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A WORLD CRYING OUT FOR HELP:Franklin Graham listens to the stories of persecuted Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and helps hand out shelter tarps to Hurricane Maria survivors in Puerto Rico (inset).



A MESSAGE FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

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Dear Friend,

Use Christ was sent by God on a rescue mission. As he told Zacchaeus, "*The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost*" (Luke 19:10).

For all that Jesus did to heal the sick and feed the hungry, His mission on earth was to bring sinners to salvation and rescue souls from an eternity in hell. He accomplished this through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. The Bible says, *"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Romans 10:9).

In His last earthly words, Christ commissioned His followers to "*be* witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Samaritan's Purse is dedicated to bearing witness to Christ wherever God calls us to work. During 2017, we dealt with the worst series of

hurricanes I've ever seen, fierce warfare in the city where Jonah once preached, and an outbreak of a killer disease that the world had almost eradicated. **God gave us opportunities to touch millions of lives as we fed the hungry, treated the sick, and spread the Gospel in more than 100 countries.**

We praise the Lord for all that He has done, and we thank each of you who have supported Samaritan's Purse through your faithful prayers, generous gifts, and tireless service. May God richly bless you.



Sincerely,

Franklin Graham





"Then they cry out to the Lord in their trouble, and He brings them out of their distresses." *PSALM 107:28*

HURRICANE RELIEF



In the last four weeks of summer 2017, parts of the United States and the Caribbean were hammered by three of the most intense hurricanes in history. Hundreds were killed and millions of lives were turned upside down.

In the midst of these storms, however, God was at work. Through the power of prayer and an unprecedented response by our disaster relief volunteers (including many Canadians), **Samaritan's Purse deployed teams to nine U.S. cities and six Caribbean islands to help hundreds of thousands of survivors in Jesus' Name.** Praise the Lord, over 700 men, women, and children gave their hearts to Christ through our hurricane relief projects.

Hurricane Harvey: Texas

Ann Lamont had weathered plenty of storms in the 44 years she has lived in her house in Houston, but she had never seen anything like Hurricane Harvey. It rained so hard and the flooding came so fast that the swirling dark water was up to her waist before firemen rescued her.

Harvey tore into the Texas coast and drenched Houston with as much as 150 centimeters of rain. Lamont's house was among the more than 200,000 that were damaged or destroyed across a disaster zone that spanned more than 300 kilometers.

"Harvey came through and rearranged everything in my life," she said. "But I could hear the voice of Jesus saying better days are coming."

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HELPING IN JESUS' NAME

Thousands of volunteers helped families recover from the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey in Texas (photos above and left) as well as Hurricane Irma in Florida. Samaritan's Purse deployed all five of our U.S. Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailers to Texas and mobilized thousands of volunteers from across North America (including almost 100 Canadians). We partnered with churches that were already involved in our Operation Christmas Child network as well as Franklin Graham's Decision Texas evangelistic tour.

We set up bases at churches in Houston, Pearland, Santa Fe, Rockport, and Victoria to house and equip volunteers and minister to residents who were desperate for help. **Volunteers are the backbone of**

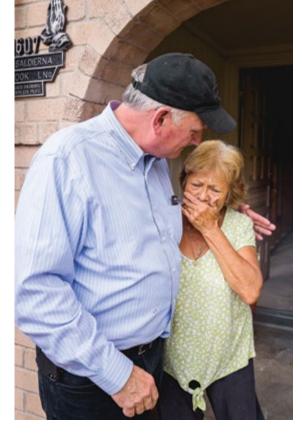
our disaster relief work, and we thank God for sending almost a thousand a week.

These teams worked on almost 3,000 houses in Texas, removing tons of mud and soggy furniture and stripping the houses down to the stud walls to prepare them for rebuild. As each cleanup finished, volunteers signed a Bible and presented it to the homeowner. In many cases, these replaced cherished family Bibles that were lost in the flood. At Ann Lamont's house, the first wave of volunteers hauled out

ruined furniture, removed moldy drywall and insulation, and sanitized the framework of the house. Then came the construction teams who installed new windows, flooring, cabinets, appliances, and fixtures.

"Everything had to come out of my house," she said. "It's like building from the ground up. I have been truly, wonderfully blessed. I'm grateful and thankful. God has given me a brand-new house."

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NOWHERE TO TURN FOR HELP

Margarita Cruz Saldierna wept as she told Franklin Graham that there was no way she could afford to repair the damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. God worked through our volunteers to get her back home by Christmas.



ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS

Flooded houses have to be stripped down to the framework before they can be rebuilt. Between Florida and Texas, nearly 14,000 volunteers worked on 3,841 houses. In this photo they pray before starting their work day.

Hurricane Irma: Caribbean and Florida

Water was still standing in the streets of Houston from hurricane Harvey when Hurricane Irma developed into the strongest storm ever recorded in the open Atlantic. Irma hit Barbuda so hard that the little island was left uninhabitable. The hurricane then left a trail of destruction across St. Martin, Turks and Caicos, Cuba, and the Florida Keys.

Even while Irma was churning toward Florida, Samaritan's Purse was airlifting help to the Caribbean. Our DC-8 cargo jet made the first of 44 flights to the islands, delivering more than 1,000 tons of tarps, food, blankets, water filters, generators, and other emergency supplies.

With all the U.S. Disaster Relief Units deployed to Texas, Samaritan's Purse Canada sent two Canadian tractor-trailer units as well as disaster relief staff and volunteers to Florida to lead the recovery work there. During the next 12 weeks, nearly 3,200 volunteers—including 15 Canadians—joined us in Florida to help 900 households.

One of our teams in the Florida Keys worked for two days to clear fallen trees around the home of 83-year-old Leona. When she wondered why volunteers had come so far to help her, they shared how *"the love of Christ compels us"* (2 Corinthians 5:14), explained the Gospel, and led her in prayer as she trusted Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Praise God, Leona was among 90 individuals who came to Christ through our Hurricane Irma projects.

Meanwhile, our international teams—including almost 30 Canadians—began working in Barbuda. Irma wiped out the water system on the island, so Samaritan's Purse installed a desalination system to extract drinking water straight from the ocean. Then we began rebuilding houses and churches so that families who evacuated to Antigua could return home.

Meanwhile, hundreds of children from Barbuda faced the prospect of a bleak Christmas in their temporary homes in Antigua. Just for them, we held a special Operation Christmas Child outreach event, handing out gift-filled shoeboxes.

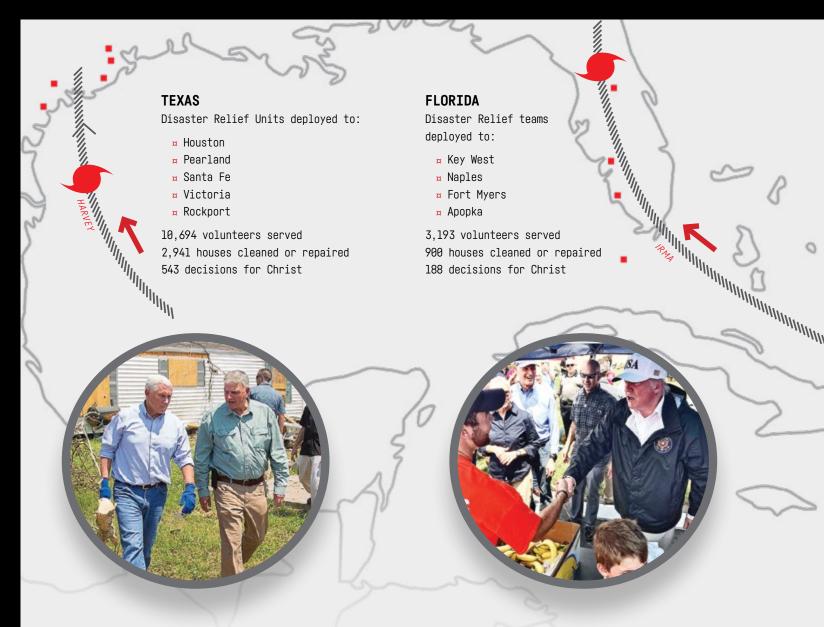
Hurricane Maria: Dominica and Puerto Rico

Hurricane Maria was the deadliest of the three storms and devastated the islands of Dominica and Puerto Rico, which had been spared by Irma two weeks earlier. Maria killed hundreds on Puerto Rico and wiped out electrical service to 3.4 million people.

Medical facilities on both islands were crippled or overwhelmed, so Samaritan's Purse sent surgical teams to Dominica and deployed our helicopter to Puerto Rico to transport medical teams into mountain villages where the people were cut off from help. Our teams held 67 mobile clinics and treated 3,213 patients.

Across the Caribbean, Samaritan's Purse distributed more than 100,000 tarps, 15,000 blankets, 780,000 gallons of clean water, 34,000 food kits, and 2,600 portable generators to help restore essential services.

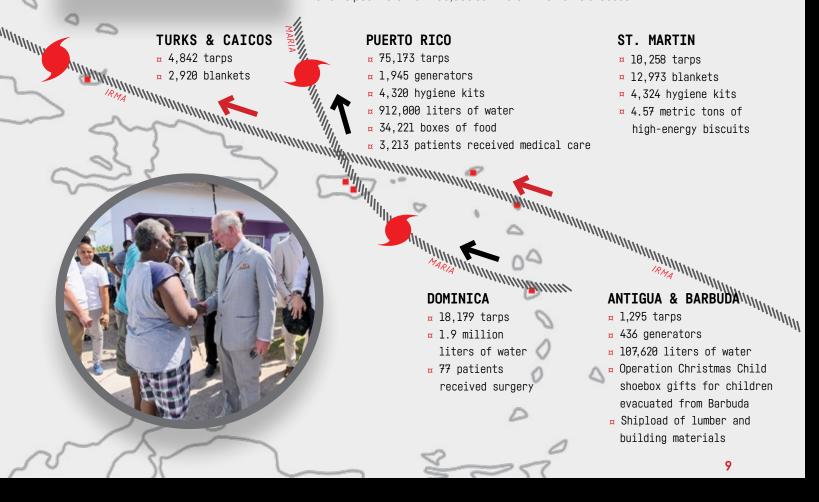
Doris Morrell used a Samaritan's Purse tarp to replace the roof that Maria ripped off the house that she shares with her daughter and granddaughters. "You were the first people to come here to give us a hand," she said. "We're asking the Lord to give us the faith to keep on and to give us the strength to start all over again."



U.S. Vice President Mike Pence (*above left*) joined Franklin Graham to help clean up debris from Hurricane Harvey in Texas. U.S. President Donald Trump (*center*) thanked our volunteers serving in Florida following Hurricane Irma. Great Britain's Prince Charles (*right*) met survivors on Barbuda whose homes are being rebuilt by Samaritan's Purse.

Three storms. One hope.

n the wake of monstrous hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, God enabled Samaritan's Purse to mobilize the largest disaster response in our history. We deployed teams to nine U.S. cities and six Caribbean islands, mobilized nearly 14,000 volunteers, shipped over 2,000 tons of emergency supplies by air and sea, and helped more than 200,000 survivors in the Name of Jesus.



CANADIAN DISASTER RELIEF



"YOU GUYS ARE JUST INCREDIBLE PEOPLE TO HELP ME AND ALL MY NEIGHBORS"

Russil Stedmann did all he could to keep the rising waters of Okanagan Lake out of his home near Vernon, B.C. In the end, it wasn't enough.

"The whole main floor was covered in 15 centimeters of water," he said, despite running two water pumps constantly and spending days sandbagging around his home.

> Heavy rain caused Okanagan Lake to flood in May 2017, forcing more than 200 residents on or near the shore to evacuate their homes for many weeks as the water level peaked and then very slowly receded.

Russil was exhausted from sandbagging and moving as many possessions as possible out of his house and attached shop, leaving him with no strength or willpower for recovery work. That's when God moved in his life through Samaritan's Purse.

Financial support from Canadians like you enabled us to bring one of our Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailers to Vernon. Working with church partners and local authorities, we recruited, trained, equipped, and deployed almost 30 volunteers to help residents. Over a two-week period, they did flood relief work for more than 40 homeowners.

In Russil's case, a team of eight spent two days helping him move possessions out of the house and cutting away flood-damaged drywall and insulation. Then they helped him move the tub, toilet, and sink out of his bathroom and stripped the flooring down to the home's cement pad.

"It was incredible," he said. "They helped me so much that I could relax and help my neighbors."

A few days later, some of the volunteers returned to spray the damaged areas of Russil's home with a sanitizer to prevent mold. Then they presented Russil with a

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FLOOD RELIEF

A Samaritan's Purse volunteer rips away waterlogged drywall after 2017 flooding damaged hundreds of homes in eastern Ontario and western Quebec.



WILDFIRE RELIEF

Bible signed by all the volunteers who worked on his property, and offered to pray with Russil, which he gladly accepted.

Before the flooding in Vernon, Russil had never heard of Samaritan's Purse.

"You guys are just incredible people to help me and all my neighbors. A bunch of real nice people." Besides Okanagan Lake, Samaritan's Purse helped 80 flooded homeowners in 2017 in eastern

Ontario and western Quebec, and in Windsor, ON. We also spent much of the summer of 2017 in B.C.'s interior, bringing relief in Jesus' Name to residents devastated by the worst wildfire season the province has ever seen.

Ruth and her husband, Les lost their home and the shop, where Ruth creates and sells handicrafts, when a wildfire tore through the area surrounding Ashcroft, about 100 kilometers west of Kamloops.

They welcomed Samaritan's Purse Canada volunteers onto their property to help sift through the ashes. They were very appreciative that we were able to recover pottery pieces, bronze art, pearls, and a beloved belt buckle from Ruth's days as a barrel racer. After completing work on the home, the team presented Ruth and Les with a Bible signed by the entire team.

"Helping fire victims in Fort McMurray in 2016 taught us this: that the opportunity for residents to return to their homes with trained volunteers to help them recover whatever wasn't burned is a critical step in their recovery," said Brent Davis, our response director. "We were honored to be able to help." By the time our work ended, almost 90 volunteers had assisted more than 120 families, including sifting through the ashes of nearly 70 homes.

In August 2017, almost a meter of rain fell in the Windsor-Essex region of southern Ontario during a 20-hour period. That's more than three times the amount that usually falls in the area for the entire month. Hundreds of houses were flooded and Samaritan's Purse responded by training and deploying almost 100 volunteers to help more than 50 Windsor-Essex homeowners.

In the spring of 2018, we sent one Disaster Relief Unit to New Brunswick and another to Grand Forks, B.C. after heavy rain and rapid snow melt caused catastrophic flooding in those two provinces. We partnered with churches and trained volunteers to clean out damaged homes in Grand Forks, BC, Fredericton, NB and Windsor ON.

Many volunteer opportunities are available with Samaritan's Purse. Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/volunteer for more information.

400 VOLUNTEERS TRAINED AND DEPLOYED 260 FAMILIES ASSISTED IN THREE PROVINCES

Samaritan's Purse volunteers spent much of the summer of 2017 helping victims of wildfires in the interior of British Columbia.

MEDICAL MINISTRY 🛛 IRAQ / BANGLADESH



Through our emergency medical projects, God enabled Samaritan's Purse to bring lifesaving care and the hope of the Gospel into the war zones of Iraq and the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. We thank Him for the opportunity to touch thousands of lives in such powerful ways as we work to *"make disciples of all the nations"* (Matthew 28:19b).

Binding Wounds in Iraq

Seven-year-old Sara was playing with friends in the front yard of her home when she was shot by an ISIS sniper. Her mother Nadia panicked to see the blood. "I thought my daughter would die," she said.

Desperate for help, Nadia picked up Sara and ran to a nearby clinic, but they were unable to provide the care she needed.

Finally, she found her way to the Emergency Field Hospital that Samaritan's Purse set up on the Nineveh Plains, just 16 kilometers from the brutal battle raging between ISIS and Iraqi security forces. There, Sara received life-saving surgery. Inside the hospital compound, Nadia and her daughter felt safe for the first time in years. Not only was Sara given a second chance at life, but they were treated with respect, love, and care.

"I was completely hopeless, but not anymore," Nadia said.

Sara was among more than 4,000 patients and 1,700 surgical cases who were treated at the Emergency Field Hospital during the first nine months of 2017. More than 450 medical professionals and support staff (55 of them from Canada) provided expert and compassionate care to the injured—mostly women and children. We also treated soldiers from both sides of the conflict, creating

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PLACE OF HEALING

More than 450 Samaritan's Purse staff members served at our Emergency Field Hospital in Iraq. Our medical professionals treated nearly 4,200 patients at the 50-bed hospital.



opportunities to be witnesses for Christ even to the most hardened hearts.

As the fighting subsided in September, Samaritan's Purse handed over the Emergency Field Hospital to the Iraqi Ministry of Health, which is still using this facility to provide life-saving care.

In this way, local doctors can continue the work begun by Samaritan's Purse. This is what happened in Ecuador, with the Emergency Field Hospital we set up in 2016 to care for earthquake victims. The hospital is still being used to care for more than a thousand patients a month.

Bangladesh: Fighting an Epidemic

Diphtheria is an infection that has been eradicated in most of the world, but began spreading rapidly among the Rohingya refugees who fled from Myanmar and settled in Bangladesh. The disease can be deadly, especially for children.

Twelve-year-old Rominda had been sick for several days when she arrived in 2017 at a diphtheria treatment center set up by Samaritan's Purse in the Kutupalong refugee camp.

She had a fever and swollen neck glands. "It was very painful," Rominda said. "I could not eat anything."

Our doctors and nurses-24 of them from Canada-ROMINDA administered antibiotics as well as the powerful diphtheria antitoxin, which is required in the most critical situations. Rominda responded so well that she returned home two days later.

Rominda's father was killed when their village was attacked and burned, and her

mother died several years ago. Rominda escaped-along with her aunt, uncle, and four siblings-by walking two days through jungles to reach Bangladesh.

Since August 2017, Kutupalong has quickly become the world's largest refugee camp. The Rohingya who have fled there have almost no access to medical care.

When deadly diphtheria spread rapidly in the camp, Samaritan's Purse responded immediately and built a 70-bed clinic. We also constructed two 24-bed wards at nearby Memorial Christian Hospital for patients needing advanced surgical care. Our DC-8 cargo jet airlifted 20 tons of medical supplies and equipment to Bangladesh.

Through their work, our medical staff are bringing the compassion of Christ to Rohingya refugees who are scarred by emotional trauma as well as physical wounds.

"The doctors and nurses helped me and looked after me," Rominda said, adding that she had never experienced such highquality care and tender-hearted kindness as she had from our medical staff.

> SERVED IN IRAQ AND IN BANGLADESH IN 2017-2018. **80 CANADIANS**



HELPING THE MOST VULNERABLE Diphtheria can be fatal to children if it is not treated. We thank God that the survival rate at our treatment center was over 99 percent.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL CHANGED HER LIFE

Life was difficult for 14-year-old Victoria in post-Soviet Central Asia. She helped her parents care for her three younger brothers as well as her younger sister with Down syndrome.

> One day, Victoria was one of 50 children invited to an Operation Christmas Child outreach program at a church. There, in addition to receiving a shoebox gift, she learned God loves the whole world and gave His only Son for all humanity. God convicted her heart, and she prayed to accept Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior.

VICTORIA

Victoria then became friends with Zumrat, a woman who helped to host the outreach event, and together they began praying for the girl's family. In time, Victoria began smiling and singing instead of crying.

Next, her mother became a Christian and her father later followed. He, in turn, invited his two sisters to church. One of these women was an alcoholic, but now both women attend services regularly along with their children.

Today, when Zumrat sees Victoria's family she thanks the Lord for His unfailing love and rejoices over Christ's victory at Calvary. When she hugs Victoria, she whispers in her ear, "Never give up! You are now a disciple of Christ!"

Victoria is among 157 million children that have been touched through Operation Christmas Child since 1993, when Samaritan's Purse began collecting shoebox gifts. In 2017, we collected almost 11 million gifts worldwide that are being distributed through churches and Christian partners in more than 100 countries. CONTINUED 10,999,794 GTFTS WORLDWIDE IN 2017 _____



God uses these simple gifts to make profound differences in the lives of these precious children.

In the Central African country of Chad, a 13-year-old boy's heart was touched when he received a gift-filled shoebox and heard the Gospel at a church's Operation Christmas Child outreach event.

He went back to the church and told one of the leaders that he wanted to repent of his sins and follow Jesus Christ. After praying to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior, he enrolled in The Greatest Journey discipleship program to learn how to share his new-found faith.

In the southeast Asian nation of Myanmar, a boy persuaded his parents and siblings to go with him to a church where he had been given a shoebox. As the Gospel was preached, God worked in their hearts and they prayed to trust Jesus as their Savior.



In the South American country of Bolivia, a shoebox gift equipped 13-year-old Rebeca to teach younger friends about Jesus. Rebeca lives with her mother and three brothers. Her father left them years ago, and her classmates sometimes tease her for being poor. Rebeca prays that God will change their hearts. When she isn't in school, Rebeca can often be found playing with friends in the vacant lot next to the store where her mother works. There, she loves to share the lessons she is learning in

Sunday school, and she recites verses that she has memorized from the



UNFORGETTABLE GIFT This girl in Namibia was delighted to find a soft cuddly toy inside her shoebox.

REBECA Bible.

Rebeca invited four of her younger friends (aged five through nine) to an outreach event at her church, where they were all delighted to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Each of them also accepted a copy of *The Greatest Gift*, the Gospel storybook that we provide in dozens of languages. Rebeca now uses the Gospel storybook as well as the Scripture notebook that she received in her shoebox gift as she teaches the younger children.

"That's what I like the most-to talk about Jesus and tell little children what I've learned about Him," Rebeca said. "I like to talk about blessings and how great is our God."

615,120 CHILDREN

RECEIVING SHOEBOXES PACKED BY CANADIANS IN 2017

RECEIVED THE SHOEBOXES

THE GREATEST JOURNEY



Daniella's mother Monica calls her "a little evangelist." That's because the eight-year-old tells her classmates in Bolivia about Jesus. She takes her Bible to school and reads it during recess, drawing the interest of classmates who ask to follow along.

Daniella invited a friend named Geraldine to her church's Operation Christmas Child event, where they each received a shoebox gift. Daniella encouraged Geraldine to participate in The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson discipleship program offered by Samaritan's Purse through churches that hand out Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

DANIELLA & GERALDINE

"It's the first time I've heard these Bible lessons," said Geraldine, who now believes that Jesus is the Living Lord.

Daniella's aunt, Gabriela, who coordinated The Greatest Journey classes at the church, has seen how the program has brought children and families into the church.

"Before, we had been sleeping away those opportunities," she said, "and we were awakened to them because of The Greatest Journey."

In 2017, almost four million children in over 100 countries enrolled in The Greatest Journey lessons, led by more than 186,000 trained volunteer teachers. We praise God that nearly two million boys and girls made decisions for Christ.

In the African nation of Tanzania, a girl named Bahati begged her mother who believed in witchcraft—for permission to attend an evangelical church.

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1,915,780 CHILDREN MADE LIFE-CHANGING DECISIONS FOR CHRIST THROUGH THE GREATEST

JOURNEY CLASSES IN 2017.





MAKING DISCIPLES

This teacher in Tanzania is among more than 186,000 volunteers around the world who lead The Greatest Journey lessons in their local languages. There, she received a shoebox gift and heard about Jesus Christ. Then she enrolled in The Greatest Journey.

One day after class, Bahati told her mother that she had accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. Then she invited her mother Sina to join her, and her mother also put her trust in Christ. "Now I love Jesus, too," Sina said.

230,000 STUDENTS 82,000 DECISIONS ENROLLED IN THE GREATEST JOURNEY CLASSES FUNDED BY CANADIANS IN 2017.

FOR CHRIST AT THE GREATEST JOURNEY CLASSES FUNDED BY CANADIANS IN 2017.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

"VE NEVER BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL"

When Samaritan's Purse arrived in her village in Uganda, offering to help end everyone's periodic bouts of painful and energy-draining diarrhea caused by polluted water, Florence Akullo quickly welcomed our BioSand Water Filter and related hygiene training.

The 56-year-old widow did all she could to ensure her modest clay-and-thatch hut would be one of the first to receive a filter.

"I hoped the filter would improve the water (which was) turbid with lots of impurities," Florence told a delegation of Canadian visitors, after praying to thank God for Samaritan's Purse Canada's donors who helped her village.

Florence's health improved dramatically after she received her BioSand Water Filter, which transforms murky, contaminated water into safe, drinkable water in seconds.

For years, she and her children would become sick with diarrhea every two to four weeks. The diarrhea and stomach aches prevented her from working in the fields and her children from attending school. They also required many timeconsuming visits to the local hospital, and the costly purchase of medications.

Her neighbors were plagued with similar problems, creating an economic drag on the entire community.

"Since I've been using my filter," she says with a delighted smile, "I've never been to the hospital."

Her household also includes a latrine, hand-washing station, and dish-drying

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HARMFUL WATER In many parts of the world, murky ponds like this are the only supply of water.

5,100 **BIOSAND** WERE BUILT IN 2017 BECAUSE OF GENEROUS CANADIAN DONORS

FLORENCE

rack—all intended to ensure water from the filter doesn't become contaminated. She learned about those elements through our health and hygiene training that comes with every BioSand Water Filter.

Dour Eddie, manager of our Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program in the region, said Samaritan's Purse has provided more than 77 hand-dug wells since 2012 and built 2,100 BioSand Filters since 2015. We have also offered health and hygiene training to over 30,000 people in the region.

Dour and his Samaritan's Purse colleagues learned during the first phase that it was relatively easy to convince Ugandans of the value of the BioSand Filters. What proved more challenging was convincing people to stop openly defecating, and instead build and use latrines, and regularly wash their hands.

That's why the program's latest phase includes health and hygiene training at not only the household level (aimed mainly at adults) but also in area schools. That strategy, Dour says, results in the parents and children reminding each other of the importance of proper hygiene and sanitation.

"We must avoid contaminated water from not hand-washing," he warned.

Dour estimated 70-80 per cent of the diseases requiring hospital treatment in the region "could be prevented by practicing safe health and hygiene," and eliminating these hospital visits would cut local health care costs by 80 per cent. Ugandan government officials know this, Dour said, and it's why they are so supportive of Samaritan's Purse and our WASH program, including health and hygiene training.

SAFE WATER Christine holding two pitchers of water from the well on page 18; one pitcher from before filtering and another after filtering.

Someone, usually a child, is dying every 37 seconds in the developing ^{Intering and another arte} world from diseases caused by dirty water and inadequate sanitation. Please join us in providing affordable and effective solutions in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of the eternal Living Water. The need is very urgent.

Want to know how BioSand and Samaritan Filters work? Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/filters

325 "SAMARITAN FILTERS" FOR SCHOOLS INSTALLED SINCE 2011, BENEFITING MORE THAN 113 WELLS DRILLED OR REPAIRED IN 2017, PROVIDING CLEAN WATER FOR MORE THAN 54,000 PEOPLE Providing vital care in Jesus' Name is the ultimate goal of Samaritan's Purse teams trips. But along the way, God often calls trip participants to minister in other ways.

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HE LORD HAS USED THEM POWERFULL

Laura, a Canadian nurse on a Samaritan's Purse trip to the Philippines, helped treat more than 200 impoverished mothers and children who were invited to a clinic where we were providing medical checkups and nutrition education.

While at the clinic, Laura met a five-year-old girl who lives in the slums. The girl, who called herself 'Princess,' told Laura she wants to be a doctor when she grows up so she can help others the way Laura helped her.

"I said this was very kind of her and I told her to make sure that she prayed about it," Laura recalled. "Princess nodded and I said I would pray for her, too. This was all communicated by a translator, but the smile on her face didn't need an interpreter."

During this same trip to the Philippines, the Canadian team treated nearly 160 patients in an eyeglass clinic, almost 80 in a dental clinic, and did blood tests for more than 60 people. All of this took place in remote areas where people had little access to medical care.

"My wife and I are so grateful for this team," said Rod, a local pastor. "It has touched so many lives in this area. The Lord has used them powerfully to show the true love and care of Christ."

Rod noted that one church saw its Sunday service attendance increase after the Samaritan's Purse team ministered to area residents.

"Many are revived in their faith because they treasured how Canadians showed special care and treatment to them," he said.

Samaritan's Purse organized and led 26 trips to 10 countries in Jesus' Name in 2017. In 2018-19, we are leading trips to Costa Rica, Gambia, Senegal, Philippines, and Nicaragua, with a focus on community enhancement, providing safe water, or distributing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

You can be part of what God is doing through Samaritan's Purse trips. Please visit **SamaritansPurse.ca/trips** for more information, including how we can organize a trip for your church or group.

360 PARTICIPANTS ON 26 TEAMS TRAVELED TO 10 COUNTRIES IN 2017

HE DECIDED TO TRUST GOD WHO HAD SAVED HIS LIFE

Benson had been injured in an automobile crash in Papua New Guinea, and three days passed before he was taken to Kudjip Nazarene Hospital. Infection from a puncture wound had set in and was quickly spreading through his leg. It smelled like death.

Dr. Sheryl Uyeda and other medical staff worked tirelessly to clean Benson's wound, only to realize that the remote hospital had run out of the antibiotic they needed to fight the infection.

"We tried a related medication and prayed it would work," she said. "The next 24 hours were critical. His prognosis looked grim."

Miraculously, Benson's condition stabilized. Still, he faced two months of recovery. During his lengthy hospital stay, the staff prayed with and encouraged him. Then one day he told them he had decided to repent of his sins and place his faith in Jesus.

BENSON

Benson's story was a great encouragement to Dr. Uyeda, who is serving in Papua New Guinea through World Medical Mission. She is among more than 150 doctors and dentists who have served two-year assignments in the Post-Residency Program, which we established in 2004 to raise up a new generation of medical missionaries to staff mission hospitals for decades to come.

World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse, reached a milestone in 2017, celebrating 40 years since it was founded. In 2017, we sent almost 900 medical volunteers, supporting more than 60 mission hospitals in 37 countries.

Samaritan's Purse also opened a new medical warehouse in Wilkesboro, NC, and shipped almost 170 tons of equipment and supplies to more than 30 hospitals around the world. Our biomedical technicians installed, repaired, and maintained equipment in 10 hospitals and clinics.

Through all this, God is working in powerful ways to save lives and bring many to faith in Jesus Christ. As He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Mark 2:17).

If you know any Christians who might be interested in serving as medical missionaries, please direct them to SamaritansPurse.ca/WMM.

50 CANADIAN DOCTORS AND NURSES SERVED IN 14 COUNTRIES IN 2017



PERSONAL TOUCH

Dr. Richard Furman (above) and his late brother Dr. Lowell Furman co-founded World Medical Mission 40 years ago.

"TELL THEM HOW GOOD THE LORD HAS BEEN TO YOU"

Patrick and Jennifer participated in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Heal Our Patriots program and not only renewed their wedding vows, but gave their lives to Jesus Christ.

The Canadian military couple was on the verge of divorce just days before leaving for Alaska to take part in Operation Heal Our Patriots.

Patrick, like many others with military experience, had endured lengthy struggles with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and it had been eroding his family for years.

Operation Heal Our Patriots—a project of Samaritan's Purse in Alaska—gives military couples an opportunity to heal personally and in their marriages, through Biblical counselling and activities such as hiking, fishing, and kayaking at Lake Clark, home of the Samaritan Lodge.

"Last Thursday, Patrick was ready to sign the divorce papers and we were leaving on Sunday (for Operation Heal Our Patriots)," Jennifer recalled during an interview in Alaska.

Patrick agreed to the trip only because he didn't want to waste the opportunity Samaritan's Purse Canada was offering to help him rebuild his life and marriage. But he was still doubtful it would help. Thankfully, after several days of healing and spiritual insight in Alaska, Patrick and Jennifer not only renewed their wedding vows, but gave their lives to Jesus Christ and were baptized.

Ten Canadian military couples began the week in Alaska as strangers, They finished the week as

PATRICK AND JENNIFER friends, brothers, and sisters.

"We came here with our tanks empty, and we left filled up emotionally," said Adriana, one of the vets. "I was reminded that we are supposed to care for each other, and we were cared for with servant hearts."

Far from the pain of the past and the stress of everyday life, peace was restored for these couples as the Samaritan's Purse team of employees and volunteers showed them unconditional compassion and love.

Capt. Jim Fisher, one of the Operation Heal Our Patriots chaplains, encouraged the couples in their new lives, saying it wasn't chance or luck that brought them to Alaska. "We consider you being here with us to be a divine encounter," said Fisher. "And now when anyone asks you how you've changed, you tell them how good the Lord has been to you."

If you know any married military couples who could benefit from this ministry, please point them to

SamaritansPurse.ca/OHOP.

30 CANADIAN MILITARY COUPLES HAVE ATTENDED SAMARITAN LODGE SINCE 2015



On weeknights at the Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center in Dease Lake, BC, local youth are pouring over schoolwork, eating supper together, battling it out on the air hockey table, or discussing topics like loving your neighbor. A sense of community, security, and Christ's love pervades the building in this tiny community near the Yukon border.

"I've heard a lot of parents and teachers express how having the youth able to come to the ministry center has made a very positive impact," said Melissa Kennard, a ministry assistant at the center. "It gives them something to do in a positive and safe environment."

The center, which has been operating for five years, hosts about 40 children and youth each week. Most of them are members of the Tahltan First Nation.

As a ministry assistant, Melissa plans and implements after-school programs. She also spends two mornings each week at Dease Lake's school helping students with reading and other projects, and also assisting when needed with classroom management.

"I love the people of Dease Lake," said the 28-year-old Albertan, who has been at the ministry center since October 2017.

God often provides staff members with opportunities to have informal faith discussions with the children and vouth.

"I've definitely had some good conversations and I've seen how some of the kids have understood what the Gospel is and can articulate that on their own," said Melissa.

Recent highlights for the ministry center include:

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

Your support and prayers are having a big impact in this small community. So please continue to pray for the Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center in Dease Lake.

40 YOUTH ATTENDING PROGRAMS WEEKLY AT THE SAMARITAN'S PURSE MINISTRY CENTER

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DEASE LAKE

Our team (including Melissa Kennard, second row middle left, without glasses) is making a positive difference in this northern British Columbia community.



Fifteen women sitting with their infant children under a shady tree in rural Uganda doesn't seem like a significant event.

But it is, because these women are being equipped and empowered by Samaritan's Purse Canada—and donors like you—to care for the health of their infants and themselves in ways they never have before.

Some of what they learn will undoubtedly save lives.

The women are part of a Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health education program we are offering in the Oyam region of north-central Uganda, and in several other parts of the African nation.

Under the tree, women are learning about common child diseases—and on this day, about malaria.

The female students always pray before each lesson, and the leader is trained to highlight scripture that supports each lesson's key message, says Molly Akollo, Samaritan's Purse's manager of the education project in the area.

Molly noted the project's success is heavily dependent on young mothers. Samaritan's Purse recruits and trains mothers in groups of 15 each, with 40 groups in total. That's 600 women. Then these "mother leaders" go out and recruit and train 14 other mothers. Through this cascading method of transferring information, we intend to train 9,120 mothers of child-bearing age in the area.





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PROGRAMS

WOMEN'S

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Samaritan's Purse is teaching maternal and child health to mothers in the developing world and training them to pass on what they've learned to others.

"NOW WE KNOW THAT CHRISTIANS LOVE PEOPLE VERY MUCH."

Zeinabou, a young mother from the village of Dougounawa in Niger, was always worried about her children who never seemed as healthy and energetic as young children should. It was a burden the African woman carried from the moment she awoke until she laid her head down at night.

"My children were quite sickly, and I didn't know how to help them," Zeinabou recalls. "My first child was malnourished, and my second child was always falling sick with something."

The mortality rate was tragically high for newborns in her village. It's one of 10 villages in Niger where Samaritan's Purse Canada is reaching out with projects that improve the medical health, economic independence, and spiritual well-being of vulnerable community members, especially women.

Zeinabou says before Samaritan's Purse Canada reached out to educate and empower leaders in her village, the mothers were in constant emotional turmoil and fear for their babies' lives.

This project teaches women to find and prepare affordable, locally sourced food for their families. We also drill water wells to provide safe water for drinking, irrigating crops, and more. We selected the 10 participating villages based on their lack of access to safe water, their high child and maternal mortality rates, and their urgent need for sustainable access to food.

Addressing all of these needs improves each community's overall medical health.

The project also equips women to form savings groups. Hundreds of women have secured small loans to become small-scale farmers. What they produce is feeding their families and generating extra income for their families to help improve their medical health, which in turn is reducing the need for outside aid.

Zeinabou believes Samaritan's Purse's donors brought hope and help to the mothers in her village.

"Samaritan's Purse gave us the awareness we needed to understand how to care for our young children," she savs, "Our children are healthy and nourished and less prone to sickness,"

Zeinabou says her entire village has been transformed. That includes her own children. Today, they are well-fed, have achieved a healthy weight, and are active and growing.

"We are so thankful for the presence of this project in our village," she adds. "This Christian project has helped us a lot. We did not believe Christians to be so neighborly, but now we know that Christians love people very much."



BEING GOOD SAMARITANS

In countries like Vietnam (shown here) and Niger, Samaritan's Purse is using donations from people like you to reduce mortality rates through agriculture and livelihood programs.

10,000 PEOPLE TRAINED IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME GARDENING 1,250 PIGS, COWS, CHICKENS, AND GOATS DISTRIBUTED

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"I have people that

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A woman in Africa shares her harrowing story of being trafficked to Asia. She is now receiving care in a home supported by Samaritan's Purse.

Hannah had a lot of hopes and dreams. She wanted to help people, find a good job, and maybe even travel internationally. She was excited when a friend approached her with what appeared to be the job of a lifetime.

Travel was arranged. Hannah boarded a flight from Uganda for Asia. But there was no job. It was all a lie.

Hannah was transported to a hotel where her passport and the \$500 she brought with her were confiscated and her luggage



ESCAPING EXPLOITATION

Working through local partners, Samaritan's Purse is offering hope and new lives to people, like this woman in Uganda, who get caught up in human trafficking searched. The long dresses and skirts she packed were taken away and replaced with high heels and revealing clothing. She was told that she had to sell herself in order to pay back the money that was paid to bring her to the country.

ARE CARING FOR ME"

Soon Hannah saw more girls coming from Africa to the hotel. She soon found herself hating everything and everyone. "I prayed to God, but I started to question Him," she said.

Hannah eventually fell ill. Sent to another Asian country for treatment, she was roomed with another trafficking victim. The young woman had been bleeding for a week. She was shaking so badly that she asked Hannah to help her drink a glass of water. The girl died later that day.

There were more terrible incidents, but praise God that eventually Hannah was able to make her way to speak with staff of her country's consulate. They found a way to help her return home, but the time in Asia had changed her in many ways.

Fortunately, since then, Hannah has been able to live with several other women in a home for trafficking victims run by a Samaritan's Purse partner. She has joined other women whose lives have been forever changed by violence and abuse.

"Before I felt that no one loved or cared about me," she said. "Now, if I feel bad I can run and talk to any of the case managers."

At the home, the women receive counseling, hear the Gospel proclaimed, and daily try to recover from the trauma they've experienced. This project provides the young women with the opportunity to attend a trade school.

"I thank God there is some improvement," Hannah said. "I feel that I have people that are caring for me. Real people that love me."

1,250 PEOPLE TRAINED IN EXPLOITATION PREVENTION, OR RECEIVING HELP AFTER BEING EXPLOITED



Gabriel Muthoka felt discouraged seeing his 22 eighth-grade students in Kenya struggling to learn in their cramped mud-brick classroom—the walls cracking and ceiling crumbling.

Then Samaritan's Purse offered to construct a new classroom for his students. The parents made the bricks for the classroom, while Samaritan's Purse Canada provided the additional materials, purchased from a local marketplace.

Samaritan's Purse invests in schools and in students, often providing educational materials, uniforms, and supplies. In some cases, our donors help provide funding for teacher salaries and training.

We also work with local schools to provide Bible-based teaching when we are invited to do so, as we are in many schools around the world.

In El Salvador and the Philippines, for example, children in public schools are learning how to make wise decisions and care for each other, thanks to Biblically based lessons provided by Christian leaders and educators.

"Everyone at the school appreciates this new spacious classroom," says Gabriel. "The other one was so crowded and falling apart. Now we have a great place where we can learn every day and study for the national exams."



ENCOURAGING STUDENTS

In Nepal (left), Ecuador (right), and other countries, Samaritan's Purse is investing in schools and students, including helping to pay teachers' salaries.



4,500 PEOPLE EDUCATED ON PREVENTION OF CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES 3,500 CHILDREN RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTS AND/OR SCREENED FOR MALNUTRITION

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

DECEMBER 31, 2017 [WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016]

	2017	2016
Assets		
Current		
Cash	13,014,887	7,048,747
Short-term investments	1,113,597	1,876,789
Accounts receivable	807,809	660,050
Prepaid expenses	82,961	200,032
Inventory	101,608	110 728
	15,120,862	9,896,346
Investments	5,887,408	11,124,595
Capital assets	6,345,434	6,474,057
	27,353,704	27,494,998
Liabilities Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,211,852	1,151,729
Fund balances		
Unrestricted	8,228,915	7,133,414
Internally restricted - invested in capital assets	6,345,434	6,474,057
Externally restricted	11,567,503	12,735,798
	26,141,852	26,343,269
	27,353,704	27,494,998

2017 REVENUES

55.5 % Contributions 44.5 % Contributed goods/services

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

DECEMBER 31, 2017 [WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016]

Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenditures in the General Fund	2,039,058	714,992
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures in the Ministry Fund	(1,699,520)	(4,022,869
	339,538	(3,307,877)
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(147,759)	340,540
Prepaid expenses	117,071	(77,726)
Inventory	9,120	52,560
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	60,123	(9,790)
	378,093	(3,002,293)
Investing activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(424,332)	(317,268)
Purchase of investments	(1,452,968)	(12,329,419)
Proceeds on sale of investments	7,453,347	13,493,206
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	12,000	
	5,588,047	84,6,519
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	5,966,140	(2,155,774)
Cash - Beginning of year	7,048,747	9,204,521
Cash - End of year	13,014,887	7 048,747



89.3 % Ministry

3.1 % Fund raising

7.6 % General and administrative

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

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Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017 [WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2016]

	2017				2016
	GENERAL FUND \$	CAPITAL FUND \$	MINISTRY FUND \$	TOTAL	TOTAL
Revenue					
Contributions	8,595,073		23,298,573	31,893,646	30,562,114
Gifts in kind	202,849		25,230,897	25,433,746	28,353,260
Investment income	93,990		10,754	104,744	125,734
Gain on sale of capital assets		12,000		12,000	
	8,891,912	12,000	48,540,224	57,444,136	59,041,108
Expenditures					
Ministry expenses			42,827,905	42,827,905	49,327,224
Other missionary projects and supporting services	3,873,869	278,449	4,512,266	8,664,584	7,701,001
	3,873,869	278,449	47,340,171	51,492,489	57,028,225
Fundraising	1,171,941		583,875	1,755,816	1,817,689
General and administrative support for ministries	1,807,044	274,506	2,315,698	4,397,248	4,072,862
	2,978,985	274,506	2,899,573	6,153,064	5,890,511
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	2,039,058	(540,955)	(1,699,520)	(201,417)	(3,877,668)
Fund balance -Beginning of year	7,133,414	6,474,057	12,735,798	26,343,269	30,220,937
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(531,225)		531,225		
Inter fund transfer - capital asset purchases	{412,332}	412,332			
Fund balance - End of year	8,228,915	6,345,434	11,567,503	26,141,852	26,343,269

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"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



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"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD...THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS, AND THEIR WORKS FOLLOW THEM." - REVELATION 14:13

Helping Hurricane Andrew victims with Franklin Graham in Florida, 1992

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