

ALONG THE SAMARITAN ROAD

{ SAMARITAN'S PURSE

20
16-17

MINISTRY REPORT }



NORTHERN IRAQ: SAVING LIVES OF WAR VICTIMS

A WORD FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

DEAR FRIEND,



When lives are turned upside down by a storm, earthquake, or attack, Samaritan's Purse stands prepared to spring into action. We know that every minute counts.

We thank God that we are now able to respond faster than ever before, thanks to a DC-8 jet that we salvaged from an aviation boneyard in New Mexico and refurbished to become the workhorse of our global relief work. This is one of the fastest commercial jets ever made, and when it flew our Emergency Field Hospital to Ecuador and cholera clinics to Haiti, it became a lifesaver.

The same kind of life-or-death urgency compels all our work at Samaritan's Purse as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who are hurting or lost. Time is running out on this old world. As Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:4-5).

This past year, Samaritan's Purse has helped well over 12 million people in 149 countries, and we praise God that we have seen over 1.5 million make life-changing decisions to give their hearts to Christ. On behalf of all of them, thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franklin Graham', written over a thin horizontal line.

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse



BRINGING HOPE: DEDICATION OF OUR
EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL IN IRAQ.





WAR RELIEF: IRAQ

SAVING LIVES IN A WAR ZONE

SAMARITAN'S PURSE AIRLIFTED OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL INTO IRAQ AND SET IT UP ON THE HISTORIC PLAINS OF NINEVEH JUST OUTSIDE THE BESIEGED CITY OF MOSUL IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MISSION TO SAVE LIVES, RELIEVE SUFFERING, AND SHARE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST WITH THE TERRORIZED VICTIMS OF ISIS.



Hiba (not her real name) feared that she would never make it out of Mosul alive. Outside her door, a war was raging, as government and coalition troops fought ISIS terrorists in the streets of Iraq's second largest city.

Hiba kept her children inside, but one day her six-year-old son was hit by shrapnel from a mortar blast. She bandaged him the best she could but soon realized his wounds were life-threatening. So she gathered him into her arms and made a run for the Iraqi army lines—only to be shot down

by a cold-blooded ISIS sniper.

"I kept on going until I couldn't breathe anymore," Hiba said. "When I couldn't run, I crawled."

Somehow, she and her son made it to safety, where government troops put them into an ambulance and rushed them to our Emergency Field Hospital barely 10 miles from Mosul. There, a world-class medical team assembled by Samaritan's Purse was able to save both their lives.

The Emergency Field Hospital arrived in Erbil, Iraq, on Christmas Day aboard a 747 cargo jet that Samaritan's Purse had loaded two days earlier in Greensboro, N.C. Within days, the inflatable buildings were erected, two fully equipped operating rooms were open, and over 80 doctors, nurses, and staff were caring for wounded and sick patients in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Franklin Graham traveled to Iraq to dedicate the 50-bed hospital and commended the staff for how they show the compassion of Christ through their expert care and tireless work in the face of war and evil. "[They] pray for them, talk to them, hold their hands, and smile. For most of these people, it might be the only glimpse of Jesus Christ they will ever see, and I want them to leave here with that impression."

Lise Grande, the United Nations' humanitarian coordinator for Iraq, thanked Samaritan's Purse for the swift response. **"We've reached out to a number of organizations, asking, begging them to step forward," she said. "Franklin Graham and Samaritan's Purse answered that call. We can't thank you enough."**

Over a thousand civilians were killed in the first six weeks of the fight to liberate Mosul, and many in the population of two million have had no access to health care in the two years since ISIS seized the city.

For some Iraqis, the hospital is the first place they have ever witnessed the compassion of Christ. "Why are we fighting these people?" one patient was heard to say in Arabic. "They are so kind."

The hospital is set up near sprawling refugee camps on the Plains of Nineveh. This is the same place that God sent the prophet Jonah thousands of years ago: "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me" (Jonah 1:2).

Jonah's tomb was in Mosul until 2014, when ISIS blew it up and vowed to exterminate Christians. The Emergency Field Hospital is at the forefront of an international effort by Samaritan's Purse to show the love of Jesus to thousands of displaced families and individuals—whether they are Christian, Yazidi, or Muslim.

In northern Iraq, our teams have distributed 20,000 blankets, 5,000 tarps, infant hygiene kits, cooking kits, clean water, and more than 2,000 tons of food. Across the Middle East, we are providing similar assistance to uprooted families through our longtime partners in Jordan, Lebanon, and neighboring countries.

In Greece, Samaritan's Purse has served over 700,000 meals and provided warm clothing to 14,000 refugees from places such as Syria and Afghanistan who are so desperate that they continue to cross the Mediterranean in small open boats.

In cities across Europe, we have partnered with evangelical churches to establish "Meeting Places" to reach out in the Name of Jesus to help refugees as they seek a place to live in peace. Many have come to Christ through these outreaches.





BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: Our medical staff work heroically to save lives, such as the day when ambulances brought in 11 people who had been badly hurt by an ISIS car bomb. As patients recover, God gives our staff opportunities to pray with them, encourage them with Scripture, and introduce them to our Lord and Savior.

50

Canadian doctors and
nurses deployed at our
Emergency Field Hospital

1,300

major surgeries performed



HURRICANE MATTHEW: HAITI



FIGHTING CHOLERA: Following Hurricane Matthew, Haiti feared another cholera epidemic like the one that killed thousands following the 2010 earthquake. Samaritan's Purse staff worked relentlessly to make sure that didn't happen again. We set up treatment centers in places like Chardonnières and distributed thousands of water filtration kits so that storm survivors would not have to drink contaminated water.

ISLAND BATTERED BY WAVES OF MISERY

HURRICANE MATTHEW WAS THE DEADLIEST ATLANTIC STORM IN MORE THAN A DECADE, KILLING MORE THAN 1,600 PEOPLE LAST OCTOBER AS IT PINBALLED ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN AND SCoured THE COAST OF FOUR SOUTHEASTERN STATES. SAMARITAN'S PURSE ORGANIZED DAILY AIRLIFTS ON OUR DC-8 CARGO JET TO DELIVER MORE THAN **200 TONS OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES** TO THE CARIBBEAN AND BATTLED AN OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA THAT FOLLOWED THE STORM.

As Pastor Carl Dimanche looked across the coastal town of Jeremie, all he saw was destruction. His church and the homes of his family and congregation lay in ruins, and the gardens and livestock that once fed the town were gone.

Hurricane Matthew had just swept over the Tiburon peninsula as the strongest storm to hit Haiti in over 50 years. "We have no roofs, no clothes, no food, no water," Pastor Carl said. "But at least we are still alive."

Matthew killed over a thousand people in Haiti and left multitudes at risk. The toll would have been even worse if not for swift action by Samaritan's Purse medical teams in response to an outbreak of cholera. Thousands developed the deadly infection by drinking water that was contaminated by the storm. Without treatment, half of them might have died.

Samaritan's Purse deployed more than a dozen doctors and nurses to remote villages to battle the outbreak. Roads and bridges were washed out, so the medical teams walked into the mountains and used pack burros to deliver life-saving supplies.

As fluids and medication were administered, within hours seemingly lifeless bodies were revived from what could have been a death sentence. "If you had not been here, I would not be alive," said Jean Saintil, who was among 400 cholera patients treated by Samaritan's Purse.

Matthew packed Category 4 winds when it made landfall in Haiti on Oct. 4. Just two days later, Samaritan's Purse made the first of nine relief flights to deliver a total of 200 tons of emergency supplies to the island. We also sent one flight to the Bahamas, where Matthew struck Oct. 6.

In Haiti, Samaritan's Purse distributed 8,000 blankets, 8,000 hygiene kits, 31,756 shelter tarps, and 11,375 water filtration systems to help storm survivors rebuild their lives.

200

tons of
emergency
supplies
airlifted to Haiti
and Bahamas
after Hurricane
Matthew



EARTHQUAKE: ECUADOR

AIRLIFT BECOMES A LIFELINE

COASTAL ECUADOR WAS ROCKED APRIL 16 BY THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST EARTHQUAKE OF 2016. SAMARITAN'S PURSE IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED OUR DC-8 CARGO JET FOR ITS FIRST MISSION—AIRLIFTING AN EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL INTO THE DISASTER ZONE, WHERE OUR DOCTORS AND NURSES CARED FOR MORE THAN **1,200 PATIENTS** IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

Monica and Freddy Leones were fortunate to survive the 7.8-magnitude earthquake April 16 in Ecuador that killed 673 people and injured tens of thousands. Freddy immediately went to work delivering food and water to victims—and then came home to find his wife clutching her abdomen and crying in pain.

Monica needed to get to a hospital, but Freddy knew that all the medical facilities in the region had been destroyed. An ambulance took them on a harrowing two-hour ride, to what had been a vacant field near the town of Chone.

There was the hospital they desperately needed—set up in a matter of hours by Samaritan's Purse. Our doctors quickly diagnosed appendicitis and rushed her into a fully equipped operating room that had been packed into our DC-8 cargo jet just a few days earlier.

The surgery was a success—and just in time. Otherwise, in a few hours, Monica might have died of a ruptured appendix.

Saving lives like Monica's has been our priority as Samaritan's Purse developed our Emergency Field Hospital, trained our medical response teams, and refurbished a 48-year-old DC-8 cargo jet

salvaged from an aviation salvage yard in New Mexico.

We praise God that we were able to open the hospital in Ecuador on April 21—just five days after the earthquake struck. The hospital includes operating rooms, patient wards, a pharmacy, a generator, and everything needed to provide expert care in the Name of Jesus Christ.

1,285

patients
treated at our
Emergency
Field Hospital
in Ecuador



VITAL SUPPLIES: Medical and emergency materials, unloaded from Samaritan's Purse's DC-8 cargo jet, are prepared for distribution to areas affected by the 2016 earthquake in Ecuador.

During the two months of disaster response in Ecuador, our medical staff treated 1,285 patients and performed 287 surgeries. More than 60 of these patients, family members, and local medical professionals made decisions to follow Jesus.

We praise God for how He worked through the compassion, dedication, and expertise of our medical teams to make an eternal impact in Ecuador.

In addition to providing emergency medical care, **Samaritan's Purse provided clean water to 50,000 earthquake victims and met the shelter needs of 5,000 families.** The DC-8 made five flights from North Carolina to Ecuador transporting relief supplies and personnel as well as the field hospital.

The emergency hospital in Chone has been turned over to the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health and remains a center for trusted health care while the town hospital is being rebuilt.



CANADIAN DISASTER RELIEF

PROVIDING HELP AND HOPE TO WILDFIRE VICTIMS

THANKS TO DONATIONS FROM GENEROUS CANADIANS LIKE YOU, SAMARITAN'S PURSE WAS ABLE TO HELP THOUSANDS OF HOMEOWNERS WHO LOST EVERYTHING WHEN A CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE SWEEPED THROUGH PARTS OF FORT MCMURRAY, AB.

Like more than 2,000 other homeowners in the northern Alberta city of Fort McMurray, Sheri had lost everything when a catastrophic wildfire wiped out entire neighborhoods in May, 2016.

Sheri and so many others were left despondent when they saw what was left of their homes and possessions: just burned-out shells of vehicles and the concrete foundation of their houses.

Still, there was a glimmer of hope when specially trained and equipped Samaritan's Purse volunteers, and Rapid Response Team chaplains from our sister organization the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, showed up and offered to sift through the ashes in case a few family heirlooms had somehow survived.

"I want to know more about Samaritan's Purse, because it's been really awesome having you here," said Sheri as volunteers showed her what they found.

Samaritan's Purse offered our services to the city, and municipal officials invited us in to help residents. We transported one of our specially equipped Disaster Response Unit tractor trailers to Fort McMurray and set up at Fort City Church.

In total, **more than 175 volunteers worked for over 7,500 hours in and around Fort McMurray** in June and July. Besides sifting through ashes, they moved hundreds of fridges and freezers full of dangerous, rotten food out of undamaged homes that had been without electricity for up to a month and to the curb for pickup.

"You guys are amazing," said Barbara, another Fort McMurray resident. "Not just for moving our fridge out of the house, but for the prayer and the feeling of compassion. This means a lot to us."

Our Fort McMurray disaster response is the second largest Canadian deployment in Samaritan's Purse Canada's history (the largest was our response to the 2013 southern Alberta floods).

Since then, Samaritan's Purse has stayed active in the region, working alongside local partners to restore hope and renew dreams by equipping local churches to meet needs.

535

volunteers in 2016

4

deployments in
four provinces



MORE





MEETING THE CHALLENGE: Preparing the Disaster Relief Unit for a day's work. Samaritan's Purse has three of the specially equipped tractor trailers stationed across Canada, ready to respond to disaster situations. **RIGHT:** Volunteers trained, equipped and deployed by Samaritan's Purse prepare to sift through the rubble of destroyed homes in Fort McMurray AB, looking for any heirlooms or keepsakes that survived the catastrophic wildfire.



"About 88,000 people evacuated," says Roland Vanderburg, a program developer with Samaritan's Purse Canada. "About 73,000 came back. By and large, people are coping as well as they can, but there's a lot we can't just fix. It's a process, and our greatest priority is to help them get their lives back—whatever that means for them personally."

In addition to helping equip local churches, Samaritan's Purse Canada is also exploring ways to work with established partners to help meet the needs of those who face special housing challenges. About 300 Fort McMurray residents who lost homes in the wildfire were identified as uninsured or underinsured.

You can be part of this life-changing outreach when you partner with us through your donations and prayers.

BURNED OUT SHELLS:
Fort McMurray's wildfire reduced more than 2,000 buildings, many of them homes, to little more than concrete foundations. RIGHT: Samaritan's Purse volunteers search for anything that survived the blaze.





BRINGING RELIEF TO FLOODED HOMEOWNERS IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

THE SWOLLEN OTTAWA RIVER FLOODED MANY HOMES IN EASTERN ONTARIO AND WESTERN QUEBEC. WORKING WITH LOCAL CHURCHES, SAMARITAN'S PURSE VOLUNTEERS CLEANED UP MORE THAN 80 DAMAGED HOMES.

An unprecedented combination of snow melt and rainfall caused the Ottawa River to spill its banks in late April and early May of 2017. Almost 2,000 people were forced to leave their homes in communities along the river, such as Rockland, ON, Gatineau, QC, and Rigaud, QC.

In the aftermath, Samaritan's Purse offered to help and was welcomed in the region. We moved two of our Disaster Relief tractor trailers to the area and, working with local churches and **more than 250 volunteers, cleaned up more than 80 flooded homes.**

"We had a lot of damage, as you can see," said one Quebec homeowner. "The house, the exterior buildings, and everything was affected. I was very discouraged; I couldn't stop crying."

After owners accepted an offer of free, no-strings-attached help from Samaritan's Purse, volunteers removed damaged belongings and drywall, then sanitized the house in preparation for repair.

"You came with your experience, with your enthusiasm, with your tools, with your good hearts," one owner said gratefully. "We will try to become good people like you, to give back to people because you have been so generous to us."





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

11.5 MILLION REASONS TO SMILE

EVERY GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. WE THANK GOD FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO REACH NEARLY **11.5 MILLION CHILDREN** IN **104 COUNTRIES** IN 2016 THROUGH OUR ANNUAL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT.

Operation Christmas Child is a gift that keeps on giving. That's because God is using our shoebox gift project to make a lasting impact in the lives of children who are growing up to become church leaders and church planters.

In the past four years, brothers Jamber, 22, and José, 19, have helped their pastor start two churches in Cajamarca, Peru. Both brothers received Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes while attending a church called Gateway to Bethlehem. José received his box full of towels, toys, and crayons at age five. Jamber was already a believer and a Sunday School teacher when he received his at 14.

The brothers helped start a church in a ramshackle building called the House of Wood. Members of the new church distributed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and began teaching The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients. Family members began coming to church with their children, and four years later the House of Wood is growing so fast that it has been expanded to three times its original size.

"We need to keep going," Pastor Cueva said. "Parts of the city still haven't heard about Jesus."

Samaritan's Purse has been sending shoeboxes to Peru for nearly 20 years, and our Christian partners often use the gifts as a way to share God's love with children who are not in churches. At one outreach event in Cajamarca, more than a dozen individuals gave their hearts to Christ, and a new church was planted in that neighborhood.

In other corners of the world, God is using Operation Christmas Child to open doors in places and cultures where it has been challenging to share the Gospel. For example, 2016 was the first time we have been able to have large-scale outreach events in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma—a predominantly Buddhist nation that was under military rule until recently. This was a tremendous encouragement to the Christians there.

"Through Operation Christmas Child, we can plant more seeds of the Gospel in children's hearts," said Charity Nyunt, a Burmese Christian. "Children will experience the love of God—and not only them, but their friends, family, and community."

Every shoebox represents an opportunity to share the Gospel. **In 2016, Samaritan's Purse collected a record 11,486,773 gifts in 11 countries, including 664,525 from Canada.** Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has distributed 146.8 million gift boxes worldwide.



JOY TO THE WORLD: Children in Costa Rica rejoice over receiving shoeboxes packed by Canadians like you. Operation Christmas Child has been working in this country for 15 years.



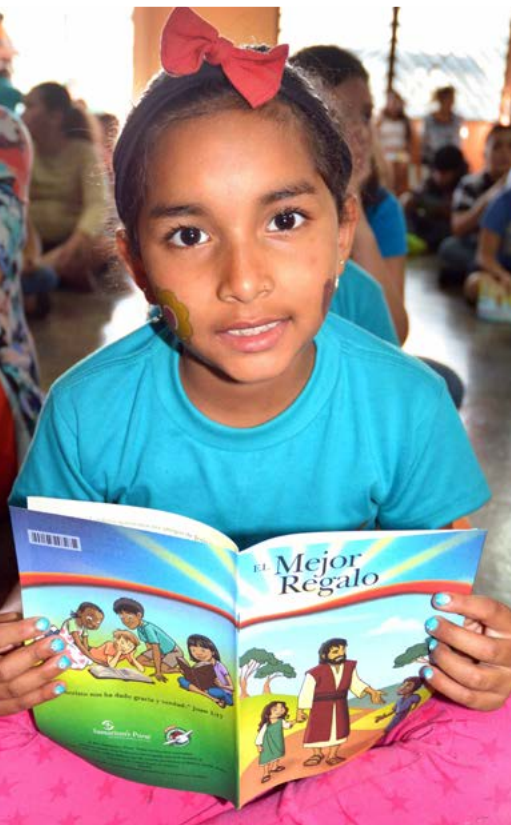
664,525

gift-filled shoeboxes
packed by Canadians
in 2016

14

countries received
the shoeboxes





THE GREATEST JOURNEY



REACHING MILLIONS FOR JESUS

WE PRAISE GOD FOR HOW HE IS USING THE GREATEST JOURNEY TO RAISE UP A NEW GENERATION OF DISCIPLES AMONG OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT RECIPIENTS. IN 2016, MORE THAN **1.5 MILLION CHILDREN** MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST THROUGH THESE CLASSES, BRINGING THE SEVEN-YEAR TOTAL TO MORE THAN **FIVE MILLION NEW BELIEVERS**.

In a Cambodian village, children crowd around a 13-year-old girl named Thida to hear her read the wonderful stories of Jesus. You would never guess that it has only been a few months since she gave her heart to Christ and began reading the Bible.

Not long after Thida received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, she was invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson Samaritan's Purse discipleship program for children who receive shoebox gifts.

At first, Thida was disrespectful to her teacher, talked back, and refused to participate in class. She showed little if any interest in God or the Bible. She also had a strained relationship with her parents and did not appreciate how hard they worked. Her mother works long, hard days in a garment factory for little pay, and her father is a day laborer.

Thida's attitude in The Greatest Journey classes changed in the fifth lesson, when she read about Zacchaeus in Luke 19. "Zacchaeus was not a good man," Thida said. "But when he met Jesus, he repented."

Thida realized that Jesus could also change her life, so she prayed to repent of her sins and trusted Him as her Lord and Savior.

Then she made her mother's birthday one to remember. "I told my mother I loved her," Thida said. "She cried because she had never heard those words from me."

Now, Thida isn't shy about sharing the Gospel and telling friends and family what she learned during The Greatest Journey. "I want to be a person who respects my parents, follows Jesus, and follows the plan God prepared for me," she said.

Thida is also helping make disciples. She is among six graduates from her class who go with their teacher to a nearby village to lead The Greatest Journey classes for another group of children.

In ways like this, God uses The Greatest Journey to expand the impact of the Gospel far beyond the churches and classrooms. Not only are millions of children around the world coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but they are getting the New Testament in their own language and learning how important it is to share their faith with family and friends. More than 5.5 million graduates of the program have made a commitment to pray for opportunities to share the Good News of Christ with their loved ones.

Samaritan's Purse offers The Greatest Journey in more than 70 languages and reached nearly 100 countries in 2016. Since 2010, almost 11 million children have enrolled, with another 4.4 million expected in 2017.

416,000

students enrolled in
The Greatest Journey
classes funded by
Canadians in 2016

115,000

decisions for Christ
at Canadian-funded
classes in 2016



SPREADING THE GOSPEL:
This teacher in Costa Rica (above) is among 520,000 volunteers who have been trained by Samaritan's Purse through our global church network to lead The Greatest Journey classes. When students graduate, we give them New Testaments in their own language. Left: Visiting Canadians join The Greatest Journey graduates in Costa Rica for a class photo.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

SHARING THE GOSPEL THROUGH WATER FILTERS AND MORE

ALL OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE'S WORK WORLDWIDE IS ULTIMATELY AIMED AT EARNING INVITATIONS TO SHARE OUR FAITH IN CHRIST WITH THOSE WE SERVE. WE WANT TO MEET PEOPLE'S SHORT-TERM PHYSICAL NEEDS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WANT TO MEET THEIR LIFELONG SPIRITUAL NEEDS.

We praise God for how often He has provided Samaritan's Purse with "Gospel opportunities" in many communities around the world where we work—including remote villages in Nepal. Our partner organization is providing villagers with safe drinking water, vocational training and much more. We've seen dozens of people commit their lives to Christ!

One of the most exciting examples is in Lagara, where almost all of the village's 37 families are considered to be "untouchables"—members of the Hindu religion's lowest caste or class. They have so little status in Nepal that even their regional and national governments often ignored their needs. The only source of drinking water was a muddy creek.

"We used to beg the government for help but no one would listen due to our low caste," recalls village leader Jogendar Sadai.

Then Samaritan's Purse and our Christian partner organization arrived. We began in Lagara by providing "Community Leadership Training" that helped the villagers gain confidence in themselves and in their ability to achieve meaningful change.

Next, we used donations from Canadians like you to pay for construction of a community water well, and installation in households of life-saving BioSand Filters that transform dirty water into drinkable water in seconds.

We are also installing larger scale Samaritan Filters, which expand the BioSand technology, into schools and community centers in Nepal and other countries.

When Lagara's grateful residents asked why we've been coming to their aid, we told them about the Jesus who sacrificed His life for each of us, and who called us to love one another. Many villagers wanted to know more about Jesus, so area pastor Prakash Thapa, representing our Christian partner organization, began teaching them.

When we first started serving the people of Lagara in 2013, none of its 37 families were Christ followers. Today, 12 families—or almost one third of the entire community—have made faith commitments. The person who made the most recent commitment (only two days before staff from Samaritan's Purse Canada's visited Lagara) is Sunita, a married mother of three children.

Sunita, who moved to Lagara only a few weeks earlier, said she was immediately impressed with the warmth and friendliness of the village's Christians. Their willingness to pray for her during a serious illness, and the fact she quickly recovered after their prayers, convinced her to commit her life to Christ. Now, she is excited to start worshipping in a small church that local believers just finished building.

"We are praying that this whole community will come to Christ and be transformed not only physically but spiritually," pastor Prakash says. "Remember us in your prayers."

Also remember and pray for the people in hundreds of other villages around the world in which Samaritan's Purse and our ministry partners are sharing the Gospel while being Jesus' Good Samaritan. Pray that those we serve would see Christ through our words and actions, and commit their lives to Him.





250,000

BioSand Water Filters
installed since 1998

1,500,000

people have safe water
because of generous donors
to Samaritan's Purse Canada



TRANSFORMING LIVES AROUND THE WORLD: Samaritan's Purse Canada has been using donations from people like you to make dangerous water (top) drinkable in countries like Cambodia. A Samaritan Filter is providing safe water for an entire school in the Philippines (above).



MISSION TRIPS



OFFERING CHRIST'S COMPASSION THROUGH MISSION TRIPS

SAMARITAN'S PURSE ORGANIZED AND LED **25 MISSION TRIPS TO 10 COUNTRIES** IN JESUS' NAME IN 2016. CANADIAN CHURCH LEADERS TRAVELLED WITH SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO COSTA RICA TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW OUR MINISTRIES, INCLUDING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, ARE CHANGING LIVES FOR ALL ETERNITY.



Samaritan's Purse Canada offers short-term volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, schools, community groups, and churches to travel to and serve other people in our often hurting world.

These mission trips can involve 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 serving God in places of need. Each trip is a little different, due to the local needs and culture.

Tamara Ewald, a teacher in Terrace, B.C., travelled with Samaritan's Purse to Ecuador with six of her students from their Christian school.

They worked with one of our Ecuadorian partners, serving food to people in extreme poverty. They also distributed emergency supplies to people still struggling after Ecuador's devastating 2016 earthquake.

"The school is committed to broadening the kids' world view and they do it through service in other countries," Tamara said.

For an opportunity to join us on a trip, please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/teams for more information.

25

team mission trips
in 2016

332

participants





WORLD MEDICAL MISSION

TESTIMONIES OF GOD'S HEALING

WORLD MEDICAL MISSION PLACED MORE THAN **725** **DOCTORS, NURSES, DENTISTS,** AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ON INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS IN 2016 AND SUPPORTED THE WORK OF MISSION HOSPITALS IN **34 COUNTRIES.**

Suffering the ravages of dengue fever, “KP” went into complete respiratory failure with both lungs collapsing. The 12-year-old Honduran girl was placed on a ventilator for two weeks and needed around-the-clock care.

Drs. Isaac and Anne Hofer Hotz were part of the team at Hospital Loma de Luz that cared for KP and prayed with the child and her relatives. The doctors are family medicine specialists who fulfilled a two-year assignment in Honduras in 2014-2016 through our World Medical Mission Post-Residency Program.

For brief intervals, KP was able to breathe on her own. During one of those intervals, KP told Dr. Hotz and the nurses she wanted to accept Christ into her heart.

“She prayed a beautiful prayer to Jesus, confessing that she was a sinner, asking Him to forgive her sins, inviting Him to come into her heart and to take over her life—not just a part of it, but her whole life,” said Dr.

Hotz. “I had to look away as I held her hand because I was crying so much.”

KP’s parents did not want their daughter to suffer any longer and were prepared to remove her from the ventilator. They had already purchased her coffin. But KP surprised everyone when she survived into the next day, and the next week.

Her condition improved and she gradually regained lung functions. Six weeks after being admitted to the hospital, KP was able to return home to her family. Now she is walking and continues to praise God for His healing work in her life.

The Hotz’s are among 150 physicians since 2004 who have answered Christ’s call to serve overseas through our Post-Residency Program. Most of these doctors have now become career medical missionaries.

44

doctors and
nurses deployed
to 14 countries



HEALING BODIES AND SOULS: Dr. Kevin Kerrigan (top) has made several short-term volunteer trips, and Dr. Leona O'Keefe (above) came to Tansen Hospital In Nepal through our post-residency program.

In 2016, we commissioned 19 more young men and women for two-year assignments.

World Medical Mission specializes in arranging short-term trips overseas for doctors and other medical professionals who volunteer their time and service.

In 2016, we coordinated more than 725 short-term trips for health care professionals who served at 38 mission hospitals in 34 countries. We also sent our biomedical technicians to 12 hospitals and clinics to install and maintain equipment, and we shipped over 227 tons of medical supplies to 19 overseas facilities.



OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS



MENDING WAR'S DEEPEST WOUNDS

TWENTY CANADIAN COUPLES HAVE BEEN PART OF OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS SINCE 2015. THIS MINISTRY IS HELPING MILITARY COUPLES RECOVER FROM THE PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WOUNDS OF WAR.

Each year, Operation Heal Our Patriots offers 10 Canadian military couples the opportunity to reconnect with each other in the picturesque setting of Port Alsworth, Alaska. The week-long stay at our Samaritan Lodge features a variety of activities in Alaska's amazing outdoors, and marriage counseling sessions offered from a biblical perspective.

Rob and Tammy, with nine other couples, received a hero's welcome from Port Alsworth residents when they arrived in a float plane in September 2016, and every moment of their week after that was filled with love and support from the lodge's staff and volunteers. That love, Rob and Tammy say, changed their view of life, of their marriage, and of Jesus, who previously had little or no meaning in their lives.

The couple was also able to spend time together in God's creation, and enjoy a fishing trip alone with two guides on the pristine Tanalian River. The peaceful day was filled with a lot of laughter—and a lot of fish—for the couple.

By the end of the week in Alaska, Rob and Tammy were among 13 people who accepted Christ as their savior and were baptized in the frigid waters of Lake Clark, where Samaritan Lodge is located.

"I've given my heart to Jesus now—I want to start living as the man I should be," Rob says. "I'm looking forward to this new journey with God in our lives."

Tammy found closure from her years of pain and bitterness—following the death of their young daughter—and went home to Canada with a new view of life and a new faith in God.

"I wanted to say 'sorry' to God for closing the door to Him, believing that He took my daughter away from me," Tammy says. "I know now that He didn't take her away, but He did receive her. Understanding that has made this all worth it."

Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/OHOP to read more stories of how God is transforming lives and marriages through this unique ministry.

20

Canadian
military couples
have attended
Samaritan
Lodge since
2015



INVESTING IN YOUNG LIVES

CANADIAN STAFF AT THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE MINISTRY CENTER IN REMOTE DEASE LAKE, B.C., ARE REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH THE LOVE AND COMPASSION OF JESUS CHRIST.

When Samaritan's Purse staff member Sandra Hea visited the Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center in remote Dease Lake, B.C., she was delighted to find community children and young people making the center a priority in their lives.

The center, which has been operating for four years near the Yukon border, continues to host about 50 children and youth each week. Center staff welcome different age groups each day, but Sandra noted that even when it's not their day, some children still want to visit the facility.

During their time at the center, young people—mostly members of the Tahltan First Nation—play together, eat meals together, discuss topics like loving your neighbor, and participate in activities like dodgeball, soccer, foosball, and video games.

The staff's goal is to promise little but deliver a lot, and Sandra believes that's what keeps the community's young people coming back.

"These children share their lives with us and it's a joy to be part of that journey—and be allowed to invest in their lives," said Larry Nanninga, who, with wife Trixie, manages the center.

"The youth still want to come here and we're so thankful for that."

50

youth attending programs weekly at the Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center

Recent highlights for the ministry center include:

- Center staff taking several children to a Bible camp in the Yukon
- A group of youth attending a First Nations youth conference in Edmonton
- Supporting and participating in the annual Stikine Valley Gospel Music Festival

Please pray for our staff as they work to be Christ's ambassadors in northern British Columbia. And consider becoming a financial partner in this ministry.



WOMEN'S PROJECTS



CANADIAN SUPPORT HELPS GIRLS AND WOMEN AVOID LIVES OF CHRONIC POVERTY

IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, CANADIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS ENABLING SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO HELP WOMEN RECEIVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING, EARN AN INCOME, AND ESCAPE EXPLOITATION.

Young women in the developing world with no education face a lifetime of grinding poverty and hopelessness.

Marriage might seem like a form of protection, but not if the man dies or abandons them, which often happens. Women and girls then become so utterly helpless that without education, they risk being sexually exploited or even dying of starvation.

Malika is a 21-year-old woman who needed—and received—our help. **She's among 70 young women and girls who have attended a vocational training center in Senegal supported by Samaritan's Purse. The students learn cooking, nutrition, sewing, hygiene, and literacy.**

All of our training efforts are ultimately aimed at encouraging these girls and women to know Jesus. Unlike the stigma, fear of abuse, and sense of hopelessness to which they are accustomed, this journey often inspires them to gain the skills to care for themselves and, if they have children, to care for them too.

When Malika started missing classes at the vocational center, concerned staff made inquiries. They learned Malika was pregnant and struggling to survive. Malika's mother, embarrassed and angry by her unmarried daughter's pregnancy, had abandoned her.

Many students in the developing world drop out of school when they become pregnant, but Malika was

determined to continue, in part because of her increasing interest in learning more about Jesus Christ.

Through the support of the vocational center, Malika continued with her classes throughout the pregnancy

and is now living in a home with her grandmother and her newborn twins. She's taking a break from school while recovering from childbirth, but is planning to return to class soon.

The vocational training she's been receiving will help Malika provide for her family, enhance her self-worth, and enable mother and children to achieve far more for themselves and their community. Meanwhile,

the spiritual training she is receiving is helping Malika to grow as a child of Christ—beliefs and knowledge she wants to pass along to her children and others.

All of this life-transforming impact is possible because of Canadian donations. You can be part of our work in Senegal, and in many other parts of the world where women and children need assistance and protection, through your prayers and financial gifts.

1,068

women received vocational training and support in 2016

530

women received literacy or numeracy training in 2016



VEGETABLE GARDEN AND NUTRITION TRAINING BETTER HEALTH FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS PUTTING CANADIAN DONATIONS TO WORK BY OFFERING PEOPLE IN CAMBODIA, SRI LANKA AND OTHER COUNTRIES HEALTH AND HYGIENE TRAINING, AND TEACHING THEM SUSTAINABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AGRICULTURE TECHNIQUES.

“We were poor because we had so many sicknesses,” says Neang Rady, in recalling how often she had to buy expensive medicine for her family.

Like most of Cambodia's rural and uneducated population, Neang had never learned about hygiene, nutrition, or proper sanitation practices. She didn't realize that bacteria made her family's food and water unsafe, plaguing them with disease.

“We had diarrhea, salmonella, worms, and fever,” she says. “Malnutrition was also a major problem, because we didn't have enough vegetables to eat.”

Neang learned about the importance of a balanced diet and proper food preparation when Samaritan's Purse came to her village offering health and hygiene training workshops.

“I understood their lessons on disease prevention, clean water, hygiene, sanitation, and agriculture,” she notes.

In addition, Samaritan's Purse staff used gifts from Canadians like you to establish a vegetable garden beside Neang's home and taught her to maintain it. Neang applied her agricultural training to produce large quantities of nutritious, chemical-free vegetables.

“I plant vegetables year-round,” she says. “My family's health has improved because now we have enough nutrition in our food.”

The garden has also become an income source for Neang, as she sells the excess produce to other villagers at the market.

“We are now living with happiness, doing what the program trained us to do,” she concludes.

18,700

people trained
in agriculture
techniques,
funded by
Canadians



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



OFF THE STREETS AND IN SCHOOL

HOPE AND EDUCATION: IN NEPAL AND OTHER DEVELOPING NATIONS, SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS SUPPORTING LOCAL CHRISTIAN PARTNERS WHO ARE EDUCATING AND COUNSELING YOUNG PEOPLE SO THEY LEAVE BEHIND A LIFE OF HOPELESS BEGGING AND FIND HOPE.

Thirteen-year-old *Ryan used to rise early in his home—a slum in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal—and beg until after dark. He'd do all he could to earn at least 200 rupees (about \$2 CDN). If he failed, the consequence was a beating by his father, who was often drunk.

The day Samaritan's Purse became involved in Ryan's life was like any other. Our local partners found him begging in the streets, holding up a sign requesting donations: "My family and wife are dead due to a fire in my village. I am also sick. Please help me with some money."

Ryan had been exploited twice: first by his own family, and second by the man who charged him for the misleading sign. After our partner explained to the illiterate Ryan what his sign said, the boy was eager to learn more about how he could be helped.

Ryan became a regular at our partner organization's center, where street children receive food, prayer, counseling, and more during an after-school program. Ryan wanted our help but struggled to behave at the center, and would often rush out in fear saying, "today I have just 60 Rupees—I have to earn more."

Our partner, supported by Canadian donors like you, began visiting Ryan's family, trying to persuade his father to let the boy attend school.

"It was so shocking to hear that he belongs to a beggar's family through the generations—begging is their profession," reported our partner organization. "They have many children so they can have more money [from begging] . . . these children are the breadwinners for the family."

It took three months, but praise God, Ryan's father began allowing him to go to school. Our partner provided Ryan with the educational supplies to do so. Your financial gifts and prayers helped make this possible. But there are many, many more children in Nepal and many other impoverished parts of the world who need to find physical and spiritual hope.

*Name has been changed for security reasons.

3,450

vulnerable children
who received
psychosocial support

4,700

children received
educational
assistance



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

ANTI-TRAFFICKING MINISTRY IN UGANDA TRANSFORMING WOMEN'S LIVES

THROUGHOUT THE DEVELOPING WORLD, SAMARITAN'S PURSE IS USING YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS TO SUPPORT CHRISTIAN PARTNERS WHO ARE HELPING PEOPLE ESCAPE THE MISERY OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

"God created me for a purpose. I now believe that I'm going to go from glory to glory to the place where God has purposed me to be."

When any woman says those words, it's a reason to celebrate. When the woman saying the words is a former prostitute, you know she has undergone a complete transformation, so let's truly rejoice!

Florence was still a little girl when her father died and she and her remaining family moved in with her grandparents. Then at nine, her family split again and she lived with an aunt.

That aunt promised to allow Florence to attend school, but insisted instead she care for the woman's children and cows. Then Florence was shunted to a distant uncle who'd often come home drunk and beat her or lock her out.

She found another place to live as a housekeeper, but the woman in the home soon kicked her out after realizing her husband was showing an inappropriate interest in the young girl.

Florence thought she'd finally found a home when she

met a woman who invited her to join in operating a clothing store in the town of Jinja, about 80 kilometers from the capital city of Uganda.

Unfortunately, when Florence arrived in Jinja, she learned the clothing store was really a bar, and her business partner was really a prostitute. Florence was soon pressured into prostitution too.

She hated her life but was so beaten down and hopeless



she stayed in it for three dark years.

Then a woman approached her from the Sanyuka Women at Risk ministry, fully funded by Samaritan's Purse Canada donors, in Jinja that helps women and their children escape prostitution.

The live-in program includes Christian counseling and support, plus a wide range of skills training including weaving, tailoring, cooking, catering, and jewelry making.

Florence and nine other women will soon complete the 12-month program, followed by two years of additional support. **Sanyuka has existed for 10 years and has achieved a 90 percent success rate in ensuring women don't return to prostitution**, says founding director Mary Zema.

Florence has a message for Samaritan's Purse Canada and its donors too: "You have done a good work in my life. You have changed many lives. Because I never knew I could be what I am today. May God bless you, may God protect you."

117

former prostitutes in three countries participated in exploitation rehabilitation programming

21,000

men, women and children received exploitation prevention training

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

DECEMBER 31, 2016 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)

FINANCIAL POSITION

	2016	2015
Assets		
Current		
Cash	7,048,747	9,204,521
Short-term investments	1,876,789	4,436,027
Accounts receivable	660,050	1,000,590
Prepaid expenses	200,032	122,306
Inventory	110,728	163,288
	9,896,346	14,926,732
Investments	11,124,595	9,729,144
Capital assets	6,474,057	6,726,580
	27,494,998	31,382,456
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,151,729	1,161,519
Fund balances		
Unrestricted	7,133,414	7,372,078
Internally restricted -		
-invested in capital assets	6,474,057	6,726,580
Externally restricted	12,735,798	16,122,279
	26,343,269	30,220,937
	27,494,998	31,382,456

CASH FLOW

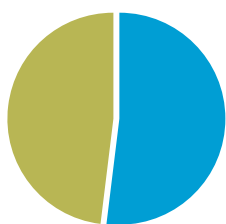
	2016	2015
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures in the General Fund	714,992	2,764,866
Excess of revenue over expenditures in the Ministry Fund	(4,022,869)	(183,713)
	(3,307,877)	2,581,153
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	340,540	(423,050)
Prepaid expenses	(77,726)	3,230
Inventory	52,560	128,755
Accounts payable	(9,790)	(340,543)
	(3,002,293)	1,949,545
Investing activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(317,268)	(517,380)
Purchase of investments	(12,329,419)	(24,390,685)
Proceeds on sale of investments	13,493,206	23,407,654
	846,519	(1,500,411)
(Decrease) increase in cash	(2,155,774)	449,134
Cash - Beginning of year	9,204,521	8,755,387
Cash - End of year	7,048,747	9,204,521

Complete 2016 audited financial statements at samaritanspurse.ca/annual-report-and-financial-accountability

Consolidated Statement of Activities

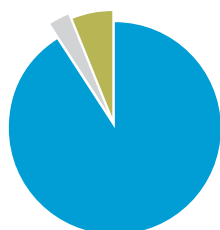
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)

	2016			2015
	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL FUND	MINISTRY FUND	TOTAL
Revenue				
Contributions	7,235,113	—	23,327,001	30,562,114
Gifts in kind	31,447	—	28,321,813	28,353,260
Investment income	116,710	—	9,024	125,734
Loss on sale of capital assets	—	—	—	—
	7,383,270	—	51,657,838	59,041,108
Expenditures				
Ministry expenses	—	—	49,327,224	49,327,224
Other missionary projects and supporting services	3,524,114	289,157	3,887,730	7,701,001
	3,524,114	289,157	53,214,954	57,028,225
Fundraising	1,253,586	—	564,103	1,817,689
General and administrative support for ministries	1,890,578	280,634	1,901,650	4,072,862
	3,144,164	280,634	2,465,753	5,890,551
Excess of revenue over expenditures	714,992	(569,791)	(4,022,869)	(3,877,668)
Fund balance - Beginning of year	7,372,078	6,726,580	16,122,279	30,220,937
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(710,052)	—	710,052	—
Inter fund transfer - capital asset purchases	(243,604)	317,268	(73,664)	—
Fund balance - End of year	7,133,414	6,474,057	12,735,798	26,343,269



2016 REVENUES

- 52 % Contributions
- 48 % Contributed goods/services



2016 EXPENSES

- 91 % Ministry
- 6 % General and administrative
- 3 % Fund raising

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

"let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven."

matthew 5:16



{ BOARD OF DIRECTORS }



DENNIS GLUBISH
MD, CCFP, FCFP
St. Albert, AB



GEOFFREY L. MOORE CA
President
Geoffrey L. Moore & Associates
Thornhill, ON



RUTH A.M. ROSS BA, LLB
Deputy Executive Director
Advocates International
London, ON



FRANKLIN GRAHAM
President & CEO, Samaritan's Purse
President & CEO, Billy Graham
Evangelistic Association
Boone, NC



JACK NEUFELD
President and CEO
WORX Environmental Products, Inc.
Calgary, AB



PAUL SABER
President & CEO
Manna Development Group
Encinitas, CA



BRIAN PAULS
President
Pauls Properties Corp
Denver, CO



**THE HONORABLE
E. DARRELL RIEMER**
Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta
Red Deer, AB



KENNETH STANKIEVECH
President and CEO
Technovita Technologies Corporation
Calgary, AB

BOARD OFFICERS

Franklin Graham, Chairman
Dennis Glubish, Vice Chairman
Geoffrey Moore, Treasurer
Ruth Ross, Secretary



WM. FRANKLIN GRAHAM, IV
First Vice Chairman and Vice President
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
Asheville, North Carolina

BACKGROUND PHOTO

HELPING HOMEOWNERS: Samaritan's Purse volunteers search through the remains of a burned home in Fort McMurray AB, looking for anything that might have survived the catastrophic wildfire that destroyed more than 2,000 buildings in the city in 2016.

“BUT A CERTAIN SAMARITAN, AS HE JOURNEYED,


CAME WHERE HE WAS. AND WHEN HE SAW HIM, HE HAD COMPASSION.

SO HE WENT TO HIM AND BANDAGED HIS WOUNDS,

POURING ON OIL AND WINE; AND HE SET HIM ON HIS OWN ANIMAL,

BROUGHT HIM TO AN INN, AND TOOK CARE OF HIM ... GO AND DO LIKEWISE.”

Luke 10:33-34, 37



THE STREETS OF MOSUL ARE STAINED WITH BLOOD FROM THE VICTIMS OF ISIS SNIPERS, ROADSIDE BOMBS, AND BOOBY-TRAPPED HOUSES. EVERY DAY, DOZENS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS ARE MAIMED AND LEFT “HALF DEAD,” AS JESUS DESCRIBED THE ROBBERY VICTIM IN THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. SINCE SAMARITAN'S PURSE ESTABLISHED OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF IRAQ'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MANY LIVES AS OUR MEDICAL TEAMS SHARE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST.

International Headquarters

Samaritan's Purse
P.O. Box 3000
Boone, NC 28607-3000
828.262.1980

Canada

The Samaritan's Purse-Canada
20 Hopewell Way NE
Calgary, AB T3J 5H5
1.800.663.6500
samaritanspurse.ca

Australia

Samaritan's Purse-Australia, Ltd.
Samaritan's Purse-Australasia
Operation Christmas Child
13 Binney Road,
Kings Park NSW 2148, AUSTRALIA
+61 2 8825 1300

United Kingdom

Samaritan's Purse International, Ltd.
Victoria House, Victoria Road
Buckhurst Hill, Essex IG9 5EX
+44 20 8559 2044

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.



SAMARITANSPURSE.CA