

Samaritan's Purse 2009 Ministry Report



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COVER PHOTO: Rebuilding the war-scarred chapel at African Bible College in Liberia.

A Message from Franklin Graham

In the first two months of 2010, Haiti and Chile were brought to their knees by earthquakes that rank among the worst in history in terms of deaths and intensity.

By comparison, 2009 was a relatively quiet year for disasters. We thank God that no hurricanes hit North America, and the major storms and earthquakes around the world took fewer lives than in previous years.

The ministry of Samaritan's Purse is not limited to disasters, however. Nor is the generosity of God's people limited by economic doldrums. In fact, 2009 was one of our busiest years. Thanks to the faithful support and prayers of people like you, we were able to work in over 120 countries last year, touching millions of lives with practical help and the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We praise God for the many ways He answered prayers and used our projects to spread the Gospel. For example, Operation Christmas Child set a record with 8.2 million shoe box gifts and launched a dynamic new follow-up program to invite children to follow Jesus. World Medical Mission nearly doubled the number of young doctors serving overseas in the Post-Residency Program, which not only saves lives but also is designed to raise up a new generation of medical missionaries.

Around the globe, Samaritan's Purse provided vital water, food, or medical care to hundreds of thousands of people suffering because of poverty, disease, or conflict. God enabled us to build facilities for nearly 200 churches on four continents, and He gave us favor in unchurched places like Darfur and North Korea to be ambassadors for Christ.

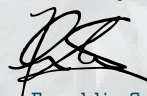
Through all of that, God prepared us for an unprecedented response to the Jan. 12 earthquake in Haiti. Samaritan's Purse chartered a procession of ships and planes to set up a lifeline for desperately needed supplies and equipment. We deployed a small army of emergency workers ranging from doctors to bulldozer operators to chaplains. Just like the Good Samaritan in Jesus' parable, we went out of our way to help survivors that others might have neglected.

The Bible tells us in Matthew 24 that widespread earthquakes are a sure sign—along with wars, famines, persecution, hatred, false prophets, and increased wickedness—that Jesus Christ will soon return. All around us, we see the signs. The needs are great. Our work is urgent. The time for evangelism is short.

However, Good News is dawning. *"He who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come"* (Matthew 24:13b-14).

Thank you for standing firm with Samaritan's Purse as we work to reach a dying world with the message of eternal life in Jesus Christ. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham

International President



ISLAND OF DESPAIR:
Franklin Graham
inspects the scope of
the devastation in Haiti.



UNSHAKABLE HOPE FOR VICTIMS OF HAITI'S EARTHQUAKE

HELP ARRIVES: Samaritan's Purse airlifted more than 125 tons of emergency supplies—including medicines, water filters, tarps, and these bundles of blankets—into Haiti in the weeks following the earthquake.

*When the earth and all its people quake,
it is I who hold its pillars firm.*

—PSALM 75:3, NIV

Hope for Victims of Haiti's Earthquake

The afternoon of Tuesday, January 12, 2010, seemed no different than any other day in the noisy streets of Port-au-Prince. Then, without warning, came the deadliest earthquake in the history of the Western Hemisphere.

In less than 40 terrifying seconds, the capital city of Haiti was reduced to ruins. Hotels, hospitals, orphanages, shantytowns, and even the presidential palace collapsed. More than 230,000 people—perhaps one-tenth of the city's population—were dead or dying.

For 1.5 million who were left homeless, the nightmare was only beginning. They desperately needed food, water, shelter, and medical care. But in an impoverished country with a crippled government, where could they turn for help?

For many Haitians, help came in the Name of Jesus Christ through Samaritan's Purse.

Our teams have provided food, clean water, shelter, medical care, and other emergency aid to nearly half a million people, and cleared tons of rubble from streets and building sites. Caring for the injured and sick was a major area of ministry, and medical personnel serving with Samaritan's Purse helped to treat thousands of

patients at the Baptist Haiti Mission and a church clinic we reopened.

The immense scale of the disaster demanded the most massive relief effort in our 40-year history. "I have been responding to disasters for more than two decades, and this is the most complex emergency I have ever seen," said Ken Isaacs, Vice President of Programs and Government Relations at Samaritan's Purse. "Haiti was in a desperate situation before the earthquake. Now the suffering has increased a hundredfold."

Day by day, however, our relief workers and ministry partners saw God answer the prayers of His people in remarkable ways:

- Despite the bottleneck at the international airport, Samaritan's Purse was able to land 35 chartered flights, starting the day after the earthquake. In addition to emergency supplies and other cargo, more than 300 emergency workers, doctors, and chaplains were flown to Haiti in the first two months after the disaster. The flights have continued since then.
- Damage at the airport and public docks in Port-au-Prince made it difficult to get large quantities

Helping a Widow in Distress

Michou and her husband lived with their three children among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Cite Soleil. Michou made a few pennies from collecting water at the local well and selling it in the community. Her husband made money when he could, working odd jobs. As it was, they barely survived.

The earthquake changed everything. In less than a minute, their two-room home was in ruins.

"My husband was standing right there, talking to a neighbor," Michou said, pointing to a pile of rubble just a few feet away [pictured]. "Our neighbor ran, but the wall fell on my husband."

Michou barely had time to scream as she rushed her children out onto the street. When the rumbling stopped, neighbors went back into the crumbled homes to search for survivors, but Michou's husband was already dead.

Like thousands of others, Michou buried her grief as she struggled to make a shelter for her children out of old sheets and

clothing. But the nights were damp, and her children were cold.

People heard rumors that help from the government was coming, but the first to respond were people from the neighborhood church, distributing blankets, hygiene kits, and weather-resistant blue tarps provided by Samaritan's Purse.

"That's where we are living now," Michou said, pointing toward a group of shelters covered in blue plastic. "The things we got from Samaritan's Purse help a lot."

It will take years to rebuild Haiti and a lifetime to heal emotional wounds. Samaritan's Purse will continue to offer comfort and hope in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Michou admits that she and her children went to church only occasionally before the earthquake, but the tragedy has drawn them closer to God. "I realize that following the Lord is my only path," she said. "We are praying and seeking Him."



STARTING OVER: Left homeless and heartbroken by the earthquake, this mother and child now live in a village of sturdy transitional shelters built by Samaritan's Purse.

of emergency aid onto the island, but Samaritan's Purse was able to locate a private pier to bring in much-needed supplies. The cargo ship we chartered made four trips from Florida loaded with heavy equipment, vehicles, relief items, and hundreds of tons of construction materials.

- When we were asked to feed hungry families at Cite Soleil—a sprawling slum considered one of the most dangerous places on earth—we distributed food staples to 350,000 people. Working with national partners, our teams also provided blankets, shelter materials, hygiene kits, and other aid.

Through this compassionate outreach to suffering Haitians, God has provided Christian workers with many opportunities to share the unshakable hope of the Gospel. Local ministry partners report that church services are full to overflowing and great numbers of people are turning to Jesus Christ. "Hearts are wide open to be reached with the Gospel," said Pastor Leon Dorleans. "God will bless Samaritan's Purse for what you are doing."

Dr. Richard Furman, a member of the Samaritan's Purse board of directors, was among 90 medical

volunteers we sent to Haiti in the first two months after the quake. "We came to Haiti not just to extend people's physical lives, but to point the way to eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ," he said.

As the tropical storm season arrives in the Caribbean, the need for temporary shelter is critical. Samaritan's Purse has begun building thousands of sturdy shelters where families can live while reconstruction begins.

Even before the earthquake hit, Haiti was the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere. It will take years to rebuild Port-au-Prince and other towns that were flattened by the quake, and the people will need ongoing assistance in order to survive. Samaritan's Purse is preparing to work in Haiti for at least two years.

"These people had very little to begin with, and now many of them have absolutely nothing," said Samaritan's Purse International President Franklin Graham. "I want the people of Haiti to know that God has not forgotten them, He loves them, and He cares for them. We want to do all we can to help them, and do it in the Name of Jesus Christ."



HELPING IN JESUS' NAME WHEN
DISASTERS STRIKE

ESCAPE ROUTE: Typhoon Ketsana caused the worst flooding in decades in the Philippines, forcing hundreds of thousands to flee their homes. Samaritan's Purse worked in partnership with 100 churches who helped 80,000 people and led hundreds to faith in Christ.

Have no fear of sudden disaster ... for the Lord will be your confidence
and will keep your foot from being snared.

- PROVERBS 3:25-26, NIV

Meeting Emergency Needs in Jesus' Name

Samaritan's Purse specializes in responding quickly and efficiently to emergency situations around the world. Our global network of partners, Samaritan's Purse offices, and disaster assistance response teams can be mobilized within hours.

Early in 2009, an earthquake shook central Costa Rica and devastated isolated mountain communities. Working through a local Operation Christmas Child partner, Samaritan's Purse provided 400 families with desperately needed supplies including food and hygiene kits that helped prevent the spread of disease following this disaster.

In October, we again worked with Christian partners to meet the needs of families whose homes and livelihoods had been destroyed—this time by hurricanes and flooding in Nicaragua. Thousands of people lost personal possessions, sustained damage to their homes, and had their crops washed away. In response, more than 600 families received blankets, food parcels, drinking water, clothing, or other assistance through the efforts of Samaritan's Purse.

"We prayed that the Lord would be our guide," said one partner as he recalled the journey from Managua to the communities of Pearl Lagoon along the nation's Atlantic Coast.

The relief supplies were gratefully received by community members—some who traveled for four hours by horse or even longer by foot to reach the distribution sites from communities inaccessible by vehicle. In the community of Cuatro de Mayo, the hurricane completely destroyed most of the crops which provide food and income for local families. They are praying and trusting that next year's harvest will be better and one community leader shared that "God is beginning to answer this prayer."

"How beautiful it is to be a vehicle of God's blessing," shared our partner. "What a privilege to meet our brothers and sisters and share with them about Jesus and to be able to distribute baskets of food, clothing, and New Testaments."

In the fall of 2009, Samaritan's Purse was called upon to provide relief to victims of three devastating



SWING LOW: A helicopter drops tons of emergency supplies from Samaritan's Purse into an isolated village in Indonesia, where we helped earthquake survivors.

Delivered from the Flood

When Typhoon Ketsana plowed through the Philippines' capital city of Manila, it brought floodwaters up to 25 feet deep in some places. Many families quickly scrambled to their roofs to avoid drowning.

"I had to carry my baby and hold my other son's hand," said Marita, a flood survivor whose home was inundated with filthy water and debris. "I was very scared that one of them would fall out of my hands."

Marita's husband could not reach her, so she and her children were trapped for more than a day with no food or water. When they were finally rescued by someone with a boat, they were hungry and dehydrated.

"My children were crying, and I could not give them what they needed," said Marita. "I tried to be strong for them, but it was very hard."

The young mother said she silently prayed for the Lord to help her. "I did not know much about God," she said. "My neighbor talked about Him a lot, but I did not pay attention to her. When the water came, I wished I had listened more."

Marita and her children were taken to a school where she was greeted by a Samaritan's Purse team and our local church partners (pictured). They were given food, clean water, and a safe place to sleep until they could be reunited with Marita's husband. More than that, one of our Filipino Christian volunteers shared the Gospel with her and prayed for her children.

"I wanted to become a Christian too," said Marita. "When I asked Jesus into my heart, I felt calm like I never had in the past. I'm glad that I can now tell my children about Him, so they never have to feel lost and scared like I did."

natural disasters—a tsunami in Samoa, earthquakes in Indonesia, and typhoons in Southeast Asia.

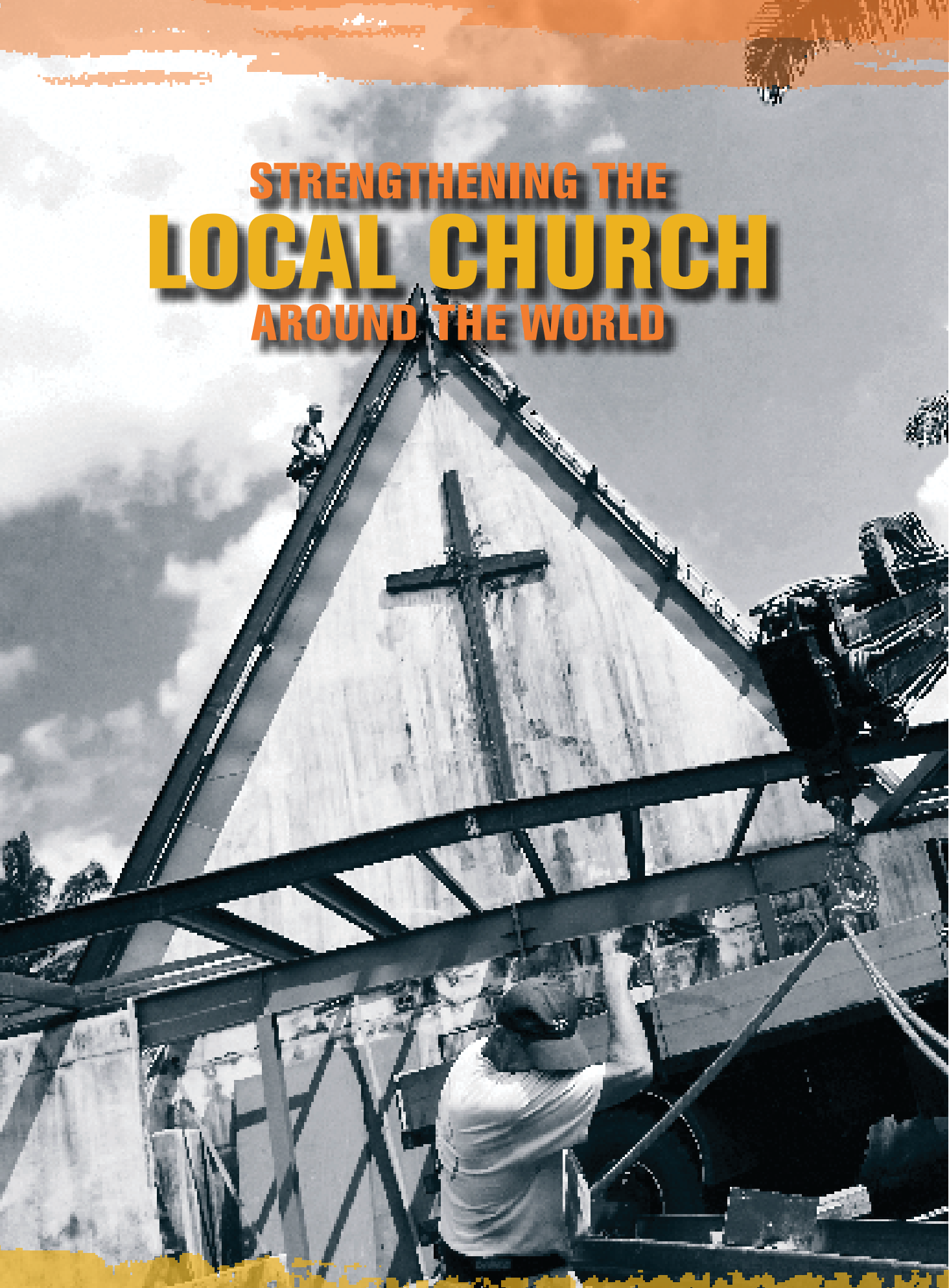
On September 29, a tsunami swept across the Pacific island of Samoa, leaving thousands of people without shelter, clean water, food, and other basic necessities. Samaritan's Purse immediately began flying supplies into the country, including temporary shelter materials and water purification packets. Working hand-in-hand with local believers, we were able to distribute these supplies as well as mosquito nets, hygiene items, blankets, and kitchen kits to families in 14 villages.

The next day, the city of Padang, Indonesia, was rocked by a powerful earthquake, followed by another tremor just hours later. The damage spread for miles, and over 1,000 people lost their lives. We supported our local Christian partner as they immediately responded, and a Samaritan's Purse team arrived within 48 hours. Our assistance included large-scale water filters and materials for more than 1,000 temporary

shelters. Using a helicopter provided by the U.S. military, our team reached a remote, hard-hit area, where we provided tons of food and tool kits to help families rebuild their homes.

Between September 26 and October 3, two powerful typhoons caused massive flooding and landslides in the Philippines. This was the worst disaster in decades in the capital city of Manila. Thousands of people saw their homes filled with several feet of water and thick mud. Our staff worked with believers from some 100 churches to provide food for more than 80,000 people. We also brought tools for rebuilding, hygiene items, and other relief supplies to thousands, and volunteers helped remove mud and debris from houses in remote fishing villages along the coast. Our local church partners were able to share the Gospel everywhere we worked, and they reported that hundreds of people received the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

STRENGTHENING THE LOCAL CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD



GOING THE EXTRA MILE: Joel Corley (foreground) and his father John prepare to hoist a piece of steel onto the chapel at the Liberia campus of African Bible College.

Building Up Local Churches for the Work of the Gospel

Hundreds of worshipers gathered for the first service in the new church in the village of Lire, South Sudan. They danced, clapped, and sang along as choirs led the congregation in hymns of praise. They listened intently as church leaders shared messages of hope and encouragement.

On this joyous occasion, perhaps no one felt the emotion of the day more than Yosepa Petir. Pastor Petir's church was one of hundreds that were destroyed when Sudan's bloody civil war spread into the region.

Pastor Petir was preaching in a neighboring village when government troops attacked Lire. He rushed back to find his home in flames and his wife and children dead. "The soldiers came and killed without warning," he said.

The pastor buried his family and escaped into the rugged bush country with other survivors. In exile, he called believers together for worship and prayer.

This same pattern of events was repeated in village after village throughout South Sudan. Soldiers attacked, killing civilians and burning churches. Christians fled from the violence and persecution, and faithful remnants met in secret in the bush.

The conflict came to an end when the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005 brought an uneasy peace to the nation. That same year, Samaritan's Purse began a project to rebuild churches that had been destroyed during Sudan's years of war.

The new sanctuary in Lire was among 130 churches completed in 2009, and one of 362 constructed since the start of the program in 2005.

Throughout South Sudan, burned-out buildings have been replaced by vibrant houses of worship where ministry and discipleship take place. The new churches stand as symbols of God's faithfulness to the survivors of the nation's troubled past, as well as signs of hope for younger generations.

The Sudan project is just one way that Samaritan's Purse is helping to strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ around the world. We are working with Christian leaders in developing countries like Cambodia, Egypt, and Nicaragua to identify the greatest needs in their communities and equip the local church to implement grass roots projects that share God's love in very practical ways in areas such as health and nutrition, education, and livelihood projects.

In China, local communities identified housing reconstruction and access to clean water as primary needs. Through work on these projects, our Christian partner has built strong relationships with community leaders and government officials and has been asked to expand these development efforts to neighboring communities.



HOUSE OF WORSHIP: In South Sudan, Franklin Graham meets with church leader Hilary Luete Adeba at Sanza Asiri Church, whose name means, "You are healed" in the Bari language.

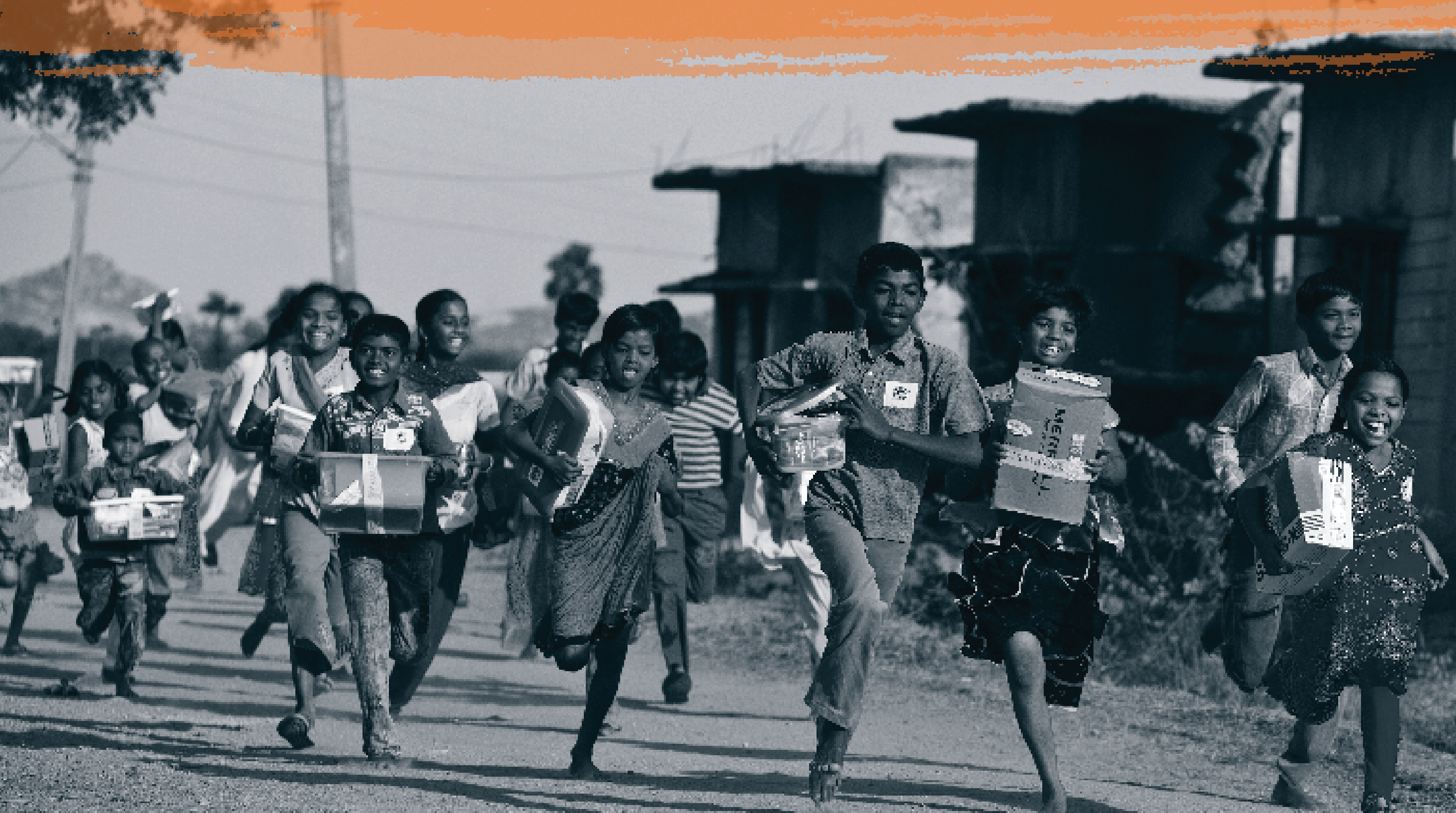
Across the globe another Christian partner is working in rural communities in Mali. They are using every opportunity to incorporate Bible stories and lessons with practical teaching on raising goats, the establishment of a grain bank, and micro-business training for local women.

Whether Samaritan's Purse is building churches, training pastors, or equipping church leaders, all of our efforts are designed to carry out God's call to reach as many people as possible with the life-changing message of the Gospel.

"We are living in the most serious times in my lifetime," said Samaritan's Purse International President Franklin Graham. "We can focus on many things, good things, but at the core of everything we do is the proclamation of the Gospel. There is power in proclaiming the blood of Jesus Christ, in calling people to repentance, in preaching Jesus Christ crucified, buried, and risen from the grave!"

*So the churches were strengthened in the faith
and grew daily in numbers.*

- ACTS 16:5, NIV



BRINGING JOY & HOPE TO HURTING CHILDREN

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

JOY OVERFLOWS: Children in India dash home with shoe box gifts they received from Operation Christmas Child. We have handed out over 6.6 million shoe box gifts in India—more than in any other country—and our church partners report that over 350,000 children made decisions for Christ in the past year.

*In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that
any one of these little ones should be lost.*

—MATTHEW 18:14, NIV

Operation Christmas Child

As a child growing up in communist Romania, the best Christmas gift Sorina could hope for was an orange or a banana. Her father was battling cancer, and her mother provided for the family as best she could by working as a cafeteria administrator.

In the early 1990s, Sorina and her brother were invited to attend an Operation Christmas Child program at a Baptist church in their community. Eleven-year-old Sorina and her 8-year-old brother Bobby knew about God, but they had never heard the story of the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

The speaker explained that Jesus is God's gift to the world. The program concluded with the handing out of brightly wrapped shoe boxes to each child.

For Sorina and Operation Christmas Child, the world would never be the same again. Of the 149 countries where shoe box gifts have been handed out, Romania was the very first. Of the 77 million shoe box gifts that have been collected, Sorina was holding one of the first few thousand.

To this day, she still has the knit hat, scarf, and gloves that she found inside her box. "I was really glad to receive a gift like no other I had ever gotten before that had pretty paper and all the goodies," said Sorina.

"It was a special gift because it was Christmas, and I think it made it easier for me to later receive in my heart the message associated with the gift."

Sorina, Bobby, and their mother began attending services at the small church. Men from the congregation visited Sorina's father and shared the Gospel with him.

As her father's health continued to decline, Sorina was deeply touched by the outpouring of emotional and financial support. Two years later, the same church that had brought joy through shoe boxes would now offer much-needed comfort to the family when her father passed away.

Sorina's mother received Jesus Christ as her Savior shortly thereafter. In 1997 at a church camp, Sorina committed her heart to Christ, and three years later, her brother did the same.

"I gradually came to understand the full message of the Gospel in the years after the shoe box was given to me," Sorina said. "God used that event to bring me to church at a young age, and that has changed my life forever."

Receiving a shoe box gift at the age of 11 was just the beginning of Sorina's deeply-rooted connection with



CHRISTMAS IN IRAQ: Girls wearing traditional Kurdish attire receive Christmas gifts at their village in northern Iraq.

Children Take "The Greatest Journey"

Isaac Badillo feels honored to be among the first groups of students in Mexico to join in "The Greatest Journey"—the voluntary discipleship program used as a follow-up to Operation Christmas Child.

A 13-year-old from Veracruz, Isaac studied hard to complete the 12-lesson Bible study course at his family's church and took part in the graduation ceremony. That gave him a whole different perspective on the children who receive shoe box gifts.

"One of the best things I've learned is to share Christ's love with others," Isaac said. "I was convicted in my heart as I saw so many kids receive shoe boxes. The items in the boxes are very needed for them, but more important is their need for Jesus."

The Greatest Journey is offered by local churches and ministry partners in communities where shoe box gifts have been delivered. After being offered Gospel storybooks, children are given the opportunity to study Bible lessons written primarily for ages 8 to 14 (pictured). Step by step, students learn how much God loves them, what it means to follow Jesus Christ, and how to share the Good News with family and friends.

Isaac was thrilled to receive his very own New Testament and a personalized certificate at the graduation ceremony. Now he can discover much more about God's Word and apply what he learns to his daily life.

"I'm not a perfect kid," Isaac said, "but I'm doing my best everyday to improve my spiritual life and be more like Jesus."

Operation Christmas Child. In 2001, she helped arrange for the distribution of boxes to 100 underprivileged kids at the Christian school in Romania where she was teaching English.

Sorina moved to the United States in 2005 to attend graduate school at the University of Tennessee. Through another divine appointment, she became friends with a fellow student who later joined the Operation Christmas Child staff at Samaritan's Purse.

Today Sorina enjoys telling her unique story as a volunteer spokesperson for Operation Christmas Child. She and her husband reside in North Carolina, where she also oversees shoe box collections.

From Romania to Senegal to El Salvador, the hearts of hurting boys and girls around the world are being transformed through simple gift-filled shoe boxes. Nearly 8.2 million boxes—the most ever—were collected in 2009 and distributed to children in more than 100 worldwide countries.

Operation Christmas Child continued to gain momentum in 2009, as Spain and Hong Kong joined the list of 13 countries that send gifts. In Canada, the generosity of Operation Christmas Child donors defied the lingering economic downturn.

For many of the children who receive these prized gifts, the blessing does not end with the school supplies,

toys, and candies. Through the ministry of churches and others who hand out the shoe boxes, children like Sorina hear the Good News of Christ for the very first time, and many of them come to faith in Jesus.

This is accomplished through a program now known as "The Greatest Journey."

As they receive their shoe box gifts, when culturally appropriate, children are offered a booklet called "The Greatest Gift of All" that introduces the story of Jesus in their own language. Soon afterwards, local churches invite the children to participate in a voluntary follow-up discipleship program specially developed by Samaritan's Purse. As children complete the lessons, many receive their own copy of the New Testament from Samaritan's Purse.

The Greatest Journey is being launched in 21 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2010 with plans to use it in some 70 countries over the next four years.

"My friend invited me to come to a Bible class. I never knew about Jesus before," said 10-year-old Ricky from Madagascar. "I took part in the club, and I enjoyed the songs and the lessons. Now I love Jesus so much."



TURN ON THE TAP

FOR SAFE ACCESSIBLE WATER IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple...
he will certainly not lose his reward.

-MATTHEW 10:42, NIV

Turn on the Tap

The facts around water in the developing world are staggering.

The daily reality for 884 million people is that the water they are forced to drink will give them diarrheal diseases, such as typhoid, dysentery, and cholera. Every day 3,800 children die of these diseases, one child every 20 seconds.

There is hope for people in the developing world who are forced to drink contaminated water—the BioSand Water Filter.

Through the Household Water Program, Samaritan's Purse has installed BioSand Water Filters in tens of thousands of homes throughout the developing world since 1998. This simple concrete filter uses slow sand filtration to remove the harmful organisms that pass on water-borne diseases, and it also removes particles and organic matter to give recipients clear, safe water to drink, clean, and bathe with.

"My doctor was stunned when I brought my family for checkups this year," says Ana Ruth Lopez

of Costa del Sol, El Salvador. "He had treated us for intestinal parasites for years. This year we had none. When he asked how this was possible, I told him about the BioSand Water Filter. He couldn't believe the difference."

Lopez is such a believer in the filter that she shares her filter with two neighboring families who are still waiting to receive their own filters.

Samaritan's Purse has partnered with more than 115,000 families over the past 11 years, and we are within sight of helping one million people live free from water-borne disease. Through our successful Turn on the Tap initiative, we are now certain to reach our goal of 135,000 filters installed in the coming months.

Even with our initial goal met, Turn on the Tap will continue because the need for safe water continues.

Doung Khorn, and her family of nine were one family who needed safe water, in Bott Koki Chas, Cambodia. They faced a constant stream of water-related diseases—diarrhea, dysentery, scabies, and



SHARING THE LIVING WATER: Installing water filters in homes provides many opportunities to share with families the Living Water—Jesus Christ.

Preventing Deadly Disease

Mama Anne Sifuna has been on the frontlines of community health in Kenya for the last 10 years.

As a community health worker, Mama Anne has many diverse responsibilities. She makes sure that HIV/AIDS patients are taking anti-retroviral drugs, she ensures that children are immunized and that pregnant mothers visit antenatal clinics. She also reports any outbreak of disease to health officials.

A severe drought has ravaged Kenya for the last two years. Water sources across Kenya are dried up or remain as small muddy pools. People have been forced to drink this water and there have been outbreaks of cholera, a severe bacterial infection transmitted through unclean drinking water.

Mama Anne worried about 'her communities' and began to check them more regularly, hoping to catch any cholera cases as soon as possible. In most communities she found several cases of cholera, but in one community, in Samburu division, there was not a single case. Mama Anne waited a few days and checked again. There were still no cases of cholera.

Mama Anne investigated why this community was able to stay cholera free, when every other community around it had several cases. In this one community, Samaritan's Purse had installed BioSand Water Filters. Every household had a filter and a latrine, which also aids in stopping cholera outbreaks.

"The filters have really helped us in our area to reduce water borne diseases," Mama Anne said. "We thank God that there is no cholera in Samburu division. Filtered water is clean, safe and has a good taste."

typhoid—from drinking unclean well water. Doung had to spend about 10,000 Riel (CAD \$2.50) anytime a family member came down with a sickness, a significant portion of the family income.

"I was not only wasting money on medicine, but I was losing time that I could work as well when someone in the family got sick," Doung said. "Now I am not worried about anyone getting sick, because we can use the filtered water for all of our needs."

The BioSand Water Filter is an important aspect of the Household Water Program and our Turn on the Tap initiative, but equally important is our health and hygiene education that is taught to families who receive a filter. This training teaches the importance of hand washing with soap, using latrines, and other important hygiene techniques.

The ultimate significance of Turn on the Tap is the

spiritual aspect. The BioSand Water Filter provides an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with recipients.

In Honduras, after an exhausting day of installing filters, one of the team members had the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus with the family. When asked by the family why they had received this wonderful gift, Rene—the installer—explained that it was because the team members were followers of Christ and this was what He had commanded them to do. After hearing this testimony, all five members of the family accepted Jesus as their Savior that day.

The entire law is summed up in a single command:
"Love your neighbor as yourself."

— GALATIANS 5:14, NIV



WORKING TOGETHER: From constructing a latrine in Niger to removing water-logged debris from basements in Chilliwack, BC, hundreds of Canadian volunteers worked alongside their neighbors bringing help and hope.

TEAMS

SERVING IN CANADA & BEYOND

Jesus gave all Christians a mandate to go forward and serve our fellow man, a mandate that was fully embraced by the people who served with Samaritan's Purse on one of our 34 mission teams in 2009.

The teams led people to feel the presence of God in some unusual places; while working on the construction of a latrine, in a rehabilitation center for drug addicts, and in water-logged basements.

Andrew Howarth was part of a 10-person mission team helping to build a four-stall latrine at a school in the village of Koutougou, Niger.

"We saw the true value of prayer on our trip," said Andrew. "Especially the prayers of our church back home. Our pastor told the congregation that while the 10 of us were going, it was an experience that everyone was participating in. That was so true. It was amazing to be able to share what their support meant to us and to the people of Koutougou."

Andrew felt God change his worldview on the trip when he and Oussein, one of the villagers he had been working shoulder to shoulder on the latrine with, asked Andrew if he would like to see his home and meet his family.

Oussein ushered Andrew into his small, square, mud-covered home. Inside, Andrew was struck by how little the family owned—each of the few items were obviously cherished possessions.

"I think about Oussein and his family quite often," says Andrew. "I was struck by how few choices they have in their lives. At the end of a long day of work in the scorching heat, Oussein didn't even have a comfortable chair to sit down in."

Andy Northup, the base manager for the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Unit in Chilliwack, BC, felt the presence of God in the volunteers who showed up each day to help their neighbors recover from extensive flooding that affected the city.

"The volunteers that helped out in Chilliwack were amazing," said Northup. "This was a very difficult time for homeowners, and the volunteers really reflected the love and compassion of Jesus Christ in the help that they were giving."

Jake Stobbe was one of the homeowners that Samaritan's Purse and our volunteers helped. The 75-year-old knew there was no way he would be able to complete his clean-up by himself. A crew of five volunteers came to help remove damaged drywall and tear up wet carpet.

"This crew was so good," Stobbe says. "They came in here and did something in a day that would have taken me weeks to do."

Ryan Cooper felt the presence of God when he went with a Samaritan's Purse Youth Team to work on a construction project at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in rural Nicaragua.

"The rehab center was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," said Cooper. "That's where I saw God. The people—they have nothing. But to see the way that God worked through all of the people there was unbelievable. Just the faith that they had—they depend on God for everything, even their next meal."

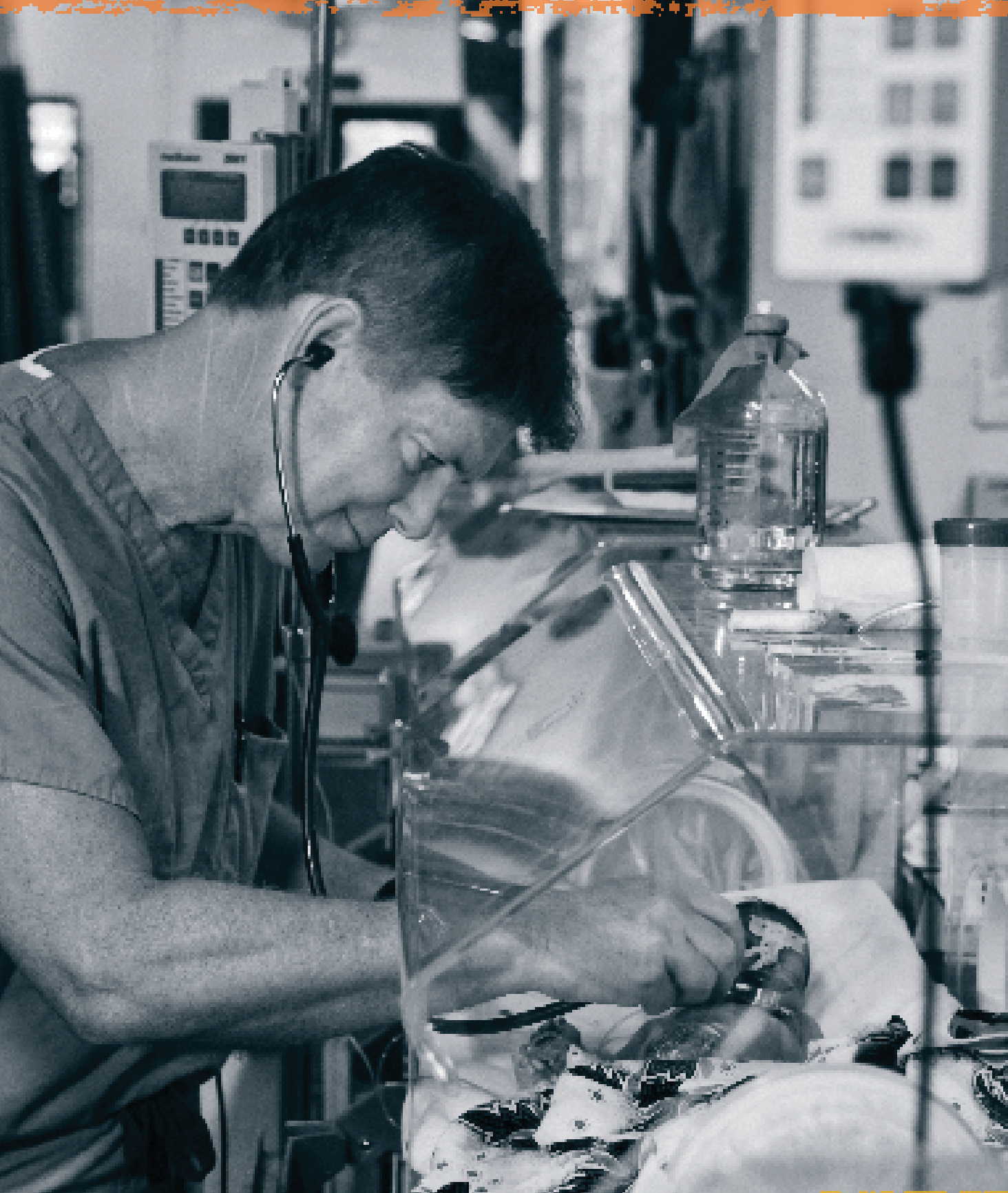
A trip with Samaritan's Purse is a chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ and to make a difference in a hurting world.



HELPING NEIGHBORS: When flooding hit Chilliwack, local volunteers worked with the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Unit, to help their neighbors recover from the disaster.

It is Jesus' Name and the faith that comes through Him
that has given this complete healing to him.

—ACTS 3:16, NIV



VITAL SIGNS: Dr. Ken Crowe checks the heart rate of a baby born prematurely at Karolyn Kempton Memorial Christian Hospital in Togo, West Africa. Dr. Crowe has made four trips to Togo to serve with World Medical Mission.

WORLD MEDICAL MISSION

José arrived at Hospital Loma de La Luz in Honduras with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. He had been injured in an altercation with another man who came to the hospital with a gash in his neck from José's machete that barely missed his jugular vein and carotid artery.

The two men received care from Dr. Joel Tumlison, a volunteer physician from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Through the witness of Dr. Tumlison and the hospital staff, both men repented of their sins and put their faith in Jesus Christ. The former enemies are now following the Lord together.

"It really has been joyous!" said Dr. Tumlison. "And you know what? They were ready. They just needed someone to share Christ with them."

Dr. Tumlison is one of 37 physicians participating in World Medical Mission's Post-Residency program, which is designed to prepare a new generation of career medical missionaries. The program provides post-resident doctors who feel called to missions with the opportunity to serve for two years at a Christian hospital or clinic overseas. Another 10 physicians are slated to join the program by the end of 2010.

Beyond the Post-Residency Program, World Medical Mission arranged 396 trips to 34 nations for doctors, dentists, and other medical personnel during 2009. Of these, 149 were serving with us for the first time. Others have made dozens of short-term trips over the years.

Drs. Bill Rambo and Lydia Engelhardt, a husband-and-wife team, have served at 31 hospitals in 11 countries and received the "Footsteps of the Great Physician" award in 2009.

"On the mission field, we are literally saving lives," Dr. Engelhardt said. "More importantly, we are giving patients the opportunity to hear about God's plan for salvation through Jesus, something they might not hear otherwise. The fields really are white unto harvest but the workers are few."

A commitment to serve and equip mission hospitals has prompted Samaritan's Purse to support critical rebuilding and expansion projects overseas. Key projects in 2009 involved Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh, Lok Hospital in India, Kapsowar Hospital in Kenya, Portoviejo Surgical Center in Ecuador, and the Evangelical Medical Center at Nyankunde in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

By bringing quality medical care to impoverished areas of the world, missionary medicine is a powerful tool for evangelism. "The reason we pursue excellence in medical care is not for the sake of being excellent," said Dr. James Carson, an orthopedic surgeon who served at Ngaoundéré Protestant Hospital in Cameroon. "The reason is that we are taking care of human beings, made in God's image, whom Jesus died to redeem."



MOVED WITH COMPASSION: Dr. Lydia Engelhardt and her husband have served at 31 hospitals with World Medical Mission, including this trip to Galmi Hospital on the edge of the Sahara Desert in Niger.

If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.
—ISAIAH 58:10, NIV



SAMARITAN'S PURSE WOMEN'S PROJECTS

What if women in the developing world were free from poverty, abuse, and exploitation?

What if we empower an under-privileged woman to utilize her strengths and reach her potential?

What if we provide a vulnerable woman with love and support through grassroots programs and local partnerships?

What if we care for a marginalized mother by restoring hope and dignity?

What if we share the Gospel with a hurting woman?

These questions became the impetus behind a new fundraising initiative for Samaritan's Purse Women's Projects that launched in March 2009. The campaign focuses on four areas of development: literacy, maternal health, livelihood skills training, and interventions assisting victims of trafficking and prostitution.

As Bendu sits outside of her house, she slowly reads aloud, "I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 9:1, 2, NIV).

Bendu grew up in Liberia, unable to go to school. When Samaritan's Purse launched a literacy program in her village, Bendu signed up immediately. Through the course, Bendu was able to learn how to read, write, and perform basic math skills.

Samaritan's Purse is initiating programs to help reduce the number of almost 500 million women, like Bendu, who lack basic literacy skills. Being able to read will enable women to learn about disease prevention, drought-resistant crops, and more nutritious locally-available food, helping to improve the overall health of their families.

Tenh was working in her family's rice field seven kilometers from her home in northern Vietnam when she went into labor. As she delivered her child under a tree, complications arose, jeopardizing her health.

What saved Tenh from becoming one of the almost 530,000 women that die every year due to complications in childbirth was Giang, a local midwife who was trained through a program offered by Samaritan's Purse. Giang rushed to Tenh's assistance and helped her safely give birth to her baby.

Samaritan's Purse is creating programs that are working to train midwives to ensure that a child's birth day is filled with joy for both mother and child.

Aisha was forced into prostitution at the age of 13, when an abusive home life drove her to the streets of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She became a mother at 14. That is when she met ministry partners of Samaritan's Purse. They patiently worked with Aisha, giving her counseling and, eventually, occupational training.

Today, Aisha works as a counselor in the program. Samaritan's Purse stands alongside local organizations in helping women escape the horrible cycle of abuse, by offering acceptance and unconditional support in a safe environment.

In Afghanistan, Rasa came to a Samaritan's Purse Women's Center at the urging of her sister. While there, Rasa began to take classes in cosmetology, eventually becoming skilled enough to open her own beauty parlor in her home. The money she earns enables her family to afford food.

With the help of livelihood skills training, Samaritan's Purse is working to change lives. Women are taught the skills to start and operate small businesses.

By meeting the physical, spiritual, social, and emotional needs of each woman in its programs, Samaritan's Purse is working to restore hope and dignity, one woman at a time.



IF SHE COULD READ: A literacy program in Liberia is giving women basic reading, writing, and math skills.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES: Many women are exploited, abused, neglected, and marginalized every day. Restoring hope and dignity—one woman at a time—profoundly impacts her future, her family, and her community.



PRIMING THE PUMP: We installed or rehabilitated wells at dozens of locations in Sudan, including this pump near a Bible school built by Samaritan's Purse to train pastors and evangelists in the Nuba Mountains.

Ministry Highlights in Africa

EGYPT

- Provided daily meals to more than 600 Sudanese refugee students at two schools in Cairo.

ETHIOPIA

- Supported dozens of Ethiopian evangelists working among least-reached peoples in southwestern Ethiopia.
- Provided rehabilitation programming including counseling and skills training for dozens of women escaping sexual exploitation in Addis Ababa.

KENYA

- Facilitated over 200 trips by doctors, serving with World Medical Mission in 2009.
- Supported a veterinary evangelism project reaching the nomadic Rendille people.

LIBERIA

- Partnered with the World Food Program to provide 65,000 students with a meal each day during the 2008-2009 school year.
- Supplied 50 young farmers with animal husbandry training and cattle to start their herds.
- Provided 200 women with biblically-based literacy, livelihood, and business training.

NIGER

- Supported a microcredit project assisting women to set up small businesses to help generate income for their families.

SUDAN

- Presented the concerns of Sudanese Christians to President Omar al-Bashir when Franklin Graham met him March 4 in Khartoum.
- Distributed 12,000 tons of food to over 200,000 people in Darfur—continuing our work even when other relief agencies were shut down by political tensions.
- Launched the Southern Sudan Healthcare Accessibility, Rehabilitation, and Education project in partnership with the Canadian International Development Agency that will rehabilitate up to five medical facilities in rural South Sudan.

UGANDA

- Constructed and installed 2,500 BioSand Water Filters so that 15,000 people can now enjoy safe water.

- Operation Christmas Child sent shoe box gifts to 2,002,531 children in 42 countries in Africa.

REACHING A MILLION: This woman in Kenya is among one million people around the world whose lives have been touched by our HIV/AIDS ministry. Working through local churches, Samaritan's Purse teaches Biblical principles for preventing the spread of the disease and showing compassion to those who are sick.



FRESH START: Lillian's family and neighbors have clean water to drink, now that Samaritan's Purse has installed BioSand Water Filters throughout their community in Honduras.



MINISTRY TO FAMILIES: Our field office in Bolivia helped feed malnourished children and provided their families blankets and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Highlights in the Americas

BOLIVIA

- Supported a children's health project aimed at reducing malnutrition through maternal education and regular growth monitoring.
- Worked in 15 communities in the Beni region, providing more than 5,000 patients in rural areas with health care services.
- Trained more than 700 people and treated 15,200 animals against parasites and other ailments through an agricultural producer development project.

BRAZIL

- Coordinated two teams of Canadian volunteers to assist with the renovation of a ministry center that provides training to thousands of people each year.

CANADA

- Mobilized 113 volunteers to work 2,300 hours, helping 67 homeowners whose houses and businesses were damaged by flooding in Chilliwack, BC.
- Hosted a conference that brought together 100 Canadian Christian leaders to hear about the impact of trafficking and prostitution around the world, and the Church's response.

COSTA RICA

- Distributed food and hygiene kits to 400 earthquake-affected families.

ECUADOR

- Helped provide an average of 1,600 meals per month, as well as Bible teaching, health services, and other practical assistance to the urban poor in Quito.

HONDURAS

- Worked with 595 families to build and install BioSand Water Filters that drastically improve the quality of water available for household use, and built implementation capacity to increase production in 2010.

NICARAGUA

- Provided more than 600 families with blankets, food, clothing, and other assistance in response to flooding and hurricane damage.
- Supported a Christian school with 450 students through the provision of staff salaries.
- Enabled a local church to provide weekly meals to 180 children as part of their outreach ministry to the surrounding community.

■ Operation Christmas Child sent shoe box gifts to 1,874,611 children in 24 countries in Latin America, and the Caribbean.



BRIGHTER FUTURE : When Sri Lanka's civil war ended in 2009, Samaritan's Purse worked through church partners to provide poultry and other assistance to help families get back on their feet.



LESSON IN COMPASSION : We worked in over 20 schools in Cambodia to provide children with lunches, clean water, or other assistance.

Ministry Highlights in **Asia**

AFGHANISTAN

- Ministered to dozens of women through literacy classes, computer training, and vocational courses at a local women's center.
- Provided kindergarten education to 80 children, and employment and teacher training to a dozen Afghan women.

CAMBODIA

- Mobilized and trained 70 Christian leaders in the prevention of sexual exploitation and trafficking of women and children, and reached 3,275 more adults and children with this information.
- Supported holistic HIV/AIDS ministries including prevention education for youth, homecare services, and support for AIDS orphans.
- Provided Christian education to 450 Vietnamese students.
- Partnered with three organizations to equip 12,670 rural Cambodian families with BioSand Water Filters and health and hygiene training to drastically improve their health.

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

- Treated and rehabilitated 145 children with severe malnutrition and provided education to parents in nutrition, health, and child care.
- Supported agricultural income generation training for women at risk of exploitation, and counseled young women along the Indian border about the dangers of human trafficking.

PHILIPPINES

- Partnered with local churches and Christian organizations to provide relief in the aftermath of several typhoons. This included the provision of medical clinics, daily meals for 300 children, and the repair or reconstruction of nearly 50 homes.

VIETNAM

- Trained dozens of traditional birth attendants in rural areas of Lai Chau province to help reduce maternal and child deaths.

- Operation Christmas Child sent shoe box gifts to 1,961,180 children in 22 countries in Asia and the Pacific.



LONGING FOR PEACE: Samaritan's Purse worked with church partners in Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon to help Iraqis who were widowed or displaced by fighting in their homeland.

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Ministry Highlights in

Europe & the Middle East

ESTONIA
■ Helped provide an average of 400 meals per week for three months through a volunteer soup kitchen supported by 10 churches in conjunction with the Franklin Graham Festival there.

IRAQ
■ Partnered with a local church to provide food parcels during pastoral visits to some of the neediest people in Baghdad.

ISRAEL
■ Provided 70 families in the Gaza strip with relief packages including food vouchers and Bible materials for encouragement.

LEBANON
■ Supported a Bible school that trains pastors and ministry workers from across the Middle East.
■ Met basic needs for food and medical care for needy families in Beirut through a local church.

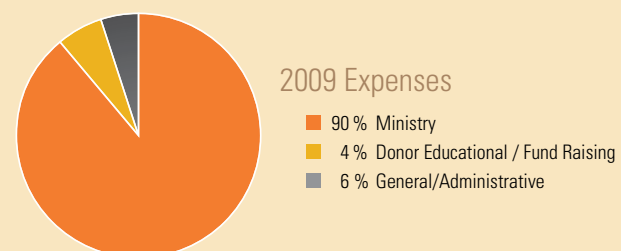
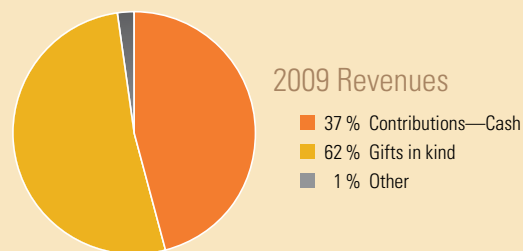
SERBIA
■ Provided ongoing support for the holistic ministry of a local church. The support included the Alpha course, humanitarian relief distributions, and hospice/home visitation ministry.

■ Operation Christmas Child sent shoe box gifts to 1,988,603 children in 17 countries in Europe and 317,001 in 4 countries in the Middle East.

Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2009

	2009 \$	2008 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	4,152,148	4,615,011
Accounts receivable (note 9)	2,772,016	1,942,250
Prepaid expenses	170,738	238,813
	51,249	123,284
	2,011,141	12,129,058
Capital Assets (note 9)	4,770,281	4,612,006
	18,901,292	18,911,961
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 9)	108,174	27,481
Long-term liabilities (note 9)	10,000	10,000
	118,174	37,481
Fund balances		
Restricted	1,727,104	2,659,101
Unrestricted - invested in capital assets	1,772,481	6,012,006
Unrestricted - endowment (note 9)	4,601,491	9,431,172
	18,111,417	18,204,481
	18,901,292	18,911,961



Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended December 31, 2009

	2009			2008	
	General Fund \$	Capital Fund \$	Ministry Fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
Revenue					
Contributions (note 9)	4,156,319	-	12,271,447	16,427,766	17,135,539
Gifts in kind	-	44,488	27,483,950	27,528,438	26,736,672
Investment income					
Realized	277,274	-	252	277,526	355,536
Unrealized	148,916	-	-	148,916	43,344
	4,582,509	44,488	39,755,649	44,382,646	44,271,091
Expenditures					
Ministry expenses (schedule)	12,282	-	36,059,390	36,071,672	35,505,980
Other missionary projects and supporting services	1,382,638	179,891	2,394,619	3,957,148	4,267,233
	1,394,920	179,891	38,454,009	40,028,820	39,773,213
Donor education and fundraising	760,641	-	866,660	1,627,301	1,610,039
General and administrative support for ministries	1,322,096	179,891	1,295,602	2,797,589	2,766,338
	3,477,657	359,782	40,616,271	44,453,710	44,149,590
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	1,104,852	(315,294)	(860,622)	(71,064)	121,501
Fund balance – Beginning of year	2,659,303	6,012,006	9,533,172	18,204,481	18,167,986
Inter fund transfer – capital assets additions	(36,790)	73,749	(36,959)	-	-
Transitional adjustment on adoption of new accounting policy	-	-	-	-	(85,006)
Fund balance – End of year	3,727,365	5,770,461	8,635,591	18,133,417	18,204,481

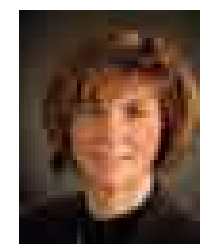
Schedule of Ministry Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2009 (Unaudited)

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Water and sanitation	1,518,046	2,224,193
Mission teams	1,047,039	1,010,662
Medical training and infrastructure	900,489	416,662
Children –care and support	506,324	617,001
Assistance for women	484,082	210,490
Church and community mobilization	351,526	389,715
Emergency response	344,278	627,325
Evangelism and discipleship	321,357	333,001
Livelihood training and support	318,052	316,562
Education and literacy	203,925	247,833
HIV/AIDS and other disease projects	139,952	166,486
Family health and nutrition	138,929	-
Development and training	38,809	-
Other projects	13,401	14,851
Agriculture projects	-	185,646
Compassionate assistance	-	21,635
Livestock projects	-	123,305
	6,326,209	6,905,367
World Medical Mission	93,534	92,049
Operation Christmas Child	29,651,929	28,508,564
	36,071,672	35,505,980

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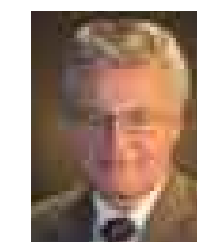
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