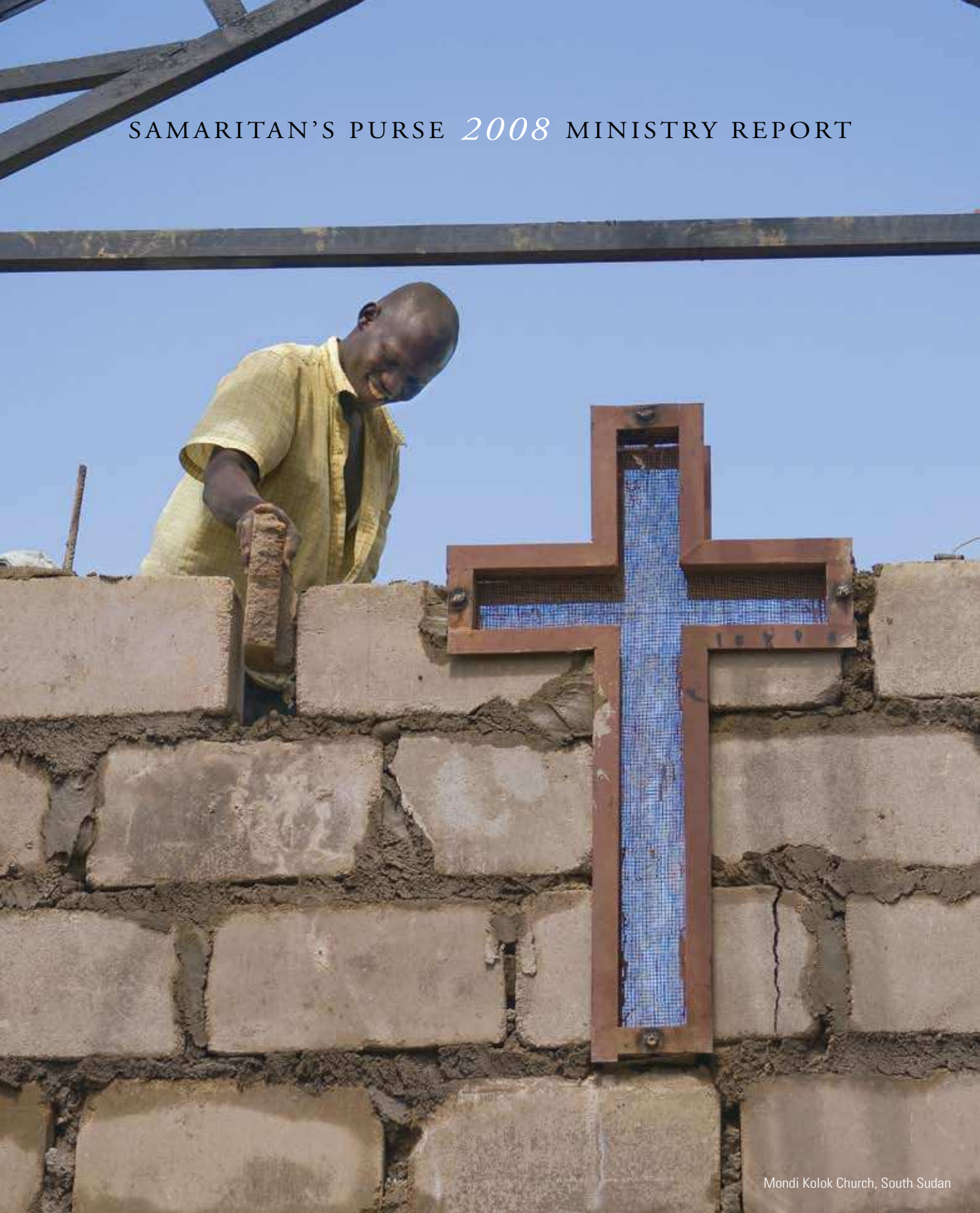


SAMARITAN'S PURSE *2008* MINISTRY REPORT



## A MESSAGE FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM



**A**lthough 2008 was a difficult year for the financial world, there was no slowdown in God's economy. As Samaritan's Purse reached out to millions of lost and suffering people in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord blessed us with sufficient resources and opened doors for us to work in places that have been closed to the Gospel.

Praise God that in the midst of a recession, Operation Christmas Child collected the most gift-filled shoe boxes in its history. The Children's Heart Project cared for more patients than ever before. Samaritan's Purse built more churches in Sudan than in the previous two years combined. As God's Word says, *"Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to Your Name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness"* (Psalm 115:1, NIV).

Our goal in this report is to share how God continues to transform the lives of men, women, and children around the globe as we proclaim His Gospel, the matchless message of eternal salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. With the prayers and support of caring friends like you, we have been able to *"declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples"* (Psalm 96:3, NIV).

When times are tough and people are hurting, it's our responsibility as Christians to share with them the reason for the hope we have. Rather than dwelling on the problems of this dying world, let's press forward, as God leads.

Remember the Scripture that guided Samaritan's Purse founder Dr. Bob Pierce: *"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13b-14, KJV).

Every day at Samaritan's Purse, we see how God answers the prayers and multiplies the gifts of His people. We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity, and we strive to be good stewards of all that is given. May God richly bless you as you serve Him.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

International President



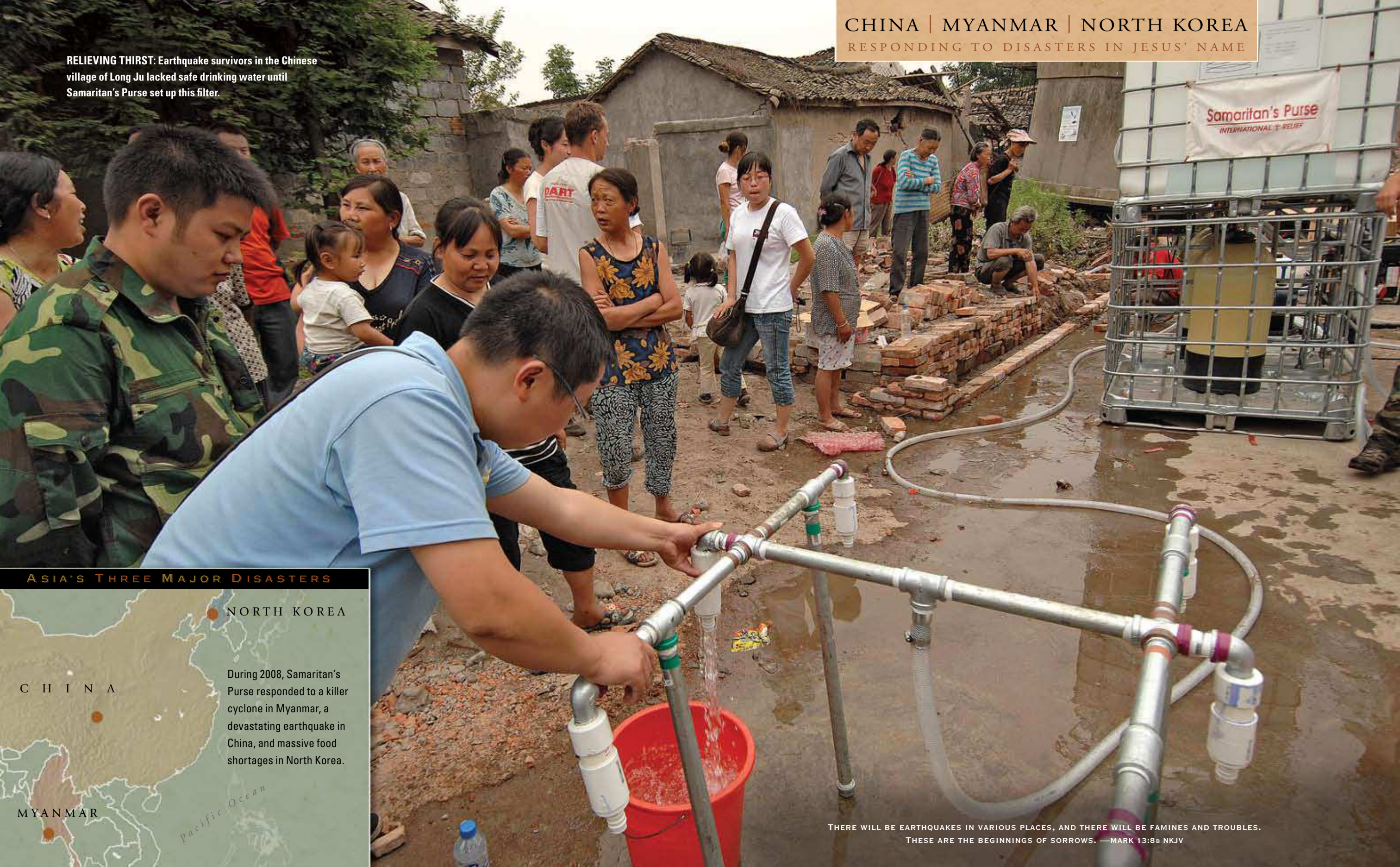


**SUPPORTING PEACE IN SUDAN:**

Samaritan's Purse continues to work in areas that have been devastated by years of violence and instability. Whether assisting displaced families in Darfur, rebuilding churches destroyed by civil war, or supporting medical infrastructure, our work is bringing hope to this war-ravaged country.



RELIEVING THIRST: Earthquake survivors in the Chinese village of Long Ju lacked safe drinking water until Samaritan's Purse set up this filter.



ASIA'S THREE MAJOR DISASTERS



NORTH KOREA

During 2008, Samaritan's Purse responded to a killer cyclone in Myanmar, a devastating earthquake in China, and massive food shortages in North Korea.

CHINA

MYANMAR

Pacific Ocean

THERE WILL BE EARTHQUAKES IN VARIOUS PLACES, AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES AND TROUBLES. THESE ARE THE BEGINNINGS OF SORROWS. —MARK 13:8B NKJV





**CYCLONE RELIEF:** Samaritan's Purse worked with local believers to deliver vital supplies to remote areas of the Irrawaddy Delta, including many villages that could only be reached by boat.

HOPE IN  
**THE WAKE** *of the* **STORM**

**Y**our God brought us hope in the middle of tragedy." These words were spoken by one of the many thousands of villagers helped by Samaritan's Purse in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis. With estimates of up to 140,000 dead and countless others left without food, shelter, and clean water, the disaster threatened to wipe out entire communities in Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta region.

Samaritan's Purse had staff on the ground within 48 hours of the storm, including water and sanitation experts. In the ensuing weeks, we sent in 10 cargo flights filled with tons of medicine, blankets, temporary shelter materials, and other aid. Our staff partnered with local Christians who willingly put themselves at great risk to lift up the Name of Jesus by serving their neighbors. They loaded boats all

day and sailed through the night to reach the most remote, hardest-hit areas with these desperately needed supplies. At each village, they proclaimed the message of the Gospel in word and deed as they distributed life-saving relief to people suffering from starvation, exposure, and waterborne illnesses.

Working alongside these courageous believers, our team installed 12 large filtration units, each able to provide 40,000 liters of safe water per day to communities where flooding and unsanitary conditions had caused extreme water pollution. Our partners also removed salt and debris from the water in 79 ponds and other supply sources, and erected fences to protect them from livestock. Thousands of sick and injured villagers received treatment from volunteer Christian doctors at clinics

supported by Samaritan's Purse.

We were also privileged to help local believers protect and care for hundreds of traumatized children, many of whom lost one or both parents. "Right after the storm, I was very scared. Now I am sad not to see my parents, but I am no longer afraid because the Christians here are caring for me," said 12-year-old Win. "I do not know why this happened, but they helped me to know that God is still with me."

Just a few months after the storm, the Lord opened the door for Samaritan's Purse to establish a field office in Myanmar, enabling us to continue helping communities in the delta as they work to rebuild their lives. A program was quickly implemented to provide nutritious food for over 15,500 families while they plant new rice crops to replace those destroyed. We distributed boats and nets to over 9,700 fishermen, giving the area renewed access to a vital food source and one of the few livelihood opportunities available in this impoverished region.

The cyclone's fierce winds reduced nearly all of the region's schools to piles of scrap wood. After the storm, some teachers created makeshift classrooms under tarps and trees, without desks, chairs, or blackboards. Samaritan's Purse began construction on three new schools, two of which have now been completed. These facilities are equipped with enough desks and chairs to accommodate hundreds of students. The new schools are providing boys and girls with a healthy learning environment, and many eagerly walk for long distances from their home villages to attend classes. Because of the overwhelming number of children seeking a quality education, teachers have started holding classes in two shifts.

Local officials and even leaders of other religions in the delta area have expressed their gratitude for our quick response to help meet the needs of their devastated communities. "We thought the world would not care about us because we are poor and powerless," said one village leader. "Then Samaritan's Purse came to help us. In your staff, we saw the meaning of Christian love and compassion."

'THEY BROUGHT JESUS TO US'

**S**ue didn't think things could get worse. Her family narrowly survived Cyclone Nargis when it tore through Myanmar in early May 2008. Their home was destroyed, and many of their neighbors died. Desperate to save their children, Sue and her husband Aung began looking for help.



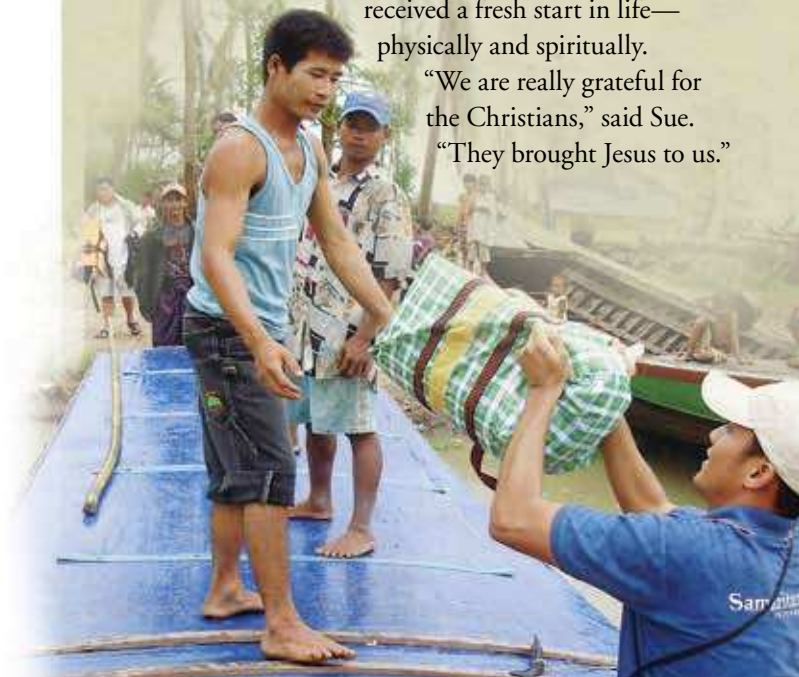
They found a relief center supported by Samaritan's Purse. Christian volunteers welcomed the family and gave them food, shelter materials, and other supplies. "We were so thankful," said Sue. "These people we did not even know came to save our lives."

Her relief was short-lived, however, when the entire family became sick from using polluted water. "The babies cried all night," she said. "One of the neighbors had the same condition, and he died. I was very afraid."

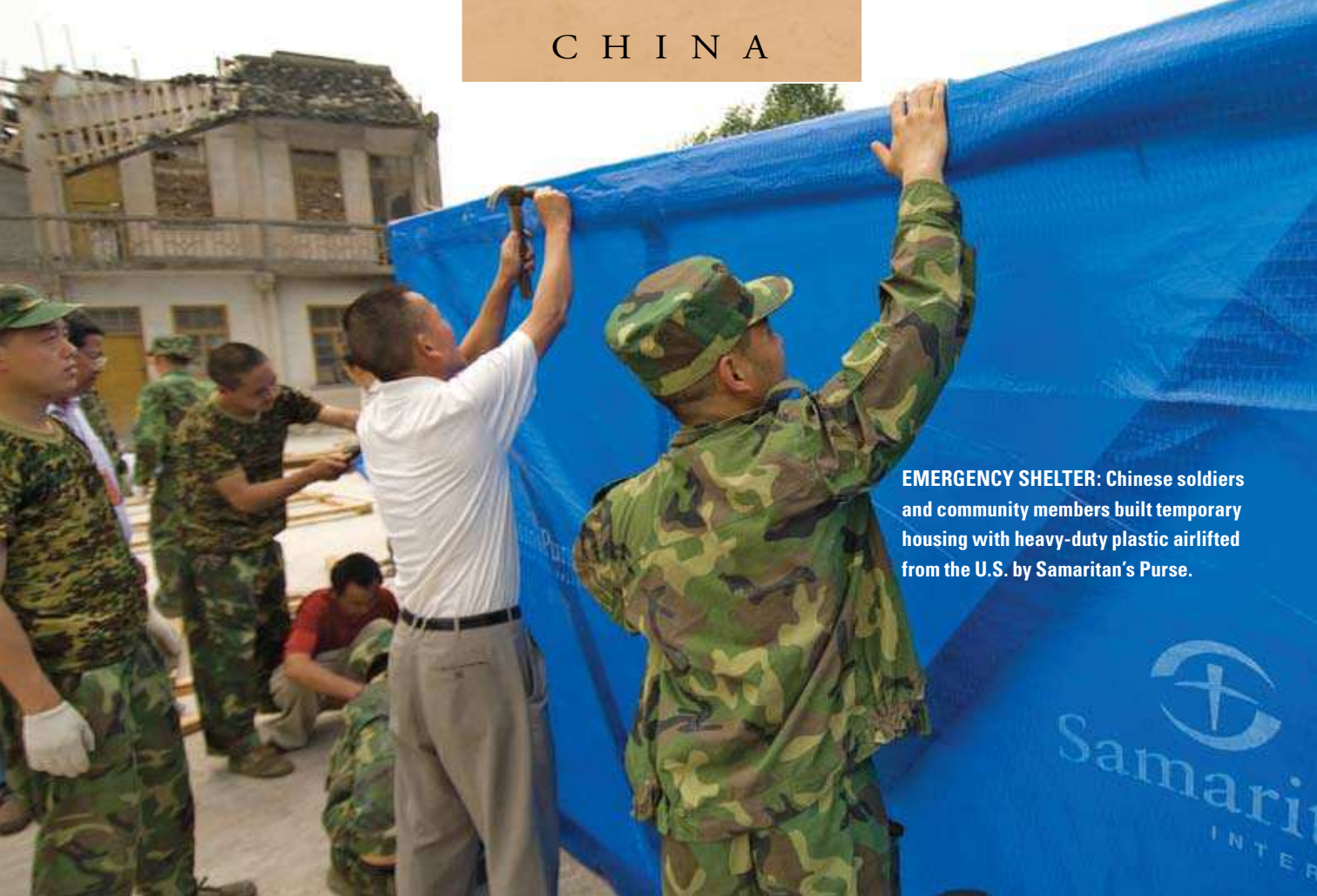
Once again, Sue and Aung reached out for help. "We hoped the Christians would still be at the same place." Since their last visit, the center had expanded its medical operation. "The doctor gave us medicine and did not want money for it," she said. "When we asked the nurse why they would do this for us, she explained about Jesus. We told her we wanted Christ in our hearts too."

The family's health problems were cured, and a water filtration unit was installed in their village to help prevent other waterborne diseases. Sue (*inset above*) and Aung received a fresh start in life—physically and spiritually.

"We are really grateful for the Christians," said Sue. "They brought Jesus to us."







**EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Chinese soldiers and community members built temporary housing with heavy-duty plastic airlifted from the U.S. by Samaritan's Purse.

## UNFAILING LOVE FOR EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS

**O**n May 12, 2008, the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary was abuzz with a sense of history. Twenty years after Billy Graham had preached there, heralding the emergence of the Chinese church from the atheistic Cultural Revolution, Franklin Graham was in the pulpit, calling a new generation of Christian leaders to reach the world's largest nation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Graham's words were still resonating in the hearts of the seminary students when the earth rumbled beneath their feet. Nine hundred miles to their west in Sichuan province, China was suffering its most powerful earthquake in 58 years. Entire mountainsides slid down into valley towns. Schools and apartments collapsed into concrete pancakes,

trapping thousands of children and families. Clocks stopped at 2:28 p.m.

At the same instant, a new era began for Chinese churches sparsely scattered throughout the crumpled towns and cities. Moved with compassion for the 5 million left homeless and grieving, Christians reached out to neighbors who had never thought much about the church.

Rev. Gu Yei, who was in Nanjing to hear Graham, returned quickly to the quake-stricken city of Mianzhu to help with relief efforts. "Our members helped to clean up the rubble," said the pastor. "We also sent doctors who are believers to treat those who were injured."

The needs were staggering even for China's

national army, much less the local church. That's where Samaritan's Purse came in. On the ground in China, Graham and his team immediately began working through church networks to assess the needs and determine the best ways to help.

Within days, Samaritan's Purse chartered a 747 cargo jet and loaded it with 90 tons of relief supplies, including six large water filtration units and 1,140 rolls of heavy-duty plastic for emergency shelters. This was the first privately chartered relief flight from the U.S. to arrive in Chengdu, the city nearest the epicenter.

We later shipped in six more high-volume water filters, bringing the total to a dozen units, each capable of purifying 40,000 liters of water daily. As we installed the filters, we trained community members to operate and maintain them. In addition, 200 water storage tanks were set up in devastated villages to help provide easy access to safe, clean water.

The first water filter system was installed in Luo Shui, a village of 40,000, where 200 children died in a collapsed school. "I can't say how deeply I appreciate the prompt aid from our American friends," said Chen Yuanshou, manager of the town's waterworks.

In June, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited another of our water filters in hard-hit Dujiangyan. "I am delighted and just moved to be here with Samaritan's Purse, providing clean water for the residents," she said. Secretary Rice praised the relief efforts of "great non-profit organizations like Samaritan's Purse."

The earthquake battered many churches in Sichuan province, including Rev. Yei's church in Mianzhu. Shock waves cracked the building's walls, toppled tons of bricks, and left gaping holes in the roof. Franklin Graham committed \$300,000 from Samaritan's Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to repair damaged churches like the one in Mianzhu.

"We thank God that He has protected us and had mercy on us," Rev. Yei said. "We are also thankful for all the churches and Christians around the world who care for us. Because of your prayers, our weaknesses are turned into strength."

In the weeks following the earthquake, Chinese soldiers and civilians equipped with materials from Samaritan's Purse built temporary housing for several thousand families and handed out blankets and hygiene kits. We also provided funding to upgrade a clinic in Dazhou.

Through the combined local and international efforts of Christians, God is opening doors for evangelism and church growth in the aftermath of the disaster. One church that averaged 400 on Sunday mornings before the earthquake is now planning to build a facility to seat 1,000.

"People saw how God loves them through Christians," said Rev. Shigua Yuan, the executive director of the Sichuan Christian Council. "This relief work is a wonderful witness for showing God's love in our society."

**SAFE TO DRINK:** In the aftermath of the earthquake in Sichuan province, this girl could quench her thirst with unpolluted water, thanks to a high-volume filter supplied by Samaritan's Purse.







**LIFE-CHANGING WORD:** Franklin Graham presents a Korean Bible and other gifts to Kim Yong Dae, Vice President of the Presidium of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly.

## OPEN DOORS *for the* GOSPEL

Franklin Graham arrived in North Korea on July 31 for a historic four-day visit to meet with government and church leaders, assess relief projects, and share the Gospel. At the formal reception that evening, Graham was welcomed by Jong Tae Yang, vice director of foreign ministry, along with Rev. Kang Yong Sop, chairman of the central committee of the Korean Christian Federation, and Ri Jong Ro, director of international affairs for the Korean Christian Federation.

"I do not come to you today as a politician or diplomat," Graham told the gathering. "I come to you instead as a minister of the Gospel and an ambassador for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords."

During his visit, Graham had the unique

opportunity to talk with Vice President Kim Yong Dae and other senior government leaders, and presented them with Korean-language Bibles, a cross, and a statuette of the Good Samaritan. North Korean officials personally expressed their deep gratitude to Samaritan's Purse for last year's flood relief efforts, when we chartered a 747 cargo jet to deliver tons of medicine and other emergency supplies. Over the past 15 years, Samaritan's Purse has gained the respect of the nation's leaders by supplying and improving hospitals, equipping TB treatment centers, and providing other aid.

Throughout his journey, Graham was accompanied by a Fox News crew (*see article right*). They visited a hospital in Pyongyang where

Samaritan's Purse installed the intensive-care unit and inspected a dental van donated by the ministry. An hour west of the capital, they toured the provincial hospital in Sariwon where they found the halls dark and sweltering because of intermittent blackouts. Hospital staff described a makeshift system of mirrors they used to provide light from the windows when the power fails during surgery. Samaritan's Purse technicians later upgraded the hospital's electrical system, installing a new diesel generator to provide a dependable source of electricity.

Escalating food shortages in North Korea were a cause for serious concern for Graham during his visit. Samaritan's Purse joined with four other relief organizations during 2008 in an unprecedented feeding program that helped 900,000 North Koreans after torrential rains and massive floods destroyed much of the nation's farmland the previous year. The food has been critical for many children, women, and elderly who are threatened by malnutrition, stunted growth, and slowed development.

Graham completed his visit on Sunday by delivering an evangelistic message at Bongsu Church, one of only two Protestant churches in the capital city of Pyongyang. He and his father, Billy Graham, are the only two Americans who have been allowed to speak at the church. With no restrictions from the authorities, he preached from the third chapter of the Gospel of John, explaining to hundreds in the congregation how they can be born again through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

"I want to try to help the church that is here in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea," Graham told Fox News. "I want our governments to have better relations and better understanding as it relates to the church. I think that by working with their government, they can see that Christians can make a positive impact on society for the good."

**ON THE AIR:** Fox News reporter Greta Van Susteren interviews Franklin Graham inside a mobile dental clinic provided by Samaritan's Purse.

## ON THE RECORD IN NORTH KOREA

Fox News reporter Greta Van Susteren traveled to North Korea with Franklin Graham to document his historic visit. Van Susteren's commentary on the trip and interviews with Graham were featured on her *On the Record* television program and her *GretaWire* blog.

Van Susteren (*photo below*) is among only a handful of foreign journalists granted permission to enter North Korea. "You can't just decide to go to North Korea and go," Van Susteren wrote in her blog. "The North Koreans must agree to it. ... We were lucky to be able to go with Reverend Franklin Graham."

Taking the Fox News crew with him, Graham visited a provincial hospital an hour west of Pyongyang. Van Susteren marveled as she walked through dark hallways and saw an operating room with no air conditioning. "When you see the conditions they're working under," she said, "it is absolutely staggering." In the following months, Samaritan's Purse provided the hospital with a new generator.

The Fox News coverage allowed Graham to share the spiritual motivation for our work in North Korea. "These are people that God made. God loves them," he told the TV audience. "I want to reach out and help these people, doing it in the Name of Jesus Christ."

Van Susteren commended Graham's compassion and commitment. "Reverend Graham is an extraordinary man," Van Susteren wrote. "He lives his faith every hour of every day. In no way is he 'part time' in helping people. You would not believe how much humanitarian work he does around the world."





## TURN ON THE TAP

**BRAZIL:** Sand and gravel—critical parts in BioSand Water Filters—are unloaded from a truck in Brazil laden with the concrete filters. During 2008, more than 18,600 families around the world had their lives transformed with safe water through the Turn on the Tap campaign.



“THE POOR AND NEEDY SEEK WATER, BUT THERE IS NONE. THEIR TONGUES FAIL FOR THIRST. I, THE LORD, WILL HEAR THEM; I, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, WILL NOT FORSAKE THEM.” —ISAIAH 41:17 NKJV



## ‘I AM SO GRATEFUL’

In the Kamwenge District of Uganda, the value of money doesn't need to be explained. Every dollar a family earns is spent on something that is desperately needed, like water.

The water contains deadly parasites and bacteria, which cause diseases like typhoid. Families often spend much of their limited resources on chemical water treatments and firewood to boil their water.

This was the reality for Byamukama, his wife, and their four children. When Byamukama lacked money, his family took the risk of drinking unsafe water and often suffered for it.

Byamukama's life changed when he saw a Samaritan's Purse Turn on the Tap video. The video explained how BioSand Water Filters were making tremendous changes in places like Kamwenge. Byamukama was intrigued and that evening, he signed up to participate in the program.

The following Monday, Byamukama and his wife showed up at the Samaritan's Purse workshop, ready to help build their filter. They helped to mix and pour the concrete that would form the body of the filter and washed the sand that would go inside. They also attended training sessions on maintaining the filter and on proper hygiene practices.

A week later, Byamukama and his wife hauled their BioSand Water Filter home.

"I am so grateful for the filter," said Byamukama as a technician installed the layers of sand and gravel. "I have free, clean water, which I can drink any time without hesitation."

Three weeks later, Byamukama was still amazed by his filter. The health of his family had already improved substantially—no one had battled energy-draining diarrhea since the filter had been installed.

The family's financial situation has improved, as well. They no longer spend their limited resources on water treatments or medicine to combat water-borne illnesses.

"I tell all of my family and friends to go talk to Samaritan's Purse," said Byamukama. "I tell them about how their lives will be truly blessed by getting this simple filter."



**CHANGING FUTURES:** Families are beginning to see how the BioSand Filter will impact their daily lives and their prospects for the future.

## TURNING ON THE TAP to SAFE WATER

The problem remains enormous—more than one billion people with no access to safe drinking water—but in 2008, Canadians continued to support Samaritan's Purse efforts to make a difference.

As of year's end, about \$4.5 million had been contributed since the April 2007 launch of Turn on the Tap, our campaign to bring safe water to thousands of families in the developing world.

During 2008, more than 18,600 families in thirsty communities around the world received BioSand Water Filters. This included more than 11,000 in Cambodia, 3,200 in Kenya, and 1,100 in El Salvador. These filters, along with vital health and hygiene training, translated into safe water—and transformed lives—for more than 130,000 people.

Jessica Singh, a Samaritan's Purse intern working in the impoverished African nation of Niger, saw first-hand how safe water can change lives. Jessica visited a mother of several young children to see how her BioSand Water Filter was working, and was amazed at the reaction.

"She was just so eternally grateful and asked us to thank the donors and everyone who helped her get a filter," Jessica recalled. When the woman became involved in Samaritan's Purse's Household Water Program, her son was not gaining weight. However, since receiving the filter and attending the hygiene classes, her son is now healthy and her other children are doing well, too.

"She was just exuding thanks and kept repeating it," Jessica said. "I thought 'I didn't do

anything,' but the reality hit me as to the impact of these filters. She was so excited when I asked if I could take a picture of her and the filter. She put on her (Muslim) hijab and got all her kids dressed up."

In the African nation of Liberia, John, a farmer, was forced to watch as dysentery caused the youngest of his 10 children to slowly fade before his eyes.

John's son became ill after drinking water from a nearby swamp. A brutal 14-year civil war destroyed any infrastructure that may have existed, causing people who returned to their homes to have to gamble with filthy water.

John and his family no longer drink their water in fear, thanks to the life-saving BioSand Water Filter he received from Samaritan's Purse.

"Since we've had the filter, we've had no sickness," says John with a huge grin spreading across his face. "It is a miracle."

One of the key reasons Samaritan's Purse invests so much in providing safe water is because it plays a major role in ending generations of poverty. Having safe water to drink significantly decreases the risk of children getting potentially fatal diarrhea. That means they are healthier, miss less school, and ultimately have better employment opportunities.

It also means their parents don't have to spend as much of their meager earnings on medicine.

Plus, their parents have more time to provide for their families because they don't get sick as much, and they don't have to miss work caring for sick family members. It breaks a vicious circle and, over time, a family's prospects improve. That means the prospects of an entire community—and an entire region—can improve.

Through this process, our staff and partners often have an opportunity to introduce people to the *Living Water* of Jesus, thereby helping meet both their physical and spiritual needs.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**BOXES OF HOPE:** They're loaded with hard candy, pencils, teddy bears, and more—all things our children take for granted—but these girls celebrated when they received their Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts. In 2008, Canadians contributed more than 713,000 boxes. They went to children in 14 countries in Latin America and Africa.



EVEN SO IT IS NOT THE WILL OF YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN THAT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD PERISH.  
—MATTHEW 18:14 NKJV



## SPECIAL DELIVERY



**GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S LOVE.** Our church partners in the Philippines handed out shoe box gifts and offered Gospel storybooks to needy boys and girls.

NEARLY 8 MILLION CHILDREN RECEIVE  
**GIFTS of GOD'S LOVE**

From his tiny room, Praveen\* stared up at the ceiling where paint was chipping off the dingy surface. He had made a foolish mistake that cost him his freedom. The 10-year-old was locked up in a boys prison awaiting trial for a petty crime.

A pastor in southeastern India who partners with Operation Christmas Child was struck by the foreboding entrance of this correctional facility. The iron gate and high concrete walls topped with spikes seemed more fitting for hardened criminals than for boys as young as eight. He was told that many of the prisoners had been charged with only minor crimes, but some had to wait two or three years before their cases reached the courts.

Moved with compassion for these boys, the

pastor approached the prison administrator about distributing gift-filled shoe boxes. He knew that no one was permitted to preach the Gospel to the prisoners, and the administrator was known for her strict adherence to rules. Would she allow him to share the Good News of God's love?

The administrator decided to make an exception for Operation Christmas Child. She understood how badly these boys needed hope, so she quietly left the room when the shoe box gifts were handed out. The toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other presents were precious treasures for children who had little else to call their own.

One of the boys who received a box was Praveen. He could hardly believe his eyes. Inside

his box was an assortment of art supplies—watercolors, colored pencils, drawing paper, scissors, and a ruler.

When a Samaritan's Purse staff member visited the prison a few months later, he was impressed by the colorful drawings taped to the concrete walls. The artwork included images of flowers and birds. What a contrast to the drab, cheerless surroundings! The visitor asked to meet this gifted artist.

The prison administrator returned a moment later with a frightened boy. "We didn't know Praveen had this talent," she told our staff member. "His shoe box has been a blessing to everybody here." The fear left Praveen's eyes, and he grinned as he shook the visitor's hand.

Now through the Operation Christmas Child Discipleship Program, Praveen and the other boys are learning about the greatest gift they could ever receive—true forgiveness and freedom in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Whether in a school in Costa Rica, an orphanage in Honduras, or a remote region of Chile, Operation Christmas Child is opening doors for the Gospel around the world. This past year, nearly 8 million boxes were collected for children in over 100 countries. That's the most boxes collected in a single season, bringing the total to over 68 million since the project began in 1993.

What makes the project so special is the blessing that continues long after the contents in the boxes are worn out. Gospel storybooks in the local language make the Good News of Jesus Christ come alive for children in a way they can readily understand. The voluntary Discipleship Program provides an overview of the Bible through a series of 10 lessons, explaining how to receive eternal salvation through faith in Christ. After completing the course, children receive personalized certificates and New Testaments. Over 1.3 million boys and girls graduated from the Discipleship Program last year, with hundreds of thousands making decisions to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. To God be the glory!

It was a great day for dozens of communities in Paraguay when gift-filled shoe boxes were handed out in December of 2008.

A team comprised of youths, ages 16–20, as well as several medical professionals and leaders distributed shoe boxes to more than 3,000 children. At the same time the team also offered free dental, medical, and eyeglass clinics to those in need.

One pastor, who has worked in Paraguay for 13 years, was extremely blessed by the work that was done. "Sometimes I feel forgotten" he said, "but the team visiting us is a reminder that God has not forgotten us."

One woman, who was given her first pair of glasses said, "This is the best day of my life." A man, who was able to receive some free dental work, expressed that, "No one has ever come and done something like this for me."

Many of the youths on the trip had been packing shoe boxes with their families for years, but the trip to Paraguay gave them a new outlook on the positive difference Operation Christmas Child can have on children, their families, and entire communities.

"It makes you want to prepare more boxes because you see how they change lives," said 17-year-old Alyssa Luscombe, who lives in Kipling, SK.

For some of the youths, the trip was their first missions experience, and the adventure was much different than they initially expected.

"I felt like I was going to Paraguay expecting to help people," said 19-year-old Amberly Bootsman of Ponoka, AB, "But I came back feeling like I was the one helped. The whole experience was very life-changing."



\* Not his real name



# BRINGING HOPE *through* TEAMS

**W**hen churches, community groups, and individuals want to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the developing world, Samaritan’s Purse is there to help make it happen.

It happened in 2008, when 28 young adults from across Canada traveled to a remote community in Costa Rica to help build a school, conduct eyeglass and medical clinics, and minister to residents of a small village.

It was not an easy trip. The village was a 15-minute walk and an hour-long canoe trip from the nearest road. Materials to build the school had to be carried in along narrow, muddy paths.

“‘Assembly line!’ was a phrase we heard daily in the jungle,” recalled Brooke Nicholson, one of the Mission Team participants. With daunting tasks—



**REAL LOVE:** Relief Teams, such as this group working in Mexico after floodwaters damaged houses, are making the love of God real to impoverished people around the world.

such as carrying cement blocks or beams for hours through mud, forests, and rivers—assembly lines were the only option.

“However, through this experience, God opened my eyes to the importance of community, and the fact we were created to be in community and can’t make it alone.”

Samaritan’s Purse coordinates Relief, Mission, and Youth Teams that serve in communities around the world. Although each team is unique, they all benefit from experienced personnel who lead the planning, administration, in-country experience, and follow-up.

**Relief Teams** volunteer alongside community members after natural disasters, such as the work done in Aztlan, Mexico, in 2008 after floodwaters damaged houses.

“All this help is a huge blessing from God,” said 60-year-old widow Maria Hernandez, whose tiny, ruined home was rebuilt by Samaritan’s Purse volunteers.

“In the midst of all the trouble, in some way it was a blessing, because after the flood I got a lot of help.”

**Mission Teams** are designed for groups to participate in short-term missions, such as an 18-person team sent to the east coast of Nicaragua in 2008 to perform basic dental work, including cleanings and fillings on more than 400 patients.

The team also continued work on a school and volunteered alongside a local church to reach out to surrounding communities.

For Kimberly Foster, who was part of a Mission Team in Peru conducting eyeglass clinics and helping to build an orphanage bakery, the trip “solidified in my spirit how I want to use my life and my gifts to serve the people of this world. I became a nurse for this very reason.”

**Youth Teams**, for ages 16–20, usually involve a construction project, a medical clinic, and community development and evangelism, with the purpose of serving God in places of need. Often, these trips include distributing Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts to children.

“It was great to experience the Nicaraguan culture in full,” said Naomi Houghton, whose Youth Team trip to Central America included construction work and children’s ministry.



**PARTNERS:** Community members partner with Relief Team members to make a difference in communities hit by disasters.



HELPING OUR  
**NEIGHBORS *in* NEED**

**W**ater-logged drywall, ruined insulation, flourishing mold, mud-soaked furniture, and a feeling of despondency. These were among the mementos left behind after the worst flooding in 25 years hit Fredericton, NB, in May 2008.

When the St. John River flooded, Samaritan's Purse responded by sending its Disaster Relief Unit (DRU) to the area. It was one of more than a dozen locations across North America where Samaritan's Purse helped devastated victims recover from floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and tornadoes in 2008.

The Disaster Relief Unit is a tractor trailer with a self-contained office, communications equipment, and other supplies. The unit is also stocked with tools and equipment, including generators, water pumps, chainsaws, wheel barrows, and safety gear for volunteers to use in clean-up efforts. A Bobcat and support vehicles are also available to accompany the DRU.

During a six-week stay in the Fredericton region, local people volunteered more than 2,500 hours of time to the DRU and the clean-up effort, helping 109 homeowners.

"It was a tremendous honor to have been able to serve here," said John Best, the Samaritan's Purse base manager. "The work our volunteers completed here for their neighbors was just incredible. I really believe the glory of the Lord shone in Fredericton."

Local volunteers were the driving force behind the work in Fredericton. Every step of the labor-intensive flood recovery effort—from lugging out water-logged furniture to ripping out drywall, flooring, and moldy insulation—was carried out by hard-working volunteers from the surrounding community and region.

"When I first started to help out, I was just expecting to do clean-up, but as I got into it more, I realized it wasn't just cleaning up people's things, it was helping them to rebuild their lives," said Shelley Jones, a regular volunteer with Samaritan's Purse

Relief Teams. "That's one of the things that really changed the way I look at the world."

Lori Gray, another volunteer who helped in New Brunswick on several occasions, agreed that her experience has helped to change her perspective.

"When you help someone who has their whole life ripped apart like that, it's a very humbling experience," Gray said. "You realize that as important as it is to help with the physical side of the clean-up, helping them emotionally is just as important."

"At the end of the day, what this whole operation is about is building community," said Best. "It's about the people, connecting those who need help with those who have a heart to serve. What we saw here was a tangible example of the parable of the Good Samaritan."

When the Fredericton work was completed, the Disaster Relief Unit moved on to Wisconsin, helping homeowners in the Midwestern U.S. recover from epic flooding.

Two weeks of torrential rains caused the Mississippi River system to overflow its banks, affecting at least five communities in Sauk County, where the DRU was based. During a three-week period, 150 volunteers amassed more than 1,700 hours of work helping nearly 70 flooded homeowners.



**A HELPING HAND:** Volunteers working with the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Units, such as this man helping out in Fredericton, NB, came to the aid of homeowners across North America whose lives were devastated by floods, wildfires, hurricanes, and tornadoes.



## HEALING BROKEN HEARTS

Sisters Jennifer, 12, and Zeira, 22, have experienced a lot of adversity in their young lives. First their father abandoned the family shortly after Jennifer was born. Then their mother died six years ago, leaving Zeira to care for her younger sister. On top of that, Jennifer had a heart defect that was growing worse, and the specialized surgery she needed was unavailable in her native Honduras.

When our Children's Heart Project discovered Jennifer's plight, her condition was already so serious



**RENEWED HEART:** Jennifer and her older sister Zeira returned to Honduras after Jennifer underwent successful surgery to repair her heart defect.

that most doctors offered little hope that she could survive the operation. A hospital in Michigan agreed to take her case, and we brought Jennifer and her sister

to the United States in September.

Jennifer and Zeira had both made professions of faith back in Honduras, but Zeira struggled with fear and doubt after all the hardships the girls had endured. During their stay, the sisters lived with a Christian family and attended their church, and the outpouring of love and prayers touched them both. Zeira's faith grew as she watched God bring her sister through the ordeal of a complex surgery and a difficult recovery. Ultimately, she was able to commit her life and Jennifer's wholeheartedly to the will of God—whatever the outcome.

Just after Thanksgiving, Jennifer underwent a second procedure to remove fluid from around her heart. It was a success. Her lips and fingernails were no longer blue. She could walk without getting tired. At Christmastime, she braved the cold Michigan temperatures to build her first snowman.

Zeira and Jennifer returned to Honduras, their lives transformed by the healing power of Jesus Christ. In answer to their prayers, their father is experiencing a change of heart as he seeks to be a part of his children's lives again.

Jennifer was one of 82 girls and boys who received life-giving surgery through the Children's Heart Project in 2008. Samaritan's Purse pays for airfare for the patient, a parent or guardian, and a translator, and we partner with dozens of hospitals in the United States and Canada to provide quality medical services to these children at no charge. This past year, we reached a milestone when our 500th patient received surgery.

Since 1997, the Children's Heart Project has helped 542 boys and girls from 11 countries, including Honduras, Kosovo, Uganda, and Mongolia. Patients and their relatives stay with Christian host families, usually for four to six weeks. Many hear the Gospel for the very first time. Over 240 patients and family members have made commitments to Christ, including 44 in 2008 alone.

**FAR-REACHING IMPACT:** Children from Mongolia and 10 other countries have been brought to North America for life-giving heart surgery.



THEN I WILL GIVE THEM A HEART TO KNOW ME, THAT I AM THE LORD;  
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD. —JEREMIAH 24:7A NKJV



**SERVANT'S HEART:** Dr. Bill McCoy is a career medical missionary serving at Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in Papua New Guinea, one of dozens of hospitals supported by World Medical Mission.



## ON THE FRONTLINES OF MISSIONARY MEDICINE

**T**he man on the operating table in Niger's Galmi Hospital was dying. Drs. Greg Alty and Jeff Widmeyer discovered massive internal bleeding from a malignant tumor that was destroying the patient's liver. Both doctors feared the man could die at any moment.

Suddenly, an alarming thought crossed Dr. Alty's mind. "Is he a believer?" he asked his surgical partner.

In response, Dr. Widmeyer thumped the patient on the chest and shouted, "Wake up!"

"The patient's eyes opened," Dr. Widmeyer said. "I asked the anesthetist to tell him (in the local language) that he was dying—right now—and needed to know about Jesus."

There on the operating table, the patient heard the Gospel and accepted Christ as his Savior. "This man actually lived another few days and had time to talk further to the hospital chaplain about this new Savior he was about to meet," Dr. Widmeyer said. The patient was beyond medical help, but he found eternal life in Jesus Christ.

Drs. Alty and Widmeyer were among 384 medical personnel that World Medical Mission sent out during 2008 on short-term assignments to 46 hospitals/clinics in 29 nations. The doctors and dentists dispatched overseas included 137 serving for the first time. In addition, tons of critically needed medical equipment and supplies were shipped to medical facilities in 59 countries.

At Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia, Dr. Sharon Morad worked for hours trying to save the life of a newborn suffering violent seizures. "At 3 a.m., I was close to despair," she said. "I just held him close and prayed—and the convulsions stopped!" Five days later, the baby went home, behaving normally. His mother told the staff, "He is here because God did a miracle."

Dr. Morad is serving at Soddo for two years through World Medical Mission's Post-Residency Program. The program is open to post-resident

physicians who feel called to a career in medical missions. Fourteen post-resident physicians were placed in mission hospitals in 2008, boosting the number in the program to 19. An additional 17 physicians are scheduled to be placed in mission hospitals through this program in 2009.

Dr. Warren Cooper, who serves on staff with World Medical Mission, travels with Samaritan's Purse teams to distant regions of the world to address critical medical needs. In the war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo, he treated a 6-year-old boy named Jean-Paul who had been shot through the neck. By God's grace, the boy lived to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.



**LOVING CARE:** Dr. Renee Humphries brought healing and hope to the sick as a short-term volunteer at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya.

"Medicine is a wonderful way to live out the Gospel in the world," Dr. Cooper says. "If you feel Him calling you to the mission field, take that step. He will take care of the rest."



A CHRISTIAN  
**RESPONSE to HIV/AIDS**

**A**s the eldest child in a Mozambican family, 14-year-old Tembe knew what would happen after her father died of an AIDS-related illness. She would be responsible for her three younger siblings and two orphans the family had taken in. She also knew there would no longer be time or money for school.

As she feared, Tembe was forced to forfeit her studies when her father died. For three years, her day-to-day life was filled with fetching water, cooking, cleaning, and working the fields to make sure the family had enough to eat. Returning to school seemed impossible, and unskilled young women like her often



**GRACE AND TRUTH:** In Cambodia, our Christian partners provide physical, emotional, and spiritual support for HIV-positive individuals and their families.

succumbed to sexual exploitation and HIV infection.

Yet Tembe's life is different today. Through Prescription for Hope, the HIV/AIDS ministry of Samaritan's Purse, Tembe is back in school. She is also enrolled in sewing classes at a vocational training

center we started in her community. Even more important, Tembe is learning about Jesus Christ and God's plan for her life.

Working through local Christian partners in Africa and Asia, Samaritan's Purse Canada is strengthening the Christian response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Through community education sessions, myths are replaced with truth, reducing stigma and teaching prevention. Biblically based counseling is also offered to those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS, including orphans like Tembe. In Cambodia, our partner has several interconnected programs that are providing a comprehensive response including prevention education for youth, homecare for people living with HIV/AIDS, and community-based orphan care.

A major emphasis of our work in this area is training and equipping local churches to minister to the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. By providing compassionate care for the suffering, these volunteers can help communities overcome barriers of fear while sharing the eternal hope of Jesus Christ.

When Ugandan volunteers Helen and Catherine found Denis, he showed the symptoms of advanced HIV infection—severe diarrhea, a hacking cough, and extreme weight loss. Denis had stopped eating and spent his days alone, lying on a cot, too weak to move. The women quickly set to work cleaning his tiny hut, washing his bedding and clothing, and preparing a nutritious meal. After they had shared a meal, the women opened up their Bibles and read aloud. Denis asked the women to visit him often.

Helen and Catherine continued to care for Denis until he regained his strength. The love they showed this man prepared his heart for the Good News of Christ, and he accepted God's gift of salvation. Denis now attends a local church and has joined Catherine and Helen as a community educator. "Though I am still weak," he said, "I will continue to testify about what God has done in my life."



**CARING BELIEVERS:** In Mozambique, Samaritan's Purse equips local churches with the resources necessary to reach out to the sick and suffering.



**HOPE FOR ALL NATIONS:** Through our field offices and ministry partners like Aileen Coleman in Jordan, Samaritan's Purse is sharing the light of Jesus Christ with people living in desperate circumstances.

THEN JESUS SPOKE TO THEM AGAIN, SAYING, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. HE WHO FOLLOWS ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS, BUT HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE." —JOHN 8:12 NKJV



## FROM THE FIELD: BOLIVIA

As a Samaritan's Purse team trekked across Bolivia's Andean highlands assessing the needs of remote villages, they came upon a 5-year-old boy named Joaquin living in a small hut hidden in the mountains.



Joaquin was chronically undernourished, weighed only 25 pounds, and suffered from severe bouts of diarrhea. Abandoned by his mother when he was a baby, he lived with his grandparents, who could afford to feed him only dried potatoes from their meager garden.

Our team promised to return with help for Joaquin and his grandparents. A few days later, the team set out from our base joined by two evangelists who knew the Aymara Indian language and could communicate with the family. The team spent nearly two hours trying to retrace their steps in the rugged terrain, praying to once again find the tiny mud house.

"When we found the family," said a member of our team, "we told them God had sent us specifically to tell them that He loves them and He loves Joaquin." After the evangelists shared about God's free gift of salvation, Joaquin's grandparents bowed their heads and prayed to receive forgiveness and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

The family was given food supplies, clothes for Joaquin, and blankets to help them through the winter. Through a partnership with a local preschool, Joaquin (*inset above*) now receives an education, along with daily hot meals from a Samaritan's Purse project that feeds more than 2,100 school children in the region (*photo below*). The local church is following up with the family to help them with physical and spiritual needs.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS IN THE AMERICAS

### BOLIVIA

- Helped launch a children's health project aimed at reducing malnutrition through maternal education and regular growth monitoring
- Worked in 15 communities providing nearly 5,500 adults and children with health care services
- Treated more than 19,000 head of livestock through a unique agricultural producer development project

### COSTA RICA

- Distributed relief kits to 250 families hurt by flooding and mudslides
- Mobilized five short-term teams of Canadians, totaling 104 people, to assist with various community development and outreach projects

### CUBA

- Provided relief, including rebuilding several damaged homes following devastating hurricanes

### ECUADOR

- Supported a project teaching agricultural skills to seminary students to prepare them for self-sufficiency when they begin serving as pastors
- Provided three video projector units for an evangelist dedicated to reaching every Ecuadoran province with the Gospel

### EL SALVADOR

- Worked with nearly 1,200 families to construct and install BioSand Waters Filters that drastically improved the quality of their water for household use

### HAITI

- Provided food and assistance with home repairs after this poverty-stricken nation was battered by four major storms

### HONDURAS

- Launched a three-year project through our Household Water Program that will provide access to safe water for 3,000 families

### NICARAGUA

- Supported feeding programs providing nutritious meals to more than 1,300 children in conjunction with Christian schools or churches
- Assisted with the construction or repair of two churches and three pastors' homes in rural communities
- Partnered with a local church to provide 200 prison inmates with mattresses and hygiene kits—25 inmates also accepted Jesus as their personal savior!



▲ **HONDURAS:** Our livestock projects are providing nutritious food and a means of earning a living in 44 communities across this poverty-stricken nation.

➤ **NICARAGUA:** Samaritan's Purse staff and volunteers helped construct or repair two churches and three pastors' homes in rural communities.





## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS IN AFRICA

### DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

- Distributed 2,000 hygiene kits, blankets, and heavy-duty plastic to victims of conflict
- Provided two large water filtration systems to provide clean water for thousands of displaced people

### EGYPT

- Supported an infant and child health and nutrition center serving Sudanese refugees
- Trained and equipped Christian leaders in 22 communities to reach out to their neighbors through practical projects to demonstrate the love of Christ

### ETHIOPIA

- Facilitated training for nearly 40 representatives from 19 African ministries that are compassionately offering freedom to people exploited by prostitution
- Provided up to 700 adults with literacy and basic math classes

### KENYA

- Helped establish a voluntary HIV counseling and testing centre as part of a local Nairobi church's outreach plan
- Worked with more than 3,200 families to build and install BioSand Water Filters

### LIBERIA

- Partnered with the World Food Program in a project that will provide 65,000 students with a meal each day during the 2008-2009 school year
- Supplied 25 young farmers with animal husbandry training and cattle to start their herds

### NAMIBIA

- Provided food through local churches to 700 orphans hurt by flooding in the region of Caprivi
- Funded the construction of a mobile medical trailer to be used in community medical outreaches

### NIGER

- Supported a microcredit project assisting women to set up small businesses to help generate income for their families
- Equipped 50 nomadic herding families with goats to begin re-establishing their herds and rebuilding their lives
- Expanded the Household Water Program to install 1,500 BioSand Water Filters for needy families over a two-year period

### SUDAN

- Celebrated the completion of skills upgrading for 11 Sudanese-Canadian physicians who are now practicing medicine across Southern Sudan

## FROM THE FIELD: LIBERIA

Life is very difficult for Kpoto Baysah. The 42-year-old Liberian is confined to a wheelchair in an area of the world where people with disabilities are often shunned and left to fend for themselves, in some of the worst slums in Africa.



Recently, the government of Liberia demolished the area where Kpoto and his family were living, in an attempt to reduce crime.

Thanks to one of our Liberian partners, Kpoto, his wife Janet, and their three children ended up in contact with Samaritan's Purse.

Samaritan's Purse had recently begun work on the Monrovia Disabled Housing Project, a program that helped build semi-permanent housing for people with disabilities.

As the disabled head of his household, Kpoto qualified for the program, giving his family its first chance at owning a real home. Kpoto was so excited and eager for his new home to be built that he worked alongside the construction staff, hauling water for his concrete floor and carrying construction materials.

Through his enthusiasm and work ethic, he also improved the perception many of the workers had about physically challenged people.

When the family moved in, Samaritan's Purse presented them with pots, bedding, and clothes to help them get started in their new home.

"*Ay God,*" said Kpoto in Liberian English, "thank you for Samaritan's Purse."



▲ **KENYA:** Responding to crop failure and continuing drought in the Turkana region, Samaritan's Purse established 29 feeding centers and provided special food supplements and medical care for severely malnourished children.

◀ **ETHIOPIA:** A woman displays the difference between untreated water and water cleaned with filtration kits supplied by Samaritan's Purse. We also trucked in more than half a million gallons of fresh water to villages in a drought-stricken area of the country.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS IN A S I A

### AFGHANISTAN

- Provided literacy classes, computer training, and vocational courses to dozens of women through a local women's center
- Continued construction of a women's and family park that will provide emotional healing as well as skills training in agriculture and hospitality

### CAMBODIA

- Trained pastors and Christian leaders in the prevention of sexual exploitation and trafficking of women and children
- Provided Christian education to 400 Vietnamese students
- Supported holistic HIV/AIDS ministries including prevention education for youth, and homecare services

### INDONESIA

- Launched a pilot project through our Household Water Program to drastically improve the health and water quality of 200 families in North Sumatra

### LAOS

- Helped young women exploited in prostitution to begin new lives through vocational training, spiritual counseling, and positive relationships
- Supported a residential rehabilitation program for young men struggling with substance abuse

### NEPAL

- Provided treatment for more than 150 severely malnourished children as well as training for their parents to improve family health
- Supported agricultural income generation training for women at risk of exploitation
- Trained nearly 200 people from across Asia in sustainable farming techniques

### PHILIPPINES

- Provided prenatal, delivery, and post-partum care to dozens of mothers through the only charity maternity center in Kalinga province

### VIETNAM

- Supplied bunk beds for 1,200 students living in dormitories while attending school in Vietnam's highland provinces
- Assisted with the construction of two kindergartens for minority pre-school aged children



▲ **CAMBODIA:** Samaritan's Purse teaches people in impoverished rural communities to grow vegetables, raise fish and chickens, and use natural fertilizers and pesticides.

◀ **SRI LANKA:** In response to the biblical mandate to care for widows, Samaritan's Purse provides vulnerable women with the means to start a small business, such as selling vegetables.

On September 28, 2007, Koe Choeng's life changed forever. That was the day she learned she had contracted HIV.

It was after Choeng's positive test that Samaritan's Purse came into contact with her. She spoke to our partner in Cambodia, a Christian organization that counseled her on talking with her husband and family about the disease.

After her husband and five children all tested positive, our partner continued to walk alongside the family, tending to their medical needs through volunteer caregivers who visited their home.

However, Choeng's health began to worsen, so staff arranged for her to get antiretroviral treatment, as well as care for the tuberculosis she had contracted.

While Choeng was in the hospital for TB treatments, her landlord evicted her and her family from their home, fearing Choeng would die there. Choeng's community caregiver heard of her plight and, after praying with the family for a home, a room became available through a local church. The family is now living in that room.

In 2008, Choeng and her family, filled with hope and joy from the compassionate care they had received, became followers of Jesus.

Samaritan's Purse and its local partner are fighting the battle using compassionate homecare, orphan care, prevention education, and by recruiting and training youths to teach their peers about the dangers of HIV/AIDS.







**KURDISTAN:** A new community center being constructed by Samaritan's Purse will be the hub of a Christian outreach to widows and orphans.

## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS IN **EUROPE** *and the* **MIDDLE EAST**



### JORDAN

- Supported a pastoral mentoring program as well as community outreach through addiction counseling

### LEBANON

- Provided food and medical care through the local church to needy families in Beirut
- Supported a Bible school that trains pastors and ministry workers from across the Middle East

### SERBIA

- Provided ongoing support for the holistic ministry of a local church; includes the Alpha course, humanitarian relief distributions, and hospice/home visitation ministry

▼ **LEBANON:** Samaritan's Purse worked through a local church to provide food and medical care to needy families in Beirut.





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## 2008 Independent Auditors' Report

### To the Members of The Samaritan's Purse - Canada

We have audited the statement of financial position of The Samaritan's Purse - Canada as at December 31, 2008 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an audit opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Samaritan's Purse - Canada as at December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

March 31, 2009

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Chartered Accountants

## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Cash		\$ 4,615,041	\$ 4,114,631
Short-term investments	5	7,882,269	8,133,624
Accounts receivable	6	258,883	247,004
Prepaid expenses		<u>173,765</u>	<u>126,991</u>
		12,929,958	12,622,250
<b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>7</b>	<u>6,012,006</u>	<u>6,062,729</u>
		<u>\$ 18,941,964</u>	<u>\$ 18,684,979</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6	\$ 707,483	\$ 486,993
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITY</b>	<b>8</b>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
		<u>737,483</u>	<u>516,993</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Unrestricted funds		2,659,303	1,867,718
Invested in property and equipment		6,012,006	6,062,729
Restricted	10	<u>9,533,172</u>	<u>10,237,539</u>
		<u>18,204,481</u>	<u>18,167,986</u>
		<u>\$18,941,964</u>	<u>\$ 18,684,979</u>



## Statement of Operations

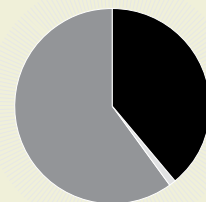
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008			2007 Total
	Unrestricted	Property and Equipment	Restricted	
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Contributions				
Cash	\$ 4,414,247	\$ -	\$ 12,721,292	\$ 17,135,539
Commodities	-	-	26,736,672	24,013,901
Investment income				
Realized	355,536	-	-	355,536
Unrealized gain	43,344	-	-	43,344
	<u>4,813,127</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,457,964</u>	<u>44,271,091</u>
				<u>42,207,615</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Ministry expenses, (Schedules)	150,841	-	35,355,139	35,505,980
Other missionary projects and supporting services	<u>1,517,922</u>	<u>207,993</u>	<u>2,541,318</u>	<u>4,267,233</u>
	1,668,763	207,993	37,896,457	36,581,935
Donor education	501,052	-	759,456	1,260,508
Fund raising	109,459	-	240,072	349,531
General and administrative Support for ministries	<u>1,672,280</u>	<u>207,993</u>	<u>886,065</u>	<u>2,766,338</u>
	<u>3,951,554</u>	<u>415,986</u>	<u>39,782,050</u>	<u>44,149,590</u>
				<u>40,616,255</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>\$ 861,573</u>	<u>\$ (415,986)</u>	<u>\$ ( 324,086)</u>	<u>\$ 121,501</u>
				<u>\$ 1,591,360</u>

## Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

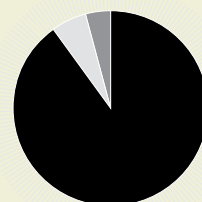
For the Year Ended December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	2008			2007 Total
	Unrestricted	Property and Equipment	Restricted	
Balance At Beginning Of Year	\$ 1,867,718	\$ 6,062,729	\$ 10,237,539	\$ 18,167,986
Change in accounting policy (Note 3)	( 85,006)	-	-	( 85,006)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	861,573	(415,986)	( 324,086)	121,501
Fund transfers for property and equipment	<u>15,018</u>	<u>365,263</u>	<u>( 380,281)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 2,659,303</u>	<u>\$ 6,012,006</u>	<u>\$ 9,533,172</u>	<u>\$ 18,167,986</u>



2008 Revenues

■ 39 % Contributions - Cash  
■ 60 % Contributions - Commodities  
■ 1 % Other



2008 Expenses

■ 90 % Ministry  
■ 4 % Donor Education/Fund Raising  
■ 6 % General/Administrative



# Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$ 121,501	\$ 1,591,360
Adjustments for		
Amortization	415,986	408,582
Change in accounting policy (Note 3)	( 85,006)	-
	<u>452,481</u>	<u>1,999,942</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	( 11,879)	1,394
Prepaid expenses	( 46,774)	185,932
Short-term investments	251,355	( 563,909)
Accounts payable	220,490	( 296,987)
	<u>413,192</u>	<u>( 673,570)</u>
	<u>865,673</u>	<u>1,326,372</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Cash repaid to related entity	-	(2,000,000)
Purchase of property and equipment	( 366,063)	( 314,368)
Proceeds on disposal of property and equipment	800	2,776
	<u>( 365,263)</u>	<u>(2,311,592)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH</b>	500,410	( 985,220)
Cash At Beginning Of Year	<u>4,114,631</u>	<u>5,099,851</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 4,615,041</u>	<u>\$ 4,114,631</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

## 1 NATURE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Samaritan's Purse - Canada ("the Organization"), incorporated under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act, is a non-profit Christian relief organization whose purpose is to aid in the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the utmost parts of the world, to serve the church of Jesus Christ in its total ministry, and to exemplify Christianity by acts and deeds patterned after the Good Samaritan (Luke 10). The Organization does this by meeting the physical needs of victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, and disease. The Organization distributes contributed commodities such as medical supplies and equipment in countries where there is need. The Organization is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and accordingly is exempt from income taxes.

## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Fund balances consist of:

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Represent amounts which are fully available, at the discretion of management and the Board of Directors, to the Organization to utilize in any of its projects or supporting services.

### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Represents the assets, liabilities and expenses related to the Organization's property and equipment.

### RESTRICTED FUNDS

Comprised of the funds described in Note 10. Contributions are restricted either by location or by program. The largest program, Operation Christmas Child, is a program that distributes gift boxes from contributors across Canada to children living in poverty in other countries.

### REVENUE RECOGNITION

Contributions of cash and commodities are recognized as revenue in the year they are received. Personal services contributed to the Organization are not recorded in the financial statements.

### INVESTMENTS

Investments are classified as held for trading and recorded at fair value. Fair value is determined by reference to published price quotations in an active market. The change in fair value is recorded in the Statement of Operations. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

### FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Current assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates in effect at the end of the year. Transactions during the year are translated at exchange rates in effect at the date of the transaction. Exchange gains and losses occurring from the date of the transaction to the date of payment are reflected in the statement of operations.

### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are the responsibility of management. These estimates and assumptions are subject to measurement uncertainty and actual results and financial position may differ from those reported in these financial statements.

### PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Contributed property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization of property and equipment is recorded using the straight line method over the following terms:

Building	40 years
Computer equipment and software	3 to 5 years
Office equipment	3 years
Office furniture	5 years
Automobiles	5 years
Project equipment	3 to 5 years



## Notes Continued

**3 CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICY**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Organization retroactively adopted, without restatement of prior periods, the following accounting standards issued by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA"): "Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement", "Hedges", and "Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation".

Under these new standards, all financial instruments are measured either at fair market value, or in limited circumstances, at amortized cost using the effective interest method, and classified into one of the following categories:

- (i) Financial assets and financial liabilities held for trading
- (ii) Held to maturity investments
- (iii) Loans and receivables
- (iv) Available for sale financial assets
- (v) Other financial liabilities

The Organization has classified: cash and short-term investments as held for trading, with changes in fair value recognized in the Statement of Operations; accounts receivable as loans and receivables which are measured at amortized cost; accounts payable and accrued liabilities and long-term debt as other financial liabilities which are measured at amortized cost.

On adoption of these standards, the Organization recognized a decrease of \$85,006 to fund balances related to restating short-term investments to fair value.

**4 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS****FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS – DISCLOSURE AND PRESENTATION**

The CICA announced in October 2008 that not-for-profit organizations may defer adoption of Section 3862, "Financial Instruments – Disclosure" and Section 3863, "Financial Instruments – Presentation" until fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 2008. This deferral was approved pending the outcome of forthcoming consultations on setting future standards for the not-for-profit sector. The Organization has chosen to defer the adoption of these sections and accordingly, the related standards are not reflected in these financial statements.

**DISCLOSURE OF ALLOCATED EXPENSES FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

The CICA has issued new section 4470 requiring not-for-profit organizations to disclose their policies for the allocation of general and administrative and fundraising expenses to other functions. Disclosure is to include the nature of the expenses being allocated, the basis on which the allocations have been made and the functions to which they have been allocated. The new standards are applicable for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. The adoption of the new standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Organization's financial statements.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION BY NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Recent amendments to Section 4400, "Financial Statement Presentation by Not-for-Profit Organizations", will modify the requirements with respect to various elements of financial statement presentation. The new standard applies to financial statements for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2009. The adoption of the new standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Organization's financial statements.

**5 INVESTMENTS**

	2008		2007	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
Government and Corporate Bonds	\$ 7,846,534	\$ 7,804,706	\$ 8,006,667	\$ 7,921,896
Canadian Equities	3,083	3,249	106,948	106,713
Cash	<u>74,314</u>	<u>74,314</u>	<u>20,009</u>	<u>20,009</u>
	<u>\$ 7,923,931</u>	<u>\$ 7,882,269</u>	<u>\$ 8,133,624</u>	<u>\$ 8,048,618</u>

Government and Corporate Bonds have effective interest rates ranging from 1.09% to 5.69% and mature between 2009 and 2018.

**6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Samaritan's Purse – Canada, Samaritan's Purse Inc., and Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada ("BGEA – Canada") are considered to be related parties. Each of these organizations share common directors, common joint project activities and a close working relationship.

Included in accounts receivable, as at December 31, 2008, are amounts receivable from BGEA – Canada of \$18,491 (2007 - \$15,652) and from Samaritan's Purse Inc. of \$1,911 (2007 - \$1,410). Included in accounts payable, as at December 31, 2008, is an amount payable to Samaritan's Purse Inc. of \$12,160 (2007 - \$1,015). These operating amounts are subject to normal trade terms and are included in the respective accounts receivable and accounts payable balances.

**7 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	2008		2007	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	\$ 1,491,237	\$ -	\$ 1,491,237	\$ 1,493,580
Building	4,612,745	515,386	4,097,359	4,008,157
Computer equipment and software	951,549	796,297	155,252	189,583
Office furniture and equipment	839,394	618,284	221,110	282,470
Automobiles	69,417	52,700	16,717	30,603
Project equipment	<u>212,419</u>	<u>182,088</u>	<u>30,331</u>	<u>58,336</u>
	<u>\$ 8,176,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,164,755</u>	<u>\$ 6,012,006</u>	<u>\$ 6,062,729</u>

During the year, amortization in the amount of \$415,986 (2007 - \$408,582) was charged to operations.

**8 LONG-TERM LIABILITY**

The promissory note payable is unsecured, non-interest bearing and is due at maturity on March 1, 2014.

**9 RETIREMENT PLAN**

Contributions by The Samaritan's Purse – Canada toward employee registered retirement savings plans vary from 7% to 8.75% of eligible gross salaries depending on employee eligibility and participation in the plan.

**10 RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE**

The restricted fund balance consists of the following restricted contributions:

	2008	2007
Operation Christmas Child	\$ 5,792,078	\$ 5,188,541
Water projects	958,591	1,647,085
General	869,390	763,558
Children – food and medicine	346,766	377,360
Nepal	214,142	40,888
Central and South America	187,168	303,644
Nicaragua	164,842	151,423
Indonesia	133,833	244,040
Middle East	124,377	145,584
Africa	104,333	317,195
World Medical Mission	98,542	41,875
Sudan	85,395	223,014
Thailand	74,364	54,393
Mexico	73,519	166,581
Myanmar	67,654	-
Asia	47,880	146,378
Ethiopia	34,884	51,415
Cambodia	34,314	87,328
SP Canada Building Fund	33,324	33,024
Uganda	27,552	43,033
South Asia Tsunami Relief	25,807	53,134
Europe	13,864	17,962
North America	13,470	12,247
Angola	<u>7,083</u>	<u>127,837</u>
	<u>\$ 9,533,172</u>	<u>\$ 10,237,539</u>

**11 GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS**

Restricted contributions include federal government contributions of \$172,410, (2007 - \$218,562) from the Canadian International Development Agency.

**12 STATUTORY DISCLOSURE**

The Charitable Fundraising Act and Regulation of Alberta requires the disclosure of fundraising remuneration. During 2008, \$116,000 (2007, \$80,000) was paid as remuneration to employees whose principle duties involved fundraising.

**13 CAPITAL DISCLOSURES**

The Organization defines its capital as the amounts included in its Fund Balances. The Organization's objectives in managing its capital are preservation of capital and sufficient liquidity to meet project and operating payments. A portion of the Organization's capital is funds restricted by location or by program which requires the Organization to meet certain requirements in order to utilize its externally Restricted Fund Balances. The Organization has internal control processes to ensure that the restrictions are met prior to the utilization of these resources and has been in compliance with these restrictions throughout the year.

The Organization manages components of its capital in accordance with an investment policy approved by the Board of Directors. The policy is reviewed annually to assess risk and performance, and to make adjustments as required in light of changes in economic conditions, organizational environment, and legal considerations.



## Schedule of Ministry Expenses by Type of Activity

December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Water and Sanitation	\$ 2,224,193	\$ 1,084,381
Mission Teams	1,010,662	995,798
Emergency Response	627,325	679,458
Children - Care and Support	617,001	1,359,194
Medical Training and Infrastructure	416,662	801,937
Church and Community Mobilization	389,715	824,104
Evangelism and Discipleship	333,001	274,886
Livelihood Training and Support	316,562	481,804
Education and Literacy	247,833	*
Assistance for Women	210,490	*
Agriculture Projects	185,646	281,582
HIV/AIDS and Other Disease Projects	166,486	*
Livestock Projects	123,305	*
Compassionate Assistance	21,635	10,882
Other Projects	14,851	10,000
	<u>6,905,367</u>	<u>6,804,026</u>
World Medical Mission	92,049	98,757
Operation Christmas Child	<u>28,508,564</u>	<u>25,579,786</u>
	<u>\$ 35,505,980</u>	<u>\$ 32,482,569</u>

\* Some additional categories have been added in 2008. In 2007 Education and Literacy expenditures were included within Children – Care and Support; Assistance for Women expenditures were included within Livelihood Training and Support; HIV/AIDS expenditures were included within Medical Training and Infrastructure; and Livestock Projects were included within Agriculture Projects.

## Schedule of Ministry Expenses by Location

December 31, 2008 (with comparative totals for 2007)

	<u>2008</u>				<u>2007</u>
	<u>Undesignated</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Commodities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Afghanistan	\$ 22,540	\$ 85,340	\$ -	\$ 107,880	\$ 121,598
Africa	12,538	164,234	-	176,772	95,793
Angola	-	146,794	-	146,794	198,992
Argentina	-	18,445	-	18,445	194,391
Asia	43,810	79,302	-	123,112	217,229
Bolivia	-	209,643	-	209,643	60,253
Brazil	-	158,643	-	158,643	264,080
Cambodia	-	1,028,486	-	1,028,486	612,838
Chile	-	41,839	-	41,839	159,092
China	19,343	151,466	-	170,809	26,161
Costa Rica	4,800	329,569	-	334,369	106,472
Egypt	-	145,326	-	145,326	153,957
El Salvador	3,683	148,205	-	151,888	107,843
Ethiopia	-	181,815	-	181,815	283,443
Europe	-	44,202	-	44,202	76,114
General	-	79,571	-	79,571	80,099
India	-	47,790	-	47,790	148,928
Indonesia	-	271,536	-	271,536	427,332
Kenya	-	353,421	-	353,421	268,974
Latin America	-	288,169	-	288,169	76,912
Lebanon	-	16,781	-	16,781	151,482
Liberia	4,260	131,812	-	136,072	61,478
Malawi	-	5,006	-	5,006	81,767
Mali	-	74,532	-	74,532	97,079
Mexico	-	364,807	-	364,807	438,764
Middle East	-	11,567	-	11,567	41,468
Myanmar	-	187,128	-	187,128	31,397
Nepal	-	115,310	-	115,310	161,825
Nicaragua	-	466,516	-	466,516	614,605
Niger	-	76,558	-	76,558	23,678
North America	25,867	38,163	389,371	453,401	441,014
Paraguay	-	151,147	-	151,147	52,841
Peru	-	156,134	-	156,134	155,308
South Africa	-	127,032	-	127,032	236,436
Sudan	-	429,504	-	429,504	378,730
Thailand	14,000	91,365	-	105,365	96,266
Uganda	-	145,313	-	145,313	73,923
Vietnam	-	192,055	-	192,055	189,764
	<u>150,841</u>	<u>6,754,526</u>	<u>389,371</u>	<u>7,294,738</u>	<u>7,088,326</u>
World Medical Mission	-	92,049	-	92,049	98,757
Operation Christmas Child	-	1,771,892	26,347,301	28,119,193	25,375,486
	<u>\$ 150,841</u>	<u>\$ 8,618,467</u>	<u>\$ 26,736,672</u>	<u>\$ 35,505,980</u>	<u>\$ 32,482,569</u>



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