



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

2014-2015 MINISTRY REPORT



These men and women make it possible for us to airlift emergency supplies and personnel throughout central Africa from the hangar we opened in 2014 in Eldoret, Kenya.

Dear Friend,

Throughout our 45 years of international relief work, Samaritan's Purse has responded to innumerable calamities—wars, famine, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, and tsunamis, to name a few.

However, in 2014, we found ourselves in the midst of an unprecedented and horrifying crisis—a deadly outbreak of the Ebola virus that riveted the attention of the world.


Ground Zero for the epidemic was in West Africa, where our team of physicians and nurses began treating Ebola patients at a mission hospital in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. Samaritan's Purse physician Dr. Kent Brantly contracted the disease in July, but God miraculously spared his life.

No one but God knew when the year began that we would be on the front lines fighting one of the most dreaded diseases on the planet. But as in every crisis we face, we prayed fervently, trusted the Lord, and worked around the clock in Jesus' Name to do what we could to alleviate the tremendous suffering. Through His power, we saw many lives saved and the epidemic halted in Liberia.

Everything we do is for a greater purpose—to earn a hearing for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We praise God that well over a thousand Liberians received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior as they heard the Gospel through our Ebola ministry.

Wherever we work, we want people to know how much Jesus loves them and how they can have eternal life in Him. *"But to as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God"* (John 1:12).

All of us at Samaritan's Purse are deeply grateful for your prayers and support for our work around the world—and especially for your heart for those who are hurting and lost. May God richly bless you.



Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse



Dr. Kent Brantly suits up to care for Ebola patients at our Ebola treatment center in Liberia.

TIME magazine recognized “The Ebola Fighters” as Person of the Year for 2014. We praise God for how He worked through Samaritan’s Purse and protected our workers in Liberia as they laid their lives on the line to save countless others.





BRINGING GOD'S HOPE AND HELP

From battling the deadly Ebola virus in Liberia to bringing aid to desperate refugees in Iraq fleeing from ISIS, Samaritan's Purse continues to use your donations to help children and families devastated by disasters and conflict.

LIBERIA:

Fighting the war against Ebola

Ten-year-old William was on a stretcher when he arrived at the Samaritan's Purse Ebola Case Management Center in the West African nation of Liberia.

William was too weak to walk and appeared unlikely to survive, even with top-notch care. His mother had just died of Ebola, and no one knew much else about his family. The virus was rampant in the poorer neighborhoods of Monrovia (Liberia's capital city), and fear was spreading even more rapidly.

For weeks, our medical team worked day and night to save William's life. Meanwhile, staff and volunteers prayed for him and sat outside the isolation unit reading Bible stories to him—one of the few things that brought the young boy comfort. When William said he wanted to trust Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, a Samaritan's Purse medical volunteer led him in prayer.

A few days later, William started feeling a little better. He slowly regained his strength and, finally, after three weeks of medical care and three days without a fever, William tested negative for the Ebola virus.

William's story represents an amazing medical and spiritual victory that would not have been possible without the financial support and prayers of Canadians like you. He is among 1,200 people who made decisions for Christ after hearing the Gospel through our Ebola response in Liberia.

Samaritan's Purse has been working in Liberia for more than a decade and responded immediately when the first case of Ebola was diagnosed in March 2014.

At the onset of the epidemic, we launched a large-scale preventative education campaign that reached 1.6 million people through awareness events, radio

broadcasts, church meetings, and posters with life-saving messages about how to avoid infection, prevent the spread of the virus, and care for sick loved ones.

As the disease continued to rage, we began providing direct clinical care for those infected and assumed significant responsibility for Ebola care nationwide.

To equip our team, Samaritan's Purse chartered two Boeing 747 cargo jets to airlift essential supplies including over 100,000 pairs of gloves, plus buckets and disinfectants for household infection control kits. We distributed 76,700 kits, thanks to Canadian donations, to help families deal safely with possible Ebola outbreaks.

We also constructed, stocked, and managed four community care centers, including a transit center located at the epicenter of the Ebola outbreak to provide isolation capacity and support services for patients before going to an Ebola treatment unit.

Last September, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned that over a half million people in West Africa could be infected by January 2015. We praise God that the actual cases were only five percent of that dire warning. Liberia was declared Ebola free on May 9, 2015, and there has been a significant reduction since then in cases in neighboring Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Joseph Gbembo learned through Samaritan's Purse how to prevent the spread of the disease and credits that knowledge with saving his life.

"I understood the illness to be Ebola," he said. "But the rest of my family didn't believe. Some of them literally dropped dead. I will say thanks to God for sending Samaritan's Purse to Liberia. Because of their help, I am alive today."

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■ In Liberia, over **76,000** households given infection prevention kits to help families avoid infection

■ **80** tons of winter relief supplies and **60,000** shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child airlifted to ISIS-fleeing refugees in Northern Iraq

■ **32,000** Bibles distributed to displaced Iraqis in Kurdistan, Northern Iraq



Hundreds of Samaritan's Purse staff canvassed Liberia to teach people how to avoid infection and deal safely with those who were sick.

IRAQ:

Warming the hearts of refugees fleeing from ISIS

ISIS terrorists swept into Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, in June 2014. By August, they had overrun the outlying Christian towns and overtaken the Sinjar area to the west. About 800,000 people—Christians, Yazidis, and Muslims—fled for their lives to safer areas of northern Iraq.

Gabir, a Yazidi teenager, was trapped on Mt. Sinjar with his family before U.S. military airstrikes helped clear an evacuation path. "I saw people die from no water or food," he said.

Samaritan's Purse mobilized a massive relief effort and worked with local churches to provide food, water, clothing, tents, and bedding to thousands of displaced people arriving in northern Iraqi cities, including Erbil and Dohuk. In one refugee camp, we provided a generator that produced electricity for more than 200 families.

As last winter approached, we knew we had to quickly provide critically needed items such as coats, blankets, heaters, and shoes. Through the grace of God and the support of our donors, we were able to airlift 80 tons of those supplies to northern Iraq, including 400 rolls of heavy-duty plastic to insulate tents and abandoned buildings where many of the refugees had urgently sought shelter.

"I felt good when I got this jacket, because I didn't have anything," said Hajir, a young Yazidi girl.

We've also distributed 32,000 Bibles to displaced Iraqis. Our team believes the people of northern Iraq, as they have seen Christians displaying the compassion of Jesus, are more open to the Gospel than ever before.

At one food distribution, our staff asked for a few local Christian volunteers to help. More than two dozen believers—who themselves had fled ISIS terrorists in Mosul—eagerly volunteered. They went from family to family, welcoming them and giving out food.

"As Christians, we don't have to complain," said one church leader who had been kidnapped, beaten, and shot by Islamic extremists. "We are already prepared for black, bad days. We are still like salt and light."



Families who fled Sinjar and other areas of Iraq in the wake of ISIS terror were glad to receive relief such as kitchen kits from Samaritan's Purse. (Below) Samaritan's Purse staff distribute emergency food supplies to survivors of devastating earthquakes in Nepal in April 2015.

Vanuatu:

Helping in the aftermath of Cyclone Pam

On March 13, 2015, Cyclone Pam thrashed the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu for 24 hours. The Category 5 storm was the strongest to reach landfall since Typhoon Haiyan hammered the Philippines in November 2013.

Cyclone Pam killed at least 11 people and destroyed up to 90 per cent of the houses in the capital of Port Vila.

"This is a very devastating cyclone," said Vanuatu President Baldwin Lonsdale. "I term it as a monster. It's a setback for the government and for the people of Vanuatu. After all the development that has taken place, all this development has been wiped out."

With the support of Canadians, Samaritan's Purse was able to respond quickly and bring 70 tons of relief supplies to meet the immediate needs of 50,000 storm victims.

Robert Iatek was at home with his son when Cyclone Pam blew the roof in on top of them. Unharmed, they sought shelter in another part of their house, but it caved in too.

Samaritan's Purse was able to provide Robert's family—and many others like his—with cooking supplies, a hygiene kit, blankets, and a large blue tarp.

"This tarpaulin that my friends gave me will cover me and my family," said Robert with a smile, "and this will be our house."



By monsoon season in June 2015, emergency shelter materials distributed to 50,000 families in earthquake-ravaged Nepal

Nepal:

“You are the first ones to help us.”

Back-to-back earthquakes in April 2015 have left Nepal reeling. The loss of life is unprecedented in the poverty-plagued country. Millions of people are displaced, and the emotional impact is immeasurable.

Samaritan's Purse responded immediately, rushing aid to Nepal after the initial catastrophic quake on April 25. With the help of our local ministry partners, we were able to meet the urgent needs of thousands of survivors in the Kathmandu Valley and in rural mountain villages.

“You are the first ones to come help us,” one man said. “People who live down in the valley along the main road got help right away, but no one comes up here. Thank you for coming.”

A woman named Mithu pointed to a quake-damaged home of brick and stone on the hillside. “That’s my house,” she said. “We can’t live there

anymore. It’s not safe for my children.” More than 500,000 homes were destroyed and at least another 270,000 homes were damaged.

When houses crumbled, food was buried. Markets closed, and gardens were ruined. Survivors told us stories of scavenging through the rubble, walking for hours to nearby communities, or simply not eating at all.

Nearly 3.5 million Nepalese needed food, and an estimated 4.2 million needed safe water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene assistance. One family showed us a half-filled bucket of dirty water and said it was all they had to drink.

With your financial and prayer support, Samaritan's Purse filled many of the gaps in food security, safe water, emergency shelter, and medical care. We initially gave families a week's supply of rice, lentils, salt, and cooking oil.

We also distributed more than 32,000 kits featuring cooking equipment and other kitchen items, and distributed more than 28,000 hygiene kits that included water purification tablets and soap. Our teams also provided potentially life-saving training on proper hygiene and sanitation practices.

Democratic Republic of the Congo:

Helping families put down roots

In the Orientale Province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), more than 40 armed groups are at war. They've forced out more than 500,000 people in that province alone. Uprooted from their land, subsistence farming families are barely surviving on food rations from the United Nations and other partners on the ground.

Donors like you have enabled Samaritan's Purse to offer invaluable seeds, tools, training, and other necessities to help war-damaged communities regain their livelihoods.

Through just one of our many projects in the DRC, we have reached 4,000 displaced families with crucial seeds and tools that enabled them to start producing enough food to meet their needs and become self-sufficient again.

Georgette is a woman in the village of Mambasa who had no way to support her five children when her husband left her during the fighting. She was forced to move in with her father, who is old and sick. They had no income, no social standing, and suffered constantly from hunger and sickness.

“We were in a hopeless place, but then Samaritan's Purse arrived and changed our lives,” said Georgette. “They gave me seeds and taught me how to plant and cultivate my field. Most importantly, they told me the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“Today, I have enough food to feed my family and am able to sell extras at the market. I've become a responsible woman who is able to provide for my children and for my father. May God bless the work of Samaritan's Purse, and may God be greatly praised!”

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

PSALM 46:1, NKJV

Flood Relief for Canadians

While there was no catastrophic disaster in Canada in 2014 like the floods that struck southern Alberta in 2013, Samaritan's Purse was still busy last year helping victims of other floods in three provinces.

Each time Samaritan's Purse was asked to respond to a crisis situation, one of our three Disaster Relief Unit (DRU) tractor trailers, specially outfitted with essential tools and safety gear, was driven to the affected area. We worked with local churches and volunteers to show Christ's love to hurting victims, with no strings attached.

In every response, we partnered with specially trained Rapid Response Team chaplains from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to help meet the emotional and spiritual needs of flood survivors and volunteers.

ONTARIO: In May 2014, rain and fast-melting spring run-off caused the Trent and Moira river systems to flood communities across Hastings County, east of Oshawa.

After Samaritan's Purse was invited by local authorities to help, we deployed our southern Ontario-based DRU to support volunteers as they cleaned up 33 homes in Belleville, Hastings County, Foxboro, Tweed, Campbellford, and Trent Hills.

In August 2014, intense weather in the Greater Toronto Area dumped 130 mm (or almost six inches) of rain on the city of Burlington in the course of five hours. Samaritan's Purse partnered with another aid organization and 145 volunteers to help 57 families

clean up their flood-damaged homes.

SASKATCHEWAN: Samaritan's Purse was invited to assist with clean-up and recovery in Melville after 200 mm (or more than six inches) of rain fell during a few brutal days in July 2014. Using our Calgary-based DRU and other Samaritan's Purse support, more than 340 volunteers helped clean up 89 homes.

"I was feeling so lost and I am so glad I talked to you guys," said Carol Kosedy. The basement of her home was seriously affected by flood-related mold and she feared it would harm her and her husband Hugh's health. Samaritan's Purse removed all the moldy drywall and sprayed the infected areas with a special disinfectant.

"I'm feeling so much better now," Carol said later. "We are so fortunate that Samaritan's Purse is here for people who need help."

NEW BRUNSWICK: The village of Sussex Corner declared a state of emergency on April 16, 2015 after severe flooding in the southern New Brunswick community of 1,500 people. Ice jams and high water on waterways damaged as many as 100 homes.

■ **54** flood-damaged homes in Calgary and High River repaired in 2014 and early 2015 through the Southern Alberta Restoration Program

■ **More than 650** volunteers helped restore homes in Calgary and High River

■ **Almost 10,500** hours of volunteer labor in Calgary and High River



"We are very excited to have Samaritan's Purse become part of our community recovery efforts," Sussex Corner Mayor Steven Gillies said. "We eagerly look forward to working together to restore our community and provide hope in a time of need."

Using our Moncton-based DRU, more than 400 volunteers worked with Samaritan's Purse to clean up 72 homes and prepare them for repair.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA RESTORATION

PROGRAM: With the help of generous donors and 5,000 volunteers, Samaritan's Purse helped almost 800 families prepare their homes for rebuild after floods damaged much of southern Alberta in the summer of 2013.

Since then, through our special Southern Alberta Restoration Program, we've also been helping more than 50 families further restore their homes to

"livable" condition.

"Our goal is to help flood-harmed families return to a modest home that's safe and comfortable," said Brent Davis, our Emergency and Disaster Response Manager.

These restorations have assisted homeowners who don't have the resources to do the work themselves. Our help has ranged from relatively minor jobs to restoring homes from the ground up. The program is scheduled to finish in late 2015. By then, 65 families in Calgary and neighboring High River will have received assistance.

Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers you did it to me.

MATTHEW 25:40, ESV



In the aftermath of southern Alberta's devastating 2013 flood, Samaritan's Purse staff helped repair damaged homes in Calgary's Bowness community (shown here) and in High River.



Eight-year-old Oneda (left) received a shoebox gift at her Honduran school. "My mother told me about God, but through the gift I know more about His love."

Sharing Christ's Love with 10.4 Million Kids

Through Operation Christmas Child, we collected more than 10.4 million shoebox gifts in 2014—by far the most ever—and delivered them to 114 countries, where they were handed out through our networks of local churches.

In 2014, tens of thousands of children in Iraq who had survived the horror of ISIS terrorism received shoebox gifts.

At one of our Operation Christmas Child distributions, more than 100 Kurdish-speaking boys and girls squirmed with excitement as a young man named Butros (not his real name) shared the Gospel with them using the story of Zacchaeus.

Ten years earlier in Baghdad, Butros had received his own gift-filled shoebox during a distribution at our partner church. He still remembers the treats, toys, and colored pens inside.

What meant the most to Butros, however, was a letter from a family in North America who packed his

box, assuring him that they were praying for him and his family. That's when God began tugging at his heart. Shortly afterward, he returned to the church, heard the Gospel once again, and trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior.

Eventually, Butros' entire family came to faith, and his father became a pastor. "I've seen Samaritan's Purse all my life, and I've seen God do the impossible," he said. "Here in Iraq, I see with my own eyes all they do for displaced people to give them good health and warmth, providing them food, mattresses, heaters, and blankets."

The shoebox gifts that Butros helped hand out were among over 60,000 we airlifted to northern

Iraq from Canada and the U.S.

In Uganda, a little girl whose family worshipped the devil was invited to the local church to receive an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. She was so delighted that she asked her sisters to return to the church with her, where a member shared the Gospel and God led all three of them to faith in Christ.

That night, the sisters slept soundly for the first time in years. Eager to know what prompted the change, her mother and father went to the church, where they also heard the Good News, repented of their sins, and put their trust in Christ.

We thank God for giving us 124 million opportunities since 1993 to share the power of the Gospel through simple shoebox gifts!

You can help children learn "the love of Christ which passes knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19, NKJV) by packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, including online at PackaBox.ca.

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. **LUKE 18:16, ESV**

■ **124 million** gift boxes given to boys and girls in **159** countries and territories since 1993



■ **More than 23,000** volunteers processed shoeboxes at locations in Alberta and Ontario



■ **10,440,333** shoebox gifts collected worldwide in 2014, including **700,474** in Canada



Trained local volunteers
teach The Greatest
Journey in classes like
this one in Honduras.

A New Generation of Disciples

Millions of children who have received Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts have been invited to participate in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. This 12-lesson Bible study, offered through partner churches, teaches children to be faithful followers of Christ and to share the Gospel with others.

Living in Moldova, the poorest nation in Europe, Viorica's family shares a small wood-frame house featuring flimsy walls made of straw and clay. Her father is unemployed and an alcoholic and her mother is a seasonal worker harvesting crops. Money is so tight that some winter nights they do not have food for dinner.

The first gifts Viorica ever received were in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox from Samaritan's Purse. That small package was a powerful tool that gave the local church an opportunity to share the Gospel with children like Viorica, who accepted Jesus as her Savior.

After Viorica received her shoebox gift, she was invited to The Greatest Journey discipleship classes. "Through my first present in my life," said Viorica, "I learned that God gave His only Son to die for my sins so I could be saved."

Viorica grew so strong in her faith that her new church family invited her to teach The Greatest Journey.

The Greatest Journey stretches around the globe, reaching millions of children in dozens of countries.

In Costa Rica, 15-year-old Ana seemed photogenic beyond her years. But rather than a blessing, her good looks turned into a curse because her Costa Rican

parents forced her into a life of prostitution.

That nightmare finally ended when a government social worker discovered Ana's plight and brought her to a government orphanage south of San Jose, Costa Rica's capital city.

More than 100 children at the orphanage received gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packed by Canadians like you. Afterward, our local church partner invited the children to participate in The Greatest Journey.

Before The Greatest Journey, Ana said, "I was told about Jesus, but not the real meaning of Him." Indeed, her parents "didn't have a relationship with Jesus. They didn't like Him."

Through The Greatest Journey, Ana said she has come to know her Savior more deeply. She's thankful for Canadian donors who make The Greatest Journey available to children in Costa Rica and in many other developing countries where Samaritan's Purse distributes Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

MATTHEW 28:19, NKJV



■ **3.2 million** children in **105** countries graduated from The Greatest Journey since **2009**

■ **240,000** volunteer teachers to lead discipleship lessons

■ The Greatest Journey translated into **66** languages from Arabic to Urdu

Providing Safe Water Around the World

More than 748 million people in the developing world have no choice but to drink, cook, and clean with unsafe water. The impact on their health is devastating. Someone—usually a child—dies from water-related diseases every 24 seconds.

Samaritan's Purse partners with our generous donors to finance water projects in 30 countries. Those projects have already provided safe water to almost 1.5 million people, with more receiving this gift every day.

Canadian-designed BioSand Filters (BSFs) remove up to 99 per cent of all contaminants—turning dirty water from ponds, rivers, and ditches into clear, drinkable, safe water in minutes. The filters are long-lasting and don't require any energy source.

Through your financial support and prayers, we have partnered with churches and other Christian organizations in the developing world to build and install BSFs for more than 200,000 families so far.

In regions where there is simply no water available, we work with local partners to drill wells or build rainwater reservoirs and storage tanks.

We also provide millions of liters of water each year to save lives and alleviate the suffering of disaster victims and refugees. We do this by drilling wells, establishing emergency water filtration systems, or trucking in water.

Providing safe water, however, is only the beginning to ensuring people's long-term health. Samaritan's Purse teaches families good sanitation and hygiene practices. We also construct latrines to improve overall water quality and community health.

Today, Urania Martinez is jubilant at the sight of her two-

year-old daughter, Maria, running around their yard in Nicaragua.

At just four months old, Maria was diagnosed with a serious kidney infection. "The doctor prescribed her strong medicines to fight the infection, but the medicine was so expensive that it was impossible to buy," said Urania. The doctor also advised Urania to buy purified water, which she couldn't afford.

Donations from Canadians enabled Samaritan's Purse to install a BSF in Urania's home. Maria's infection has disappeared, and her mother can rejoice in having a healthy daughter with a promising future.

In addition to building and installing BSFs in households, Samaritan's Purse has designed and begun installing larger-scale Samaritan Filters in schools, community centers, and rural health clinics. Each Samaritan Filter provides enough safe water for 225 people per day.

Children at Chantrei Primary School in Cambodia used to have no access to safe water. They had to bring water from home, which was often no safer than the polluted water available at school.

Now, a Samaritan Filter enables Chantrei Primary to provide enough safe water for all the students to drink and wash their hands.

"More students have been attending school since we received the Samaritan Filter," said Meas Kimsan, who teaches Grade One.

At another Cambodian school,

Tuol Damnak Primary, students had no choice but to drink untreated water from a borehole well. The school also had a consistently high absentee rate.

In regions where there is simply no water available, we work with local partners to drill wells or build rainwater reservoirs and storage tanks.

When the principal, Ear Ath, visited the parents of many students to learn why they were missing classes, he discovered most absences were the result of diarrhea, which is often caused by drinking contaminated water.

After seeing a Samaritan Filter in action, Ath asked to have one installed at his school. Today, thanks to Canadian donors, students there have all the safe water they need. As a result, far fewer students are getting sick and the severity of their illnesses has been reduced. In turn, school attendance has improved.

"It has been a remarkable change," Ath told us.

Just as important, every BSF and Samaritan Filter installation provides God-given opportunities to tell recipients about the living, eternal water of Jesus Christ.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' **JOHN 7:38, ESV**



Thanks to donations from Canadians like you, members of this Cambodian family have access to safe drinking water through their BioSand Filter.

■ In 2014, installed more than **45,000** BSFs and provided **26,834** people with latrines

■ More than **65,000** people received sanitation and hygiene training

■ Installed Samaritan Filters in **78** schools in 2014 with at least another **70** to be installed in 2015

Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Samaritan's Purse is meeting the urgent and long-term needs of children in the developing world—while strengthening their families and communities—through medical care, livelihood training, sustainable food production, and more.

One example of how Canadian donations are transforming lives is in South Sudan. There, people born with a cleft lip or palate are believed to have been cursed, so they usually face a life of scorn, taunting, and isolation.

A multinational Samaritan's Purse medical team provided free cleft lip surgery to more than 50 South Sudanese people, most of them children, in November 2014. It was the fourth consecutive year in which Samaritan's Purse has offered this unique program in South Sudan.

Developing healthy children and healthy families sometimes means using donations from Canadians to equip and encourage mothers to reach their God-given potential.

In Bolivia, women are being educated and empowered in a culture where they are often treated as inferior to men because of a belief that they contribute less to households, although they commonly work more hours than men.

Through a Samaritan's Purse project, Bolivian women see their income and self-esteem grow as they are trained to earn income, often by raising small livestock. They learn about feeding, animal health, and how to market their livestock.

Our agricultural and livestock programs are establishing sustainable sources of food (more details on page 20) and income through some special initiatives.

In the village of Nan Vai, in one of the most impoverished regions in Vietnam, Samaritan's Purse is training families to raise cattle and improve their financial security. The training includes how to build an appropriate pen, growing and harvesting winter feed, and animal health basics.

Half of the families each received a young female cow, with the understanding they would “pay forward” the cow's first-born calf to one of the other

families still waiting to start a herd.

As the number of cattle in the community grows, so does the community's prosperity and ability to build a stronger future for their families.

In the Philippines, farmers often have to give more than half their harvests to pay for expensive fertilizers. Samaritan's Purse and our partner organization train farmers like John Bacuyag to prepare their own fertilizers from organic materials (including eggshells, fermented juices, and manure) that are inexpensive and accessible.

Bacuyag told us he has experienced a 40-percent increase in his rice yields, with no large debt to fertilizer suppliers.

Another way to empower families—and help them avoid the risks of human trafficking—is through preventative education.

In Cambodia and Nepal, Samaritan's Purse is putting Canadian donations to work by educating and training volunteers to inform their communities about the dangers of trafficking and labor exploitation. We have 240 self-help groups in 20 villages so far in Cambodia.

In Nepal, a Samaritan's Purse church engagement project is training the church to be leaders and the first line of defense against child abuse and trafficking.

In the Nuwakot district, where trafficking is very common, churches have been working with school principals and village leaders to offer vocational training to at-risk families. Many of these churches and schools were damaged or destroyed by Nepal's earthquake in April 2015, but the training program will continue.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11, ESV

■ **418** households received livestock and related training

■ **2,764** people we taught vocational skills

■ **13,202** people were training in human trafficking prevention



Lured by the promise of jobs, impoverished Cambodians wind up as slaves in brothels or on fishing boats. We have helped educate 9,000 people in ways to avoid being entrapped, while also telling them how they can have freedom in Christ. (Below) **Nurses John Troke** and Shannon Kyle and anesthesiologist Gerald Malkuch prepare a child for cleft-lip surgery in South Sudan. Since 2011, over 260 children and adults have benefited from this surgery, including 50 in 2014.



Reaping a Bountiful Harvest

While supplying emergency food to disaster victims is a vital part of Samaritan's Purse's work, we know that in many situations, it's only a temporary solution. Samaritan's Purse's longer-term mission is to equip families to grow their own sustainable, environmentally healthy food. Along the way, we can tell them "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4, ESV).

When a Samaritan's Purse partner in the West African nation of Senegal introduced Benoit Gueye to "Farming God's Way" agricultural techniques, he decided to try them.

Benoit, 30, was living in an area that had not received enough rain and it was restricting his ability to grow enough food to feed himself and his family.

Farming God's Way emphasizes making the most of dry conditions. It includes avoiding tilling (which stirs up so much earth that crucial moisture is lost), restoring soil, putting compost and water only where plants are, and mulching fields with hay (to retain moisture and discourage weed growth).

Farming God's Way also avoids costly pesticides and large-scale industrial agriculture equipment and techniques common to North America.

All of this suggests Farming God's Way is a lot of work, and that's true. But Eric, who leads our partner organization in Senegal, noted, "Those who do it don't regret it."

Blessed by Canadian donations, our partner has taught Benoit and more than 40 other farmers in Senegal a far more sustainable way to produce food, and a solid grounding in the Word of God that's making a difference in the mainly Muslim nation.

Benoit had a field to cultivate, and he worked hard at it—planting 15 rows of corn each day for several days, then watching the stalks grow during three mostly dry months. The results were astounding. While the fields of nearby farmers were withering and producing little crops, Benoit harvested 2.5 tons of corn.

Please join us in providing resources to more struggling farmers in Senegal and around the world. Your gifts can also supply emergency food to people suffering from drought and other natural disasters.

This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

PSALM 118:23 NKJV

■ Trained almost **11,726** people in sustainable agricultural and livestock methods

■ More than **23,000** people received nutrition education

■ Over **32,700** people were given emergency food

Benoit Gueye prepares his field in Senegal for planting. Young African farmers like Benoit are learning ideal farming techniques. Along the way, they also learn about the love of Christ. (Opposite) **Dr. Ellisa Rausch** volunteered at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya.



Saving Lives and Sharing the Gospel

World Medical Mission sends Christian doctors and dentists to more than 40 mission hospital partners worldwide each year. In 2014, Canadian medical volunteers filled 38 positions in 18 hospitals in 16 countries.

Dozens of missionary hospitals depend on volunteer doctors and medical supplies sent by World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse.

An 18-year-old Massai woman named Ramato was barely conscious when she arrived at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya. Her unborn baby had died, and she was suffering with severe complications from malaria.

Dr. Paul Jarrett, a physician volunteering at Tenwek through World Medical Mission, was part of the team God used to save Ramato's life and reach her with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"She made a nice recovery, and before she was discharged from the hospital, we were able to lead her to Christ with the assistance of our intern who could translate the Gospel into Swahili," Dr. Jarrett said. "God worked through the staff for medical successes so that patients may have the opportunity to receive eternal life. That's the ultimate victory."

Visiting World Medical Mission physicians bring life-saving skills to remote regions of the world where thousands of people desperately need medical care.

World Medical Mission is also working to raise up a new generation of medical missionaries through our Post-Residency Program, through which 47 physicians are fulfilling two-year assignments at mission hospitals around the world. The ministry also serves as a lifeline to dozens of mission hospitals by providing millions of dollars of critically needed equipment and supplies.

Samaritan's Purse has a 10,000-square-foot warehouse in the U.S. where donated equipment is received, reconditioned, and shipped overseas, along with supplies that are vital to day-to-day operations.

Biomedical technicians and an electrician also travel overseas to install and repair equipment and teach hospital staff how to operate and maintain the machines.

World Medical Mission co-founder Dr. Richard Furman has served in many mission hospitals that receive equipment and supplies from Samaritan's Purse. He saw lives saved when a container of equipment arrived during a visit to Kapsowar Hospital in Kenya.

"All the doctors and staff here are saying how different Kapsowar Hospital is today because of Samaritan's Purse," Dr. Furman said.

He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

LUKE 9:2, ESV

► **668** volunteer trips in 2014 by Christian physicians and dentists who served at **39** mission hospitals in **37** countries

► **\$6.8 million** of medical equipment and supplies shipped to mission hospitals and clinics in **17** countries



► **47** physicians followed God's call to become career missionaries by serving two-year assignments in **17** countries through our Post-Residency Program

A Safe Place for Young People

Samaritan's Purse is continuing to serve the Tahltan First Nation, developing relationships that are bringing hope to people and glory to God.

Since opening a Ministry Center in the remote British Columbia community of Dease Lake two years ago, Samaritan's Purse has been working hard to develop trusting relationships with local residents.

The Dease Lake region, near the Yukon border, is home to the Tahltan First Nation. Fueled by Canadian donations, our Ministry Center is serving as a safe, positive, Christ-focused meeting place for young people and sometimes their entire families.

Our employees lead programs almost every weeknight for different age groups. Our staff also connect with schools in the region—teaching everything from Ultimate Frisbee to cooking—and bringing in Christian hip-hop artists to offer inspiring messages. We also help to stage the Stikine Valley Gospel Musical Festival, held every June about 50 kilometers south of Dease Lake.

"The staff running the ministry center started in the right direction, with (focusing on serving) young people," said Millie Pauls, a Christian elder with the Tahltan First Nation.

"The legacy of residential schools has touched the whole of Canada, so it's really helpful for First Nations families and people to be active, to succeed, and be happy. The ministry center is helping to achieve that."

You can reach out to Canada's First Nations and show them Christ's extraordinary compassion by supporting Samaritan's Purse through your prayers and gifts.

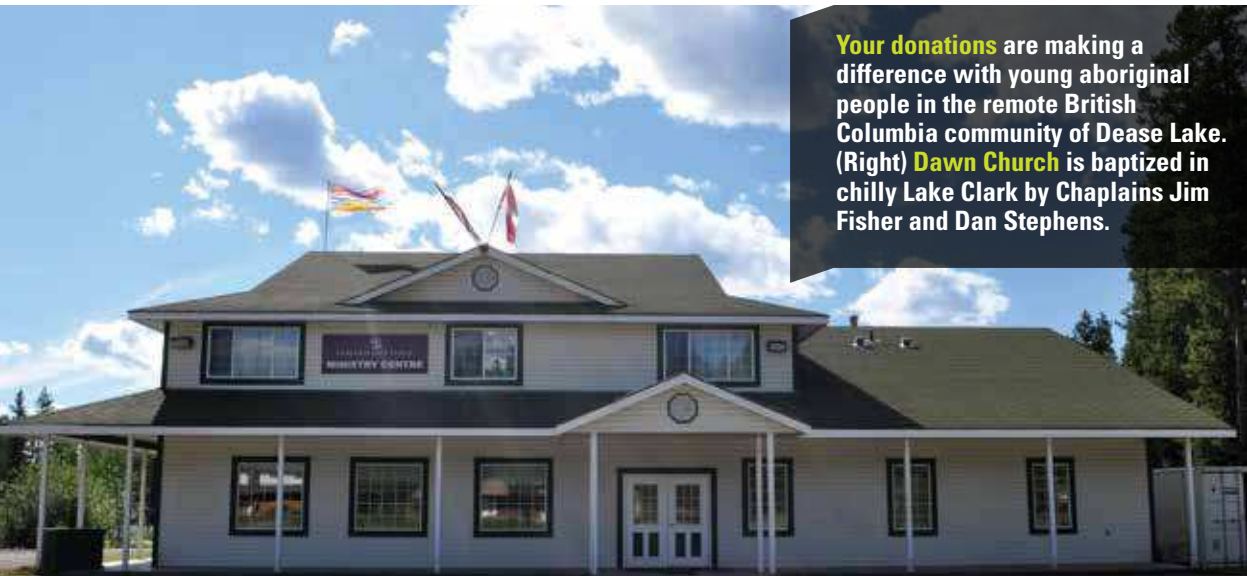
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. **PSALM 67:4, ESV**

■ About **300** people live in Dease Lake, BC

■ **80** young people from the region attend local schools

■ As many as **50** youth, between ages 5 and 18, visit the Ministry Center each week

Your donations are making a difference with young aboriginal people in the remote British Columbia community of Dease Lake. (Right) **Dawn Church** is baptized in chilly Lake Clark by Chaplains Jim Fisher and Dan Stephens.



Fortifying Marriages through Christ

Operation Heal Our Patriots is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse dedicated to strengthening the marriages of current or former military couples struggling with the visible and invisible wounds of war.

► **81 couples rededicated their marriages in 2014, and 55 individuals trusted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior**

► **10 Canadian military couples will join the Operation Heal Our Patriots retreat in September 2015**

Johnny and Shannon Montoya's marriage was floundering when they arrived in Alaska in June 2014 for a week of marriage enrichment through Operation Heal Our Patriots.

"It was real rocky," Johnny recalled later. "I wasn't there for her. She wasn't there for me."

Four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, including two combat tours in Iraq during some of the hardest fighting, left Johnny with post-traumatic stress disorder, a brain injury, spinal problems, and seizures.

The life changes and communication challenges caused by his health problems were complicating the already difficult task of keeping the family of five together.

As Christians, the couple wanted to make the marriage last, but they didn't know how to move forward.

Though they continued to attend church services—mostly for the sake of their three young children—even their spiritual life had grown cold. "Our hearts weren't there, just like they weren't in the marriage," Johnny said.

But after a week at Samaritan Lodge in Port Alsworth, Alaska, the Montoyas saw their relationship rejuvenated. Through marriage enrichment classes led by retired military chaplains, they learned to better meet each other's needs and caught a glimpse of how, by God's strength, things could be turned around.

In September 2015, Canadian military veterans and their spouses will spend a week at Samaritan Lodge, marking the first Canadian participation in Operation Heal Our Patriots since the ministry began in 2012.

Samaritan's Purse has been working with Canadian military chaplains and the Canadian government's Military Family Resource Centre to identify couples struggling with deep physical or emotional wounds resulting from military service.

"Chaplains and the resource centre are excited that there's something they can offer to our military," said Wendi Campbell, our coordinator of Canadian participation in Operation Heal Our Patriots.

After participants have experienced a week of counseling, mentoring, and relationship-building—plus enjoyable activities such as hiking and canoeing—Samaritan's Purse staff and trained chaplains from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association will continue to guide them in their healing through ongoing mentoring and prayer.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NKJV

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Changing lives with Samaritan's Purse

Samaritan's Purse sends hundreds of volunteers around the world every year through Teams mission trips. In 2014 and so far in 2015, individuals, families, churches, and community groups have travelled to nations in Latin America, Southeast Asia, West Africa, and the Caribbean.

Samaritan's Purse mission trip participants are challenged to gain a new perspective and build relationships in the countries they visit.

They contribute to construction projects, medical clinics, community development, evangelism, children's ministry, sports ministry, Operation Christmas Child shoebox distributions, and other outreach opportunities, all with the purpose of helping in Jesus' Name.

"The playground, I truly believe, will be a beacon of the light of Jesus shining down on all the children of Alajuelita," said Zak's mother.

Operation Christmas Child Ambassador Teams distribute gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need in Senegal, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Uruguay.

The trips enable participants to experience the joy of a distribution event and strengthen their desire to promote Operation Christmas Child when they return to Canada.

Another special Teams trip partnership began in 2014 when members of the Calgary and Edmonton police services traveled with Samaritan's Purse to Costa Rica.

They joined with local police officers in community development initiatives

and delivering Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

In early 2015, an even larger group of Calgary and Edmonton police went back to Costa Rica. Besides distributing shoeboxes and working alongside local police, the Alberta officers assembled and installed a children's playground (donated by a Calgary school) in Alajuelita, an impoverished community.

A highlight of the 2015 trip was meeting 14-year old Zak, who bonded with the team and helped with the playground assembly.

"The playground, I truly believe, will be a beacon of the light of Jesus shining down on all the children of Alajuelita," said Zak's mother.

Canadians have also begun traveling to Cambodia to provide safe water for children by assembling and installing Samaritan Filters at rural schools. These "Water for Kids" teams are also leading after-school programs to share Bible stories in culturally sensitive ways.

More Teams trips are being planned all the time to many places worldwide. Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/teams for details.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

MATTHEW 9:35-38, ESV



► More than **350** Canadians went on Teams trips in 2014



► **10** countries benefited from Teams mission trips

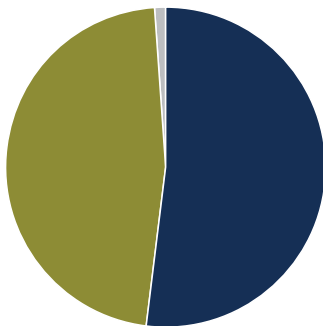


Members of a Canadian Samaritan's Purse team help create a mushroom growing business for a family in Cambodia.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

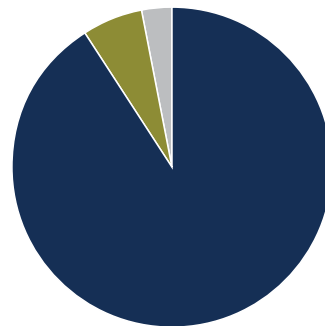
DECEMBER 31, 2014 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2013)

	2014	2013
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 8,755,387	\$ 5,085,462
Short-term investments	5,789,575	9,156,095
Accounts receivable	577,540	629,372
Prepaid expenses	125,536	192,974
Inventory	292,043	287,019
Total Current Assets	15,540,081	15,350,922
Investments	7,392,565	7,594,904
Capital assets	6,695,282	6,674,129
Total Assets	29,627,928	29,619,955
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,502,062	1,964,404
Fund balances		
Unrestricted	6,855,089	6,603,021
Internally restricted – invested in capital assets	6,695,282	6,674,129
Externally restricted	14,575,495	14,378,401
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 29,627,928	\$ 29,619,955



2014 Revenues

- 52 % Contributions
- 47 % Contributed Goods/Services
- 1 % Other



2014 Expenses

- 91 % Ministry
- 6 % General/Administrative
- 3 % Fundraising

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2013)

	2014				2013
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Ministry Fund	Total	Total
Revenue					
Contributions	\$ 7,965,190	\$ —	\$ 24,981,066	\$ 32,946,256	\$ 30,516,799
Gifts in kind	104,613	—	29,504,757	29,609,370	29,449,162
Investment income	380,339	—	4,603	384,942	322,936
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	50	(1,350)	—	(1,300)	—
Total Revenue	<u>8,450,192</u>	<u>(1,350)</u>	<u>54,490,426</u>	<u>62,939,268</u>	<u>60,288,897</u>
Expenditures					
Ministry expenses	—	—	49,492,882	49,492,882	43,902,071
Other missionary projects & supporting services	<u>3,345,809</u>	<u>214,024</u>	<u>3,875,407</u>	<u>7,435,240</u>	<u>6,169,893</u>
Total Ministry Expenditures	<u>3,345,809</u>	<u>214,024</u>	<u>53,368,289</u>	<u>56,928,122</u>	<u>50,071,964</u>
Fundraising	1,144,386	—	588,167	1,732,553	1,961,584
General and administrative support for ministries	<u>1,598,342</u>	<u>206,036</u>	<u>2,003,900</u>	<u>3,808,278</u>	<u>3,587,392</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,088,537</u>	<u>420,060</u>	<u>55,960,356</u>	<u>62,468,953</u>	<u>55,620,940</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	2,361,655	(421,410)	(1,469,930)	470,315	4,667,957
Fund balance – Beginning of year	6,603,021	6,674,129	14,378,401	27,655,551	22,987,594
Interfund transfer to Ministry Fund	(1,670,324)	—	1,670,324	—	—
Interfund transfer – capital asset purchases	<u>(439,263)</u>	<u>442,563</u>	<u>(3,300)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Fund balance – End of year	<u>\$ 6,855,089</u>	<u>\$ 6,695,282</u>	<u>\$ 14,575,495</u>	<u>\$ 28,125,866</u>	<u>\$ 27,655,551</u>

Complete 2014 audited financial statements at SamaritansPurse.ca. Click on the “Who We Are” tab.

Consolidated Schedule of Ministry Expenses

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2013)

	2014	2013
Emergency response	\$ 7,753,658	\$ 1,776,074
Water and sanitation	3,837,970	4,447,618
Family health and nutrition	1,468,423	1,248,510
Livelihood training and support	928,312	898,571
Mission teams	905,602	994,744
Church and community mobilization	766,382	638,241
Children – care and support	454,819	268,275
Assistance for women	413,233	848,956
Education and literacy	221,737	255,349
Medical training and infrastructure	100,493	75,722
Evangelism and discipleship	72,189	904,898
HIV/AIDS and other anti-disease projects	55,351	124,763
Development and training	10,895	134,996
	<u>16,989,064</u>	<u>12,616,717</u>
Operation Christmas Child	32,205,982	31,125,601
World Medical Mission	297,836	159,753
Total Ministry Expenses	<u>\$ 49,492,882</u>	<u>\$ 43,902,071</u>

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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“A Terrifying and Thrilling Time”



Dr. Kent Brantly was medical director of the Samaritan's Purse Ebola ministry in Liberia when he tested positive for the virus on July 26, 2014. Four days later, he received an experimental serum and a transfusion from one of his patients who had survived the virus. Samaritan's Purse chartered a med-evac flight that brought him to Atlanta, Georgia on Aug. 5. On Aug. 21, he left Emory University Hospital after being cured of Ebola. He now serves as medical advisor for Samaritan's Purse.

“I was working with the Samaritan's Purse Post-Residency Program at ELWA Hospital in Liberia in March 2014 when our team heard the dreaded words: Ebola Outbreak. We began preparing immediately for a worst-case scenario. Samaritan's Purse has been on the ground in Liberia for more than 10 years, with well-established partnerships and the respect of the community. We

were able to use those resources to begin prevention awareness programs and to convert our small hospital chapel into a five-bed isolation unit.

For the next two months, Liberia hit a lull in the outbreak. There were no new cases of Ebola, and it looked like we had missed that worst-case scenario. Then, on June 11, the Liberian Ministry of Health called to tell

us that there were some new suspected cases in one of the slums of Monrovia, and they wanted to send two patients to our Ebola Treatment Unit—the only one in the capital city. As the disease came raging back, the number of patients increased exponentially. Samaritan's Purse stepped into the role of providing clinical treatment. Medical volunteers were sent from the United States and other countries to lend a hand.

The Liberian Government asked Samaritan's Purse to take over the management of the only Ebola Treatment Unit in the remote area of Foya. The team quickly formulated a plan and began working to treat patients there. It wasn't long before we assumed the management of all clinical care in Monrovia as well, making Samaritan's Purse a significant provider of Ebola care for the entire country.

Construction of the new ELWA Hospital was put on hold as all resources were dedicated to turning the new kitchen/laundry building into a 20-bed isolation unit. The whole Samaritan's Purse Liberia team came together to respond to the catastrophe unfolding on our doorstep when no one else in the world was able to respond. We were dedicated to saving lives and offering the love of Jesus to hurting, dying people.

It was a terrifying and thrilling time. None of us knew what lay just around the bend, but I don't think we would have done anything differently. People's lives were on the line, and there was no one in the world positioned to respond better or more quickly than Samaritan's Purse.”

Dr. Kent Brantly's treatment team
at Emory University Hospital rejoiced
with him the day he was released
after his treatment there for Ebola.





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Samaritan's Purse has provided shelter materials to nearly 30,000 households in the Philippines following recent typhoons.



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