in learning about Jesus. He initiated a Bible study and began leading worship services there.

Meanwhile, the village chief's son became seriously ill and was brought to Hospital of Hope, where he also received compassionate care from the doctors and was healed by the grace of God. After seeing her son's recovery, the chief's wife decided to



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694 VOLUNTEER DOCTORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS SENT

attend the village Bible study, where she came to faith in Christ. The chief also began going to the meetings and eventually decided to follow Jesus as well. Now there are 60 followers of Christ in the

Even the local witch doctor, who had been unable to heal Aya, had a change of heart. When he saw the transformation that was happening in his community, he gave permission for the new group of believers to meet under his tree to worship.

"The ministry of medicine brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the darkest corners of the world. It gives us the credibility to share this Good News with our patients," said Dr. Allan Sawyer, a volunteer doctor who has served on many short-term assignments with Samaritan's Purse.

During the past 42 years, Samaritan's Purse has coordinated more than 10,000 volunteer trips for Christian physicians, like Dr. Sawyer, who have a desire to use their expertise to honor the Lord. In 2018, we sent nearly 700 medical professionals to serve as volunteers at 48 partner hospitals in 34 countries, filling a critical staffing gap and caring for patients in Jesus' Name.

Dr. Sawyer was serving at Hospital of Hope when a baptism service was held in Aya's village. Standing on the sandy banks of the Oti River, watching one person after another demonstrate their commitment to Christ, he was awed by the work God had done through the ministry of medicine.

"I saw dozens of people make a public profession of their faith in Jesus," he said. "And it all came about because one woman received medical care and was ministered to and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior."

That's the ultimate goal of World Medical Mission as we partner with medical facilities like Hospital of Hope: to bring spiritual as well as physical healing to the sick and suffering.

In addition to staffing mission hospitals with volunteer doctors, World Medical Mission also provides them with the tools they need to offer lifesaving care. In 2018, we shipped 180 tons of medical equipment and supplies to 29 mission hospitals, and we sent biomedical technicians to install equipment and make repairs.

"O LORD MY GOD, I CRIED OUT TO YOU, AND YOU HEALED ME."

—PSALM 30:2





A surgical team operates on a patient at Hôpital Baptiste Biblique in Togo. > Our biomedical technicians install lifesaving medica equipment in mission hospitals around the world

> about the way we take care of our patients. People are thirsty for the love of Jesus, and I can share the Good News with them right here in the hospital."

After their stint as Post-Resident doctors, many of these physicians return to the field for a lifetime of serving patients in Jesus' Name.

Samaritan's Purse is also working through our Post-Residency Program to equip and prepare a new generation of missionary doctors to serve in Christian hospitals worldwide. Last year, we welcomed 14 young physicians into this program for two years of training and mentorship that will prepare them for long-term service as medical missionaries.

These doctors fill a critical need for staffing in these mission hospitals, while gaining valuable experience working in the context of the developing world.

> Dr. Julian Swanson, an internist and pediatrician, is one of these Post-Resident

doctors. He serves at Diospi Suyana Hospital in Peru, where is he learning from veteran missionary doctors while meeting the need for a physician with his medical specialties.

Dr. Swanson is grateful for the opportunity to provide medical care to the Quechua people in the Andes Mountains,

OR. SWANSON but he knows the best medicine he can prescribe for them can only come from the Great Physician—Jesus Christ.

"One of my patients asked me how she could be closer to God," he shared. "It was so awesome to share about the love of God with someone who knew that there was something different

\$4.8 MILLION WORTH OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES SHIPPED

Through our Post-Residency Program, Dr. Swanson and hundreds of other physicians have gained experience working in a mission hospital and nurtured their passion for medical missions.





CLEFT LIP & PALATE PROGRAM

IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, A CLEFT LIP IS SEEN AS A CURSE, AND PEOPLE

born with the disfigurement are ostracized from their communities. They are often prevented from attending school or conducting business, and many are verbally or physically abused. In 2018, Samaritan's Purse worked in Bolivia, Liberia, and South Sudan to provide cleft lip and palate surgery for over 100 patients, showing them that God loves them enough to send His Son.

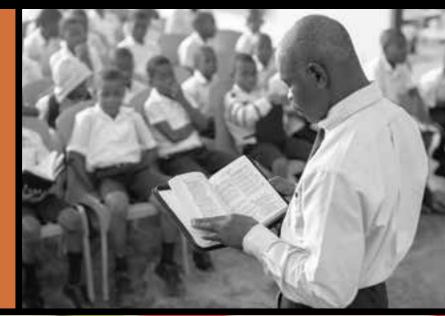




GRETA HOME & ACADEMY

TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FUTURE CHRISTIAN LEADERS

are being raised up at the Greta Home and Academy in Haiti. Named for Greta Van Susteren for her advocacy following the 2010 earthquake that devastated the island nation, the Greta Home is a school and orphanage where boys and girls receive a Christian education, a loving home, and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Franklin Graham has a passion for the children at the Greta Home, and visited them last Christmas to bring special gifts and an eternal message: "God loves you," he said. "Don't ever forget it."





SERVING AS THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE EQUIPS LOCAL CHURCHES IN SOUTH SUDAN TO SHARE THE GOSPEL AND CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF THEIR NEIGHBORS.

A buk had always been poor, but after a fire destroyed her home and all her belongings, she was truly destitute. With no support system, she and her children were homeless. They had to beg for food to survive.

This wasn't the first time Abuk, who lives in South Sudan, had to endure hardship. When she was young, a disease left her right leg permanently disabled. Her father died in war, and her mother passed away soon after that. When she was just 23, Abuk was forced to marry a man nearly 30 years older than her. He died shortly after she gave birth to their first child, and common diseases took many of her other family members.



Abuk has a new home and a thriving business because of the support she received from the local church in her village. Most importantly, she is now a follower of Jesus Christ.

But the Christians in Abuk's community saw her pain after the fire and took action. Pastor John Athuai and his congregation had participated in the Samaritan's Purse Church-based Discipleship Initiatives (CBDI) program, which encouraged and equipped them to reach out in Jesus' Name to their neighbors in need. "Samaritan's Purse helped us see the church as the hands and feet of Jesus," said Pastor John.

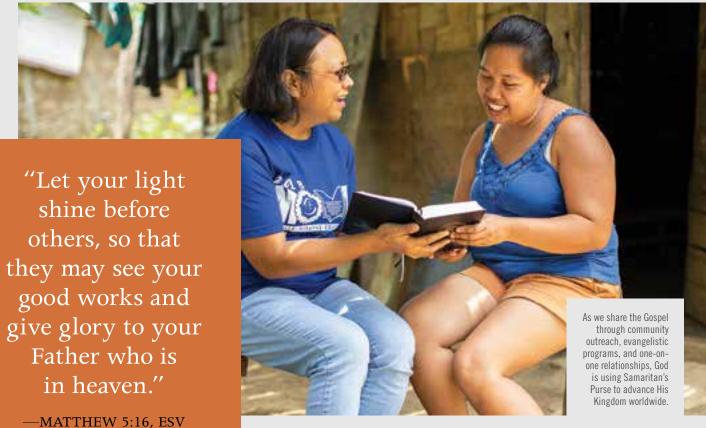
The church raised money to help Abuk—not just temporarily—but by offering sustainable support. The gift allowed her to open a small roadside shop where she now sells peanut butter, fruits, and vegetables to support her family. The Christians also collected enough funds to build Abuk and her children a new home.

The compassion they demonstrated made a tremendous impact on Abuk. "Who told you to rescue me?" she asked the church members. When they shared that the love they showed her is a reflection of Jesus' love, she put her faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior. Now, Abuk and her four children attend church every Sunday. She even invites her neighbors to join them.

Through the CBDI program, we are equipping churches in South Sudan, like Pastor Athuai's, to identify and respond to the needs in their communities. More than 650 Christians in South Sudan have received training through the program. "Thanks to these trainings from Samaritan's Purse, we will not stop with this one need," said Pastor John. "We are looking ahead at how we can address problems in our communities ourselves."

In addition, our Biblical Literacy and Discipleship program teaches South Sudanese how to read the Bible in their own language and trains church and government officials in servant leadership. These programs support and strengthen the church in South Sudan by teaching Biblical values of love and mercy, which is helping to change the dynamics of a country that has only known war.





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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018 (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

	2018	2017
		As Adjusted
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Available for ministries	\$10,854,974	\$8,539,982
Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes	206,035,042	221,498,205
Investments:		
Available for ministries	186,339,736	159,287,835
Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes	14,076,384	38,252,450
Planned giving program	7,133,780	7,252,146
Grants receivable	9,073,607	9,961,363
Other current assets	21,334,122	19,262,149
Inventories	56,364,752	47,742,141
Total current assets	511,212,397	511,796,271
Noncurrent assets:		
Planned giving program investments	32,813,589	31,746,942
Endowment investments	1,110,796	1,106,559
Other noncurrent assets	760,601	711,927
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	162,405,195	132,848,630
Total noncurrent assets	197,090,181	166,414,058
Total assets	<u>\$708,302,578</u>	<u>\$678,210,329</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable - suppliers	\$20,110,979	\$17,786,062
Accrued expenses	11,786,978	7,321,336
Current portion of planned giving program obligations	7,133,780	7,252,146
Total current liabilities	39,031,737	32,359,544
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Planned giving program obligations	19,574,666	18,366,490
Total noncurrent liabilities	19,574,666	18,366,490
Total liabilities	58,606,403	50,726,034
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Designated by governing board	60,628,356	57,286,883
Represented by property and equipment	162,405,195	132,848,630
General	165,018,209	137,060,595
Total without donor restrictions	388,051,760	327,196,108
With donor restrictions:		
Ministry purpose restrictions	260,637,406	299,281,178
Perpetual in nature	1,007,009	1,007,009
Total with donor restrictions	261,644,415	300,288,187
Total net assets	649,696,175	627,484,295
Total liabilities and net assets	\$708,302,578	\$678,210,329



2018 REVENUES

63.24% Contributions

35.93% Contributed goods/services

0.83% Other income



2018 EXPENSES

87.8% Ministry

7.3% Fund raising

4.9% General and administrative

The Ministry receives significant contributions at year-end due to program activity from projects such as Operation Christmas Child and normal year-end giving from donors. As a result, cash and investment balances are normally at their highest levels at year-end. The cash and investment balances are used as quickly as possible to support Ministry activity. If you would like a complete audit report, please contact us.

Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

		2018		2017
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
upport and revenue:				
Contributions	\$245,815,909	\$202,609,270	\$448,425,179	\$551,837,743
Contributed goods and services	15,388,943	239,369,730	254,758,673	238,849,006
Investment income	4,230,789	22,769	4,253,558	4,000,053
Change in value of annuities and trusts	(1,963,140)	(41,370)	(2,004,510)	1,095,321
Other income	3,304,586	323,405	3,627,991	5,041,467
Total support and revenue	266,777,087	442,283,804	709,060,891	800,823,590
eclassifications:				
Assessment against restricted contributions	12,704,339	(12,704,339)	-	-
Satisfaction of program and property restrictions	468,223,237	(468,223,237)	<u>-</u> _	
Total reclassifications	480,927,576	(480,927,576)		
xpenses:				
Ministry expenses:				
Emergency relief	102,425,556	-	102,425,556	119,462,053
Community development ministry	117,320,046	-	117,320,046	59,527,962
Medical ministry	37,013,998	-	37,013,998	45,401,110
Children's ministry - Operation Christmas Child	300,851,181	-	300,851,181	266,615,897
Children's ministry - other	7,598,874	-	7,598,874	7,509,588
Christian education	31,662,937	-	31,662,937	33,044,733
Other ministry services	6,184,625		6,184,625	3,233,591
Total ministry expenses	603,057,217		603,057,217	534,794,934
Supporting activities:				
Fund raising	50,156,042	-	50,156,042	46,539,304
General and administrative	33,635,752		33,635,752	29,585,875
Total expenses	686,849,011	-	686,849,011	610,920,113
crease (decrease) in net assets	60,855,652	(38,643,772)	22,211,880	189,903,477
et assets at beginning of year	327,196,108	300,288,187	627,484,295	437,580,818
et assets at end of year	\$388,051,760	\$261,644,415	\$649,696,175	\$627,484,295



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