

An aerial photograph showing a team of Samaritan's Purse workers in white protective suits and masks cleaning up the debris of a destroyed building. The workers are using tools like brooms and shovels to clear rubble and bricks. A yellow excavator and a wheelbarrow are also visible on the site.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

2018

MINISTRY REPORT

Helping in Jesus' Name®



A Message From Franklin Graham

During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed compassion for people's physical needs while urging them to turn from their sins and trust Him for eternal salvation. *"The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel"* (Mark 1:15).

Samaritan's Purse follows Christ's model for ministry, meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine, while sharing the Good News of salvation found only in Jesus. We worked in more than 100 countries last year to bring lifesaving aid and eternal hope to people in desperate situations.

With your support, we provided food, medicine, and other essentials for migrant families in Colombia, supported Christians persecuted by ISIS in Iraq, and offered a helping hand to our neighbors in North America who were affected by natural disasters.

Our teams installed clean water filters, distributed tens of thousands of tons of emergency food, and loaded medical equipment on cargo planes bound for mission hospitals worldwide.

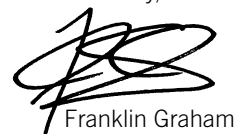
Most of all, we boldly proclaimed the message of the Gospel, *"for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes"* (Romans 1:16). Praise God, more than two million people made decisions for Christ through our programs worldwide.

I am deeply grateful for your generous support and tireless prayers for this ministry. May God richly bless you.

**"Go into all the world
and preach the Gospel
to all creation."**

—MARK 16:15, NASB

Sincerely,


Franklin Graham

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COVER PHOTO: WHEN WILDFIRES RAVAGED BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, LATE LAST YEAR, SAMARITAN'S PURSE VOLUNTEERS COMFORTED HOMEOWNERS AND SIFTED THROUGH ASH AND RUBBLE IN SEARCH OF SALVAGEABLE BELONGINGS.



FRANKLIN GRAHAM VISITED WITH FAMILIES WHOSE HOMES WERE TORN APART BY HURRICANE FLORENCE, OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYER, AND SHARING THE GOSPEL.

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REBUILDING HOMES REBUILDING LIVES

"THIS HELP MIGHT BE THE DIFFERENCE THAT ALLOWS US TO STAY HERE"

Generous financial support from Canadians enabled Samaritan's Purse to provide physical and spiritual help to victims of three floods, one wildfire, and a series of tornadoes in 2018.

In April, dozens of homes in the small Alberta town of Beiseker were damaged due to rapidly melting snow in the area. Samaritan's Purse assisted half a dozen families who could not afford to insure their homes.

"All my most precious memories are in a fire pit in the backyard because none of it can be saved," said Jen. She worked steadily alongside Samaritan's Purse team members for several days to remove belongings and "mud-out" the house she and her husband Rob share with three autistic children.



"It has just been devastating, and my children have been displaced from their home because we had to send them to stay with family in B.C.," Jen added. "For children with autism, change or anything out of the ordinary is just completely unmanageable, so we needed to get them somewhere safe and secure."

In May 2018, water levels along the St. John River in New Brunswick rose as much as eight meters, flooding dozens of roads and hundreds of homes in the Fredericton region.

"I can name 20 homes from our growing congregation of 50 families that have been impacted by the flood," said Neville Gosman, lead pastor of Maugerville Baptist Church, which was also flooded.

We thank God for the volunteers who, over a two-month period, enabled us to help 140 families in Jesus' Name. Along the way, 18 people dedicated or rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ.

"It's a privilege to bring practical help and hope to families in situations like this. We are thankful for the volunteers and donors who enable us to respond," said Samaritan's Purse's Canadian Ministries Project Director Brent Davis.

In June 2018, heavy rain and snowmelt caused two rivers in southern British Columbia to spill their banks, flooding hundreds of buildings in the town of Grand Forks.

Cal and Barb Smuland were used to minor flooding, and their sump pump always took care of any water seepage. But when the Kettle and Granby rivers flooded, their home was filled with several feet of water and filth.

The couple, both seniors, didn't know what to do. Then God moved into their life through Samaritan's Purse to give them fresh hope.

Our volunteers moved all the ruined, waterlogged possessions in their home to the curb for pickup. They also stripped away damaged drywall, insulation, and flooring, then sprayed the

A VOLUNTEER STRIPS AWAY WATER-SOAKED DRYWALL AND INSULATION IN A FLOODED HOME IN GRAND FORKS, B.C.



GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU HAVE ENABLED SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO STATION FOUR DISASTER RELIEF UNIT TRACTOR TRAILERS IN CANADA, READY TO DEPLOY WHEREVER A DISASTER OCCURS.

affected areas for mold. This left the Smuland's home ready for repair, all at no cost to them.

"I can't thank Samaritan's Purse enough," said Cal as he leaned against his truck and wiped away tears. "This help might be the difference that allows us to stay here (and make repairs)."

We helped almost 120 families in Grand Forks and we praise God for the 16 people who committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

In September, a wildfire destroyed more than 30 structures when it swept through the northwestern B.C. town of Telegraph Creek. The entire community of 400 was evacuated, many of them forced to travel an hour away to Dease Lake, where Samaritan's Purse has a community ministry center.

There, we provided the evacuees, emergency crews, and volunteers with meals and a safe place to stay (you can read more about our Dease Lake ministry on page 23). Meanwhile, our trained sifting crews helped wildfire victims recover precious heirlooms and keepsakes from the ashes, and also cleaned up and removed debris. We came alongside 21 homeowners and offered our assistance with sifting and helped salvage many precious belongings.

Also in September, we were invited to assist Ontario and Quebec residents whose homes were severely damaged by a series of tornadoes that swept through Ottawa-Gatineau. Almost 900 Samaritan's Purse volunteers cleaned up more than 200 houses and properties.

With every Samaritan's Purse disaster response, there are plenty of opportunities for Canadians to volunteer and help their neighbors in Jesus' Name. Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/getinvolved for more information.

OVER 1,850 VOLUNTEERS
TRAINED AND
DEPLOYED

OVER 450 FAMILIES ASSISTED
IN FOUR PROVINCES



BRINGING RELIEF WHEN DISASTER HITS CLOSE TO HOME

More than 18,000 volunteers teamed with Samaritan's Purse last year to help disaster-affected families.

HURRICANES, FLOODS, AND WILDFIRES DEVASTATED FAMILIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, but Samaritan's Purse staff and volunteers were there to bring practical help and the hope of the Gospel.



Glass shards were strewn across the floor, and ceiling insulation spilled throughout the living room. Sopping wet furniture, toys, and clothes were molding and ruined. “When I came home, it was raining in my house,” recalls Briton Wertz of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

The single mother and emergency medical technician had been on shift for the past six days, while her two children stayed with a family friend. Hurricane Florence had settled in over eastern North Carolina, churning up seawater and pummeling the coast with torrential rains. While Briton worked to help storm-battered members of the community, she was wondering what had become of her own home.

When she finally returned to her house, Briton was

overwhelmed by the amount of work that needed to be done. Debris covered the yard and powerful winds had ripped shingles from her home, causing the ceiling to saturate with rainwater and collapse. Briton knew she couldn't clean up the wreckage on her own, but she didn't know where to turn for help. “My whole life has been to take care of other people,” she said. “I've never had to ask anyone to take care of me.”

But when a crew of Samaritan's Purse volunteers pulled into her driveway, Briton knew that she didn't have to walk this difficult road alone. They pulled waterlogged drywall and



BRITON WERTZ



SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATES AIRCRAFT TO TRANSPORT RELIEF SUPPLIES, STAFF, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND SHOEBOX GIFTS TO DISASTER ZONES AND IMPOVERISHED VILLAGES AROUND THE WORLD. LAST YEAR, OUR PILOTS FLEW THESE AIRCRAFT, LOADED WITH MORE THAN 210 TONS OF CARGO, TO HURTING PEOPLE IN LIBERIA, ECUADOR, NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AND MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

insulation from her home, dragged heavy tree limbs to the street, and helped sort the family's possessions to determine what could be saved.

This team was among 7,000 hard-working Samaritan's Purse volunteers that blanketed the Carolina coast in the aftermath of the massive storm, reaching out to hurting homeowners in Jesus' Name.

Through our U.S. Disaster Relief program, we set up bases of operation in Jacksonville, New Bern, and Wilmington, N.C., and Horry County, S.C., mounting a response that reached 2,000 storm-damaged families.

As our team demonstrated Christ's love in word and deed, Briton's heart was opened to the love of Jesus Christ, and she committed her life to Him. "They explained the Gospel in easy terms," she said. "It wasn't a hard decision."

More than 200 people made that same decision to trust Christ as Savior through our disaster response in the Carolinas.

Katie Martin's husband had been deployed to Afghanistan for nearly a year when the hurricane struck, damaging their home and rental property. She had her hands full with four children, but Katie was determined to get things cleaned up quickly so she could help others who were affected by the storm.

The Martins have always welcomed military families, offering a place for them to live when they are in transition. Katie wanted that to continue, especially after Hurricane Florence displaced so many people. "I want people to have a place they can stay as long as they need. That's my heart for our home. God has put us here to love others," Katie said.

Samaritan's Purse volunteers hauled away storm debris and tree limbs, and removed ruined drywall and flooring. "If it wasn't for Samaritan's Purse, I don't know how I would have gotten a tarp

on the roof. I don't know how I would have gotten the soaking wet insulation pulled from the house," she explained.

On the heels of Florence came Hurricane Michael, a powerful Category 4 storm that slammed into the Florida Panhandle and then decimated parts of Albany, Georgia. Samaritan's Purse deployed to the hardest-hit areas, joining hands with nearly 3,000 volunteers to help 1,400 families.

A team of 40 Canadians spent more than two months leading our Florida Panhandle relief work.

"The Canadians were tremendous, especially during those first weeks when there was so much damage and so many hurting people," said Mike Stroud, pastor of Wewahitchka Baptist Church. The church served as home base for our Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailer. "Their sensitivity to love on people and encourage them was unreal."

Mike had a message for Canadians like you who partner with Samaritan's Purse: "Thank you for making it possible for these people to rescue us and invest in God's Kingdom."

During our response to Hurricane Michael, 157 people came to faith in Jesus Christ and many more—like Christopher—were encouraged to turn their hearts back to the Lord.



KATIE MARTIN

10,000 VOLUNTEERS
HELPED WITH
RELIEF WORK

OVER 300 PEOPLE CAME TO
FAITH IN CHRIST
THROUGH OUR HURRICANE RESPONSES

HELPING STRUGGLING FAMILIES THROUGH MEDICAL CRISES

"WE DIDN'T HAVE HOPE FOR HIS LIFE, BUT HE GOT A NEW LIFE"

Solimolla was 37 years old when he became a widower. His wife died of an illness, leaving their three children—the youngest only six months—to grow up without their mother.

Life for this Rohingya family, and many thousands more, only became harder—especially as they were forced to learn to survive in a refugee camp in Bangladesh. Solimolla and his children and his brother's family went there to escape mass persecution and violence from their home in neighboring Myanmar.

Diphtheria spread rapidly throughout the densely populated refugee camps. Samaritan's Purse provided life-saving medical care to the Rohingya people who suffered from this potentially deadly infection.

We treated more than 2,000 patients in 2018 at our diphtheria treatment center, which was made possible through donations

from donors like you. Twenty Canadian nurses served among the Samaritan's Purse staff at the center.

Solimolla brought his four-year-old son Abu to the center because he complained of swelling in his neck and had a fever. "I was afraid when my son was sick," he said.

Most of the patients we treated were children because diphtheria is more common and more likely to be severe among children. We administered antibiotics and, in more critical situations, diphtheria antitoxin by IV.

Abu returned home two days after receiving treatment, much to his father's relief. "I am very happy now that my son is better," Solimolla said.

Further west and north in Nepal, Samaritan's Purse continued to provide life-saving physical and spiritual help to impoverished children from remote villages who need to access an intimidating





DIPHTHERIA SPREAD RAPIDLY AMONGST THE ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH (ABOVE); SAMARITAN'S PURSE TREATED MORE THAN 2,000 PATIENTS AT OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD SUDIP (RIGHT) AND HIS PARENTS RECEIVED LIFE-CHANGING HELP FROM SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO HELP HIM RECOVER FROM SPINAL TUBERCULOSIS.

medical system they barely understand in busy Kathmandu.

One of them was four-year-old Sudip Budha. He developed a protrusion in his back that, over time, grew until Sudip was unable to sit up without support. His frightened and desperate parents took him to a district hospital, where he was diagnosed with spinal tuberculosis. His doctor recommended medicine, but the prescription did not help and his condition worsened.

Sudip's parents began to lose hope. Then they learned that Samaritan's Purse and its donors could help them.

Our two partner organizations in Nepal, which look for children who need medical help in impoverished areas of the country, contacted the Budha family. They had Sudip assessed by a physiotherapist, who referred him for further treatment in Kathmandu.

Sudip's family could never have afforded all the costs associated with this treatment, but Samaritan's Purse made it possible. Our partner organizations brought the Budha family to Nepal's capital city, and stayed with them as doctors operated on Sudip.

The surgery was successful, but Sudip needed a month's recovery time with regular monitoring. Again, Samaritan's Purse made that possible through another Nepal partner. We provided a place for one of his parents to stay, along with food and medicine.

Sudip is now at home and able to attend school and play with his friends. He has follow-up appointments in Kathmandu, which we will facilitate while covering any related expenses.

"We didn't have hope for his life, but he got a new life," said Sudip's father, expressing grateful thanks to Samaritan's Purse and its donors.



OVER 2,000

PATIENTS TREATED FOR DIPHTHERIA

137 CHILDREN HELPED BY US AND OUR PARTNERS

CLEAN WATER BRINGS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

“WE THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS”

Ana Marino stated it simply and succinctly: “We needed a miracle.”

The 43-year-old widow and her two children live in a two-room concrete house amongst a group of four dwellings surrounding a well in rural El Salvador. The well water looks clean and clear, but the reality is sickeningly different.

“We put chlorine tablets in the water, but it was still hard on our stomachs,” recalled Ana, who sells food at a meat market and cooks at a church to make ends meet. “We’d become accustomed to feeling sick all the time.”

That difficult reality began to change when Ana’s pastor told her Samaritan’s Purse was installing BioSand Filters in the area.

Designed in Canada, these meter-high concrete filters turn dirty, potentially deadly water into cool, safe water. They have

no moving parts, no need for a power supply, and require only minimum maintenance. Best of all, BioSand Filters last for decades.

Thanks to donations from Canadians like you, Samaritan’s Purse could offer a BioSand Filter—plus important health and hygiene training—to Ana and all the other residents who depended on the well water.

“We have much more confidence in our water,” Ana said. “We drink more of it and we don’t drink from anywhere else.”

She is very thankful for Canadians who made it possible for her family to have safe water: “We never thought we’d have something like this, so we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Please keep supporting this program because I know other people need these filters.”

As we provide BioSand Filters in homes, larger Samaritan Filters in schools, household latrines, wells, and reservoirs in El Salvador and several other developing nations, God opens doors for us to tell people about a water that’s even more important than what comes out of their filters: the Living Water of Jesus Christ.

4,910 BIOSAND
FILTERS
INSTALLED IN 5 COUNTRIES

1,564 LATRINES
INSTALLED

CANADIAN-DESIGNED BIOSAND FILTERS (LEFT) ARE PROVIDING LONG-TERM SAFE WATER FOR MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN DEVELOPING NATIONS.



Canadian donations are enabling Samaritan's Purse to install large Samaritan Filters like this one in Central America. Each filter, installed in a school or community center, provides the daily water needs for up to 300 people.



“He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.”

—PSALM 107:35, ESV



In 2018, Samaritan's Purse built 695 freshwater wells and other water systems, giving communities an ongoing source of fresh, life-giving water, and opening doors to share about the Living Water.



Children are delighted by the items in their shoeboxes, and these simple gifts open doors for us to share Jesus, the Greatest Gift of all.

SHOEBOX GIFTS OPEN DOORS FOR THE GOOD NEWS

THE GOSPEL IS GOING FORTH IN MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE through Operation Christmas Child as young people become followers of Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and share Him with others.

Each time Kwale was sent home from school because of his bare feet, the 13-year-old Tanzanian boy remembered his parents' promise to buy him shoes: "When we have the money."

He considered begging or stealing to get money for shoes, because he didn't believe God was responding to his mother's prayers and fasting. Instead Kwale reluctantly accompanied her to church each week although he "had no heart for God."

Then one Sunday he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and heard the Gospel. "When I opened that box, I found a pair of shoes and a pair of socks," Kwale recalled. "And my heart toward God began to change. This was the first time I



KWALE

saw God answering my prayers."

That answered prayer led Kwale to repent of his sins and receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Through his testimony, several of his friends have also decided to follow Jesus.

Last year, more than 10.6 million shoeboxes were collected to be sent to children like Kwale. These simple gifts opened doors for the Gospel and touched the hearts of their families in more than 100 countries worldwide.

The Lord also used a shoebox gift to show His love to a boy named Alex in the Philippines. In addition to toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, Alex's shoebox contained a Bible written



CHILDREN IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST AFRICA RECEIVED SHOEBOXES PACKED BY CANADIANS.



ALEX

in Tagalog—the national language of the Philippines. It touched his heart that, out of all the languages in the world, the Bible was written in the language he could understand.

Alex is a member of the Iraya tribe, which is considered unreached because less than two percent are Christian. His parents, and most of the people in their village, followed the dark spiritual practices taught by a leader in the community.

As Alex studied God's Word, he was among more than 40 children in the village who prayed to receive Jesus Christ through the outreach of Operation Christmas Child. His parents, and many others, abandoned their religious practices and started attending a Bible study led by a pastor from a nearby town—one of our local partners.

Last year, the Gospel was proclaimed among many unreached people groups through Operation Christmas Child. We also equipped Christian leaders ministering to unreached people groups with the resources to disciple believers and start churches.

In the remote grasslands of Mongolia, Tuya Tserendash is working with local Christians to share the Good News and plant churches in Buddhist and animist communities. Shoebox gifts have been a valuable tool for her work, opening doors in areas that were previously resistant to the Gospel.

Through Tuya's dedication and Operation Christmas Child outreach events, there are now six new churches in this region,

where there was previously little Christian influence. "It would be very hard without shoebox gifts," she said of the church planting efforts. "They are such a great Gospel opportunity. They equip churches to reach out."

Now, these new congregations are inviting children to participate in The Greatest Journey—a discipleship program designed by Samaritan's Purse especially for shoebox recipients. Read more about it on page 14.

Through The Greatest Journey's 12 lessons, boys and girls are learning about Jesus, growing in their faith, and becoming young evangelists in their families and communities.

517,437

CHILDREN RECEIVED SHOEBOXES
PACKED BY CANADIANS

30,000

CHILDREN HEAR THE GOSPEL EACH DAY

“I STARTED WORSHIPPING GOD THAT DAY”

THE GREATEST JOURNEY EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM

The Lord is continuing to do amazing things with The Greatest Journey, a discipleship program designed by Samaritan's Purse and offered, whenever possible, to children receiving Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

Through its 12 lessons, boys and girls are learning about Jesus, growing in their faith, and becoming young evangelists in their families and communities.

In Kopegan, Togo, what started as a small group of children studying The Greatest Journey is now a thriving congregation. It all began with Pastor Ransome Kwami Tomety and a small team of leaders equipped with shoeboxes and full of faith that God would do something miraculous.

Fifteen children came to the first gathering, huddled in the shade of two large mango trees, brimming with curiosity about the shoebox gifts. After receiving their boxes, they returned to that spot each Sunday during the following weeks to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

With each lesson, the number of kids in attendance grew as they invited friends and family to hear about Jesus. “Soon we were the size of a small church, so we decided we should start a

regular congregation,” Pastor Ransome said. “And that was what happened.”

Bernard Mignanou was among the original group of children who came to receive shoebox gifts. “When I received the gift box, I found a lot of good things in it—soap, a pen, and lots of things,” Bernard said. “The following Sunday I went to church.”

It was that Sunday, between those two mango trees, that he understood the Good News that Jesus died so he could be forgiven, then was raised to life again. During one of the lessons, Bernard made a decision to receive Christ.

“I started worshipping God that day,” he said.

Bernard and the other children began seeing the Lord work through them to change the lives of their parents and families. His father, mother, and sister are now attending church with him.

Pastor Ransome is amazed by what the Savior is doing through The Greatest Journey. “New things are happening every day,” he said. “God is transforming every aspect of people’s lives. There are things happening in this church and in this community that I never expected.”



JUBILANT PARTICIPANTS IN THE GREATEST JOURNEY EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM CELEBRATE GRADUATING FROM THE 12-LESSON PROGRAM.

294,000

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE
GREATEST JOURNEY CLASSES
FUNDED BY CANADIANS

106,500

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST AT
CANADIAN-FUNDED GREATEST
JOURNEY CLASSES



MEETING CRISIS NEEDS IN JESUS' NAME

Like tens of thousands of other desperate migrants, Yudi Salazar and her nine-year-old son walked across the Simón Bolívar International Bridge into Colombia. They were fleeing the collapse of the Venezuelan economy, which has made survival more difficult than ever.

Hyperinflation has robbed Venezuela's currency of almost all value, triggering poverty, hunger, and desperation. The healthcare system is crumbling, and violent crime and suicide rates are on the rise.

To escape the crisis, Yudi and countless Venezuelans are entering Colombia in hopes of finding food, work, and medical care. It's the largest mass migration in the world today and the most significant in modern South American history.

The busiest point of entry for migrants is the city of Cúcuta, Colombia, where Samaritan's Purse has partnered with a local church to run the Center of Hope. At the center, migrants are welcomed in Jesus' Name and offered medical care, legal services, crisis counseling, and personal care items.

"They come by the tens of thousands every day," said Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse. "Their money has no value. They're coming here with whatever they can carry. It breaks your heart."

Yudi brought her son to Center of Hope to receive medical treatment. "I thank God for this place," she said. "In Venezuela, it's impossible to find anything. Even if you do, money is not enough."

Nearly 13,000 visitors came through the center's doors in 2018. Thousands made first-time professions of faith in Jesus or recommitted their lives to Him.

"We preach the Gospel and pray for them," said Liyineth Espejo, a nurse and chaplain who works at Center of Hope. "We're blown away by what God does in this place."

We offer them warm meals, a safe place to spend the night, and items like clothing and hygiene supplies. Jesús Paez, a local pastor, and other staff members share from God's Word and encourage them that the Lord has not forgotten them. "We're

being Samaritans to help people along the road," said Pastor Jesús.

Many have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Among them is Jose Luis Ochoa, a 47-year-old grandfather who fled Venezuela with six family members. As our staff and partners demonstrated God's love in word and deed, his heart was opened to the Gospel.

"They're treating us really well. They're supporting us," Jose Luis said of shelter staff. "They baptized me in the Christian faith, and I give thanks to God for that."



AS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DESPERATE VENEZUELANs CROSSED THE BORDER INTO COLOMBIA, SAMARITAN'S PURSE WAS THERE TO HELP THEM IN JESUS' NAME.

OVER 60,000

MIGRANTS HELPED

OVER 2,800 PEOPLE
CAME
TO FAITH IN CHRIST

ESCAPING A FUTURE OF ABUSE AND POVERTY

OFFERING HOPE THROUGH SAMARITAN'S PURSE WOMEN'S PROJECTS

Sumati, like millions of other women and girls growing up in poverty in India, faced a future of abuse and even slavery.

After her father died, her mother was left with Sumati and her three siblings, but no support from friends or family.

Thankfully, for women like Sumati there is support, safety, and a hope for the future through a safe house funded by Samaritan's Purse.

This project provides physical, emotional, and spiritual support to widows and destitute women, as well as to orphans and children who have been abused or rejected by their families.

Sumati's mother had arranged for her elder sister's marriage and had taken on a loan at an interest rate that would take years to repay. Sumati's uncle tried to force Sumati into 'bonded labor' to pay off her mother's debt.

"[Her family] would be paid up front in return for five years of Sumati working without pay," said one of the directors at the center who intervened to help protect Sumati after she fled from her village.

Sumati was so desperate she even considered suicide, but after arriving at the center she received protection, counseling, love, and assurance—even when her mother came and tried to convince her to leave.

Through the center, Sumati has been pursuing her dream of becoming a nurse.

"Her vision is to help others in a similar situation to hers," said the project director. "She plans to work in the health clinic at the center when she has finished her training and for that, she will definitely be paid a proper wage."

Through the generous support of Canadians, the center provides not only vocational training for widows and abandoned women, but education and health care services for vulnerable women and girls. There is also a chapel and medical clinic that cares for more than 800 people and has an evangelistic outreach to over 3,000 children.

SUPPORT FROM PEOPLE LIKE YOU IS ENABLING SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO PROVIDE SAFETY, SUPPORT AND HOPE FOR WOMEN LIKE SUMATI (INSET PHOTO) WHO FACE ABUSE AND POVERTY.



112,000
WOMEN BENEFITED
FROM SAMARITAN'S PURSE PROJECTS

31,000
WOMEN PRESENTED
WITH THE GOSPEL



NEW LIFE AND HOPE FOR WOMEN LEAVING PROSTITUTION

Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest nations, where education and employment options for women are painfully scarce. So when their husbands die, or their boyfriends abandon them in pregnancy, or they move to the city for a job that never materializes, prostitution can seem to be the only option.

"Some people think when they see a woman in prostitution standing on a street corner wearing a mini-skirt that she wants this life—that she doesn't want to work at another job," said Yetrane Andarge, who works with our anti-trafficking Ethiopian partner. "They don't understand the real causes."

The program to prevent women from entering prostitution is one major component of our anti-trafficking work in Ethiopia's capital city of Addis Ababa.

Our work also includes a 12-month rehabilitation program that provides Biblically based counseling and vocational training to women wanting to leave prostitution. They learn income-earning skills such as jewelry making, weaving, hair styling, food services, and hotel housekeeping.

We have a capacity to help 40 women annually. Our partner monitors what happens after participants complete their rehabilitation. We praise God that at least 85 per cent do not return to prostitution.



WOMEN COMING OUT OF PROSTITUTION IN ETHIOPIA ARE LEARNING INCOME-EARNING SKILLS SUCH AS JEWELRY MAKING, WEAVING, HAIR STYLING, AND MORE, THANKS TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE AND CANADIAN DONORS.

40 ETHIOPIAN WOMEN EXITING PROSTITUTION PARTICIPATE IN A REHABILITATION PROGRAM

2,000 PEOPLE IN 7 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN EXPLOITATION REHABILITATION

“THE EXPERIENCE WAS SIMPLY AMAZING”

CHURCHES, SMALL GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS HELP OTHERS ON MISSION TRIPS

Melody Borgstrum has always enjoyed packing and sending gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need in the developing world, but wanted to take the experience to another level by meeting some of the children who receive the shoeboxes.

The St. Albert, AB, resident joined a Samaritan's Purse team from Canada that traveled to El Salvador to bless children with shoebox gifts packed by Canadians. It's one of several kinds of mission trips we offer to churches, small groups, and individuals. Among those were opportunities to serve women in Latin America, build BioSand Water Filters in Asia and Africa, and construct cook stoves in rural Central American communities.

“Going on this trip has heightened the importance of the ministry,” Borgstrum said about her Operation Christmas Child El Salvador trip. “You're changing kids' lives by showing them that someone in another country cares about them, shopped for them, put everything in boxes for them, and dropped off those boxes (at shoebox Collection Centers).”

Melody packed and brought a shoebox to El Salvador and waited until God directed her to the right recipient.

“The experience was simply amazing,” she said, while

fighting back tears after giving her box to a 13-year-old girl named Darling. “I handed out shoeboxes to all the girls in the row where I was sitting at the distribution.

“She (Darling) noticed I didn't give her one of those, but pulled one out of my backpack. Then her face just glowed. She waited until the other kids in her row had opened their boxes so we could have a moment together.”

Melody and the other visiting Canadians also attended a ceremony for children graduating from The Greatest Journey, Samaritan's Purse's 12-lesson evangelism and discipleship program offered to many of the children who receive gift-filled shoeboxes.

Seeing the joy in Darling and the other children in El Salvador who received shoeboxes, and knowing they have an opportunity to know and commit their lives to Jesus through The Greatest Journey, has made Melody even more convinced of the immense value of Operation Christmas Child.

“Don't stop packing,” she said passionately. “Even if you never go on a trip, just know you are making a difference packing boxes every year.”

For more information about Samaritan's Purse team trips, please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/trips.



360

PARTICIPANTS
ON 27 TEAMS
TRAVELED TO
11 COUNTRIES

MELODY BORGSTROM DISTRIBUTES CANADIAN-PACKED OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES TO CHILDREN IN EL SALVADOR.



CANADIAN NURSE “A BLESSING TO OTHERS” WHILE SERVING AT KENYA HOSPITAL

The newborn baby boy’s struggle to breathe had reached a critical point, and for at least a few minutes, his life was in the hands of Canadian nurse Rianne den Toom.

“In those moments I thought, ‘no, no, please God don’t let this baby die,’” recalled the 26-year-old Alberta resident. The crisis happened while Rianne served with World Medical Mission, a Samaritan’s Purse ministry, at Kapsowar Mission Hospital in Kenya.

Using only two fingers, Rianne did chest compressions on the baby while also pushing air into his tiny lungs by squeezing a breathing mask strapped to his face.

“Everybody (among the Kenyan medical staff) was watching me at that moment,” Rianne said. “They were thinking that because I’m a Canadian nurse, I should know what to do.”

After hurriedly asking another nurse to get one of the doctors, Rianne repeated her desperate prayer to the Lord. We can praise God that just as the doctor arrived, the baby expanded his lungs and began breathing on his own.

“In those moments, I realized how reliant I am on the Lord,” said Rianne, who cares for seniors at a continuing care facility south of Calgary. “I have my skills, but it’s ultimately up to Him.”

Rianne served at Kenya’s Kapsowar hospital for three weeks in late 2018. She worked in almost every department of the hospital including maternity, surgical, and pediatrics. She was also part of a team organizing community health events in nearby villages.

The World Medical Mission trip was the fulfillment of a dream Rianne had since university—to travel to a struggling nation and help people in Jesus’ Name.

Rianne recommends World Medical Mission to any Christian doctor, nurse, or dentist seeking to broaden his or her horizons and witness God at work in powerful ways.

“You come back with an extra bounce in your step, even though you’re tired and you’re dealing with time-zone changes,” she said. “It (what you experience and learn during a deployment) is something you’ll never be able to get in a Canadian medical environment.”

Please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/WMM for more information on this ministry.



CANADIAN NURSE RIANNE DEN TOOM TAKES A SELFIE WITH SOME OF THE CHILDREN SHE HELPED TO TREAT AT A KENYAN MISSION HOSPITAL SUPPORTED BY SAMARITAN’S PURSE.

40 CANADIAN
DOCTORS, NURSES
AND DENTISTS
SERVED IN 12 COUNTRIES

"ADULTS IN EL SALVADOR OFTEN DON'T BELIEVE IN US, BUT YOU CANADIANS DO"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CHANGING LIVES AROUND THE WORLD

While we were working with Christian partners in El Salvador, they told us that children and teenagers there needed a safe place to learn crafts, be taught life and vocational skills, and receive Bible-based direction in their lives.

In response, we are using donations from Canadians like you to help hundreds of young people in the capital city of San Salvador.

The ministry hosts children and young teens each Saturday and Sunday, plus three weekday evenings. They crowd into the home of Jose, our ministry partner, to learn crafts, computer skills, relationship-building, and resume-writing—little of which would be available through other channels.

Jose also provides HIV/AIDS awareness lessons. As well, every session with the children features Biblical teaching and a message of Christ's salvation.

We praise God that during one single three-month period, almost 90 participants in this youth ministry came to faith in Jesus Christ, *"who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments"* (Deuteronomy 7:9, ESV).



Donations to Samaritan's Purse were already funding several youth-focused soccer leagues in El Salvador through which the Gospel is being shared. When Jose was helping with the soccer, he sensed God telling him the children needed more attention and time. That's when the other teaching began.

"I realized the kids needed a quiet place to deal with all these other things," he said. "God is the One calling them to Christ. I just tell them about Jesus."

Ada, a youth leader in the ministry, noted: "This is a place where we can help the kids focus on positive things. We're like their second parents. They often don't get the attention they need at home, but they get it here."

Ada's thankfulness to Canadians for their support of the youth ministry goes as far as declaring that "adults in El Salvador often don't believe in us, but you Canadians do. Through these programs, teenagers are going to be shaped by the Word of God and then make our country better. Trust in us. We won't let you down."

36,300
CHILDREN WERE
PRESENTED WITH THE GOSPEL

3,000 RECEIVED
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

CANADIAN SUPPORT IS ENABLING SAMARITAN'S PURSE TO PROVIDE A SAFE PLACE FOR EL SALVADOR YOUTH TO LEARN VOCATIONAL SKILLS AND RECEIVE BIBLE-BASED DIRECTION FOR THEIR LIVES.



TRAINING FARMERS IN BIBLICAL AGRICULTURE PRACTICES

Our food and agriculture project in Senegal, a primarily Muslim nation, teaches young farmers improved agriculture techniques with mentorship and discipleship.

Florentino Gomis is one of many students who say God has transformed their lives and their characters through the project, as they have learned how to grow food and studied the Bible.

“God has changed me in the area of patience,” he said. “The Word of God says there is a time for everything under the sun, but of course we also have to work before we can harvest the fruits.”

Florentino now understands that with hard work and reliance on God, he can thrive and become a blessing to his family and community.

“The mini-farms that our interns have started this year are already looking really good,” said Joell, one of the project managers there. “They have worked hard, and are starting to see the first results.”

Vegetables are ripening for harvest, and very soon the cereals will be ready too. Interns are showing signs of increased agricultural knowledge and skills. Each intern has taken charge of his individual 30-by-50-meter plot and we are seeing the results.

The training provides hands-on experience in organic agriculture, livestock and poultry raising, tree farming, irrigation techniques, and market gardening.

The Senegalese interns are also equipped with tools to apply their training at a village level, sharing knowledge with rural farmers in their communities.

Samaritan's Purse works in dozens of countries in Asia, Africa, Central and South America to help impoverished people grow nutritious food, and empower them with the means to provide for themselves, their families, and even their communities.



YOUNG FARMERS IN THE AFRICAN NATION OF SENEGAL ARE LEARNING ABOUT JESUS AND ABOUT THE LATEST FARMING TECHNIQUES AT A PROJECT FUNDED BY SAMARITAN'S PURSE.

WORLDWIDE

3,800 PEOPLE
TRAINED
IN AGRICULTURE AND HOME GARDENING

2,700 LIVESTOCK
DISTRIBUTED

“YOU’VE GIVEN COUPLES A PRICELESS GIFT”

MILITARY COUPLES FIND HEALING IN CHRIST

Life hasn’t been easy for Steve and Belinda Laird. But thanks to Samaritan’s Purse’s Operation Heal Our Patriots (OHOP) ministry, and financial partners like you, the Lairds have a new lease on their married life and a new faith in Jesus Christ.

The Lairds, from Callandar, ON, were among 10 married couples who travelled to Alaska in September 2018 to participate in OHOP. The 20 Canadians spent a week at Samaritan Lodge and learned how to reconnect as couples through Bible-based marriage classes, outdoor activities, and supporting each other as they told their stories of hurt and other difficulties.

“This ministry has touched me unbelievably—it’s renewed my belief in God and humanity,” said Belinda, a 45-year-old stay-at-home mother to seven- and 11-year-old daughters.

“The staff, the volunteers, and the chaplains were so inviting, non-judgmental, and thankful for our military service,” added 50-year-old Steve, who retired in 2010 after 20 years with the Canadian military.

Steve’s Christian faith as a child was badly damaged by several painful and abusive years at an all-boys school in Newfoundland.

“I became very destructive and started drinking,” Steve said. “My behavior was very agitated, confrontational, and combative.”

Added Belinda: “We were distant with each other, not communicating as well as we used to, and in some ways leading separate lives while living under the same roof.”

Belinda was raised in a Christian home, but her parents separated and a traumatic incident she witnessed at age 10—which is still so painful that she can’t elaborate on it—ended her family’s involvement with Christianity.

The Lairds were married before a Justice of the Peace and the only time they attended church was when their children were baptized.

Steve applied to be part of Operation Heal Our Patriots after hearing from a Canadian who participated in the ministry in 2017.

As they connected with staff, volunteers, and other Canadian military couples, Steve and Belinda found themselves relaxing and finding time to concentrate on their relationship.

On the last day of their stay before returning to Canada, they decided to commit their lives to Jesus Christ, “*Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy*” (Psalm 103:4, ESV).



CANADIAN MILITARY COUPLES ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AND WERE BAPTIZED IN LAKE CLARK WHILE AT OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS.

40 CANADIAN MILITARY COUPLES HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS SINCE 2015



“IT WAS HUMBLING TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT”

For six years, our ministry center in the northwestern B.C. town of Dease Lake has been a safe and welcoming place for the area's youth. But in 2018, things changed dramatically when a wildfire in the nearby town of Telegraph Creek turned the ministry center into a haven for evacuated residents and fire-fighting crews.

For more than two months, ministry center staff served up more than 100 meals and bag lunches per day. As people gathered at the center, staff members offered Christ's love, compassion, and explained God's gift of salvation.

“It was humbling to be involved in this effort,” said Melissa Kennard, a ministry assistant at the center. “It was a hard time for us because the fire was very personal for us in Dease Lake. But it was also a significant time of building relationships with the community—to share hope with people who were in crisis.”

The wildfire response (you can read more about Samaritan's Purse helping Telegraph Creek residents on page 7) interrupted the ministry center's normal programming. So staff began hosting Wednesday afternoon coffee times for people of all ages, and games nights on Fridays.

Between 12 and 20 people of all ages attended each week. “It was a positive, safe place for them to come and have fellowship,” said Melissa, a 29-year-old Albertan who has been at the ministry center since October 2017.

Prior to the wildfire, the team operated a youth drop-in ministry. Staff also helped out again during the region's annual Stikine Valley Gospel Music Festival.

Your financial support and prayers are continuing to have a significant impact in this small community. Please continue to pray for the Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center in Dease Lake.



CANADIAN ASTRONAUT CHRIS HADFIELD (TOP, SECOND FROM LEFT) VISITED OUR DEASE LAKE MINISTRY CENTER (BOTTOM) IN NORTHERN B.C. AND ENCOURAGED STAFF MEMBERS.



100 MEALS
PER DAY SERVED
DURING BC WILDFIRE RESPONSE

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018 (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash	\$10,293,450	\$13,014,887
Short-term investments	489,571	1,113,597
Accounts receivable	1,018,047	807,809
Prepaid expenses	180,649	82,961
Inventory	197,951	101,608
	<u>12,179,668</u>	<u>15,120,862</u>

Investments	4,019,614	5,887,408
Capital assets	<u>13,879,672</u>	<u>6,345,434</u>

	<u>30,078,954</u>	<u>27,353,704</u>
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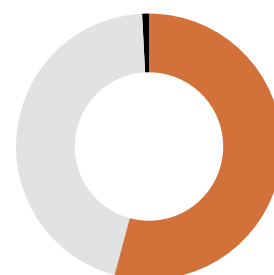
Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>1,861,772</u>	<u>1,211,852</u>
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FUNDS BALANCES

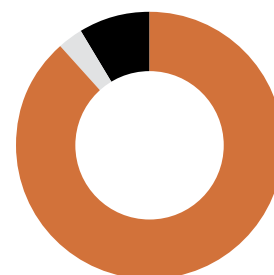
Unrestricted	5,043,046	8,228,915
Internally restricted - invested in capital assets	13,879,672	6,345,434
Externally restricted	<u>9,294,464</u>	<u>11,567,503</u>
	<u>28,217,182</u>	<u>26,141,852</u>

	<u>30,078,954</u>	<u>27,353,704</u>
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2018 REVENUES

- 54.4% Contributions
- 44.9% Gifts in kind
- 0.7% Other income



2018 EXPENSES

- 88.4% Ministry
- 3.1% Fundraising
- 8.5% 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.

Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended December 31, 2018 (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

	2018				2017
	GENERAL FUND \$	CAPITAL FUND \$	MINISTRY FUND \$	TOTAL	TOTAL
Revenue					
Contributions	8,997,276	1,484,338	18,354,248	28,835,862	31,893,646
Gifts in kind	42,553	361,828	23,402,643	23,807,024	25,433,746
Investment income	355,833		1,265	357,098	104,744
Gain on sale of capital assets		35,963		35,963	12,000
	<u>9,395,662</u>	<u>1,882,129</u>	<u>41,758,156</u>	<u>53,035,947</u>	<u>57,444,136</u>
Expenditures					
Operation Christmas Child			26,115,318	26,115,318	27,922,972
International community programming			10,772,219	10,772,219	14,039,218
International disaster response			387,244	387,244	2,991,181
North American ministries	485,250		861,951	1,347,201	517,224
Ministry support services	<u>3,613,287</u>	<u>265,037</u>	<u>2,516,613</u>	<u>6,394,937</u>	<u>6,021,894</u>
	<u>4,098,537</u>	<u>265,037</u>	<u>40,653,345</u>	<u>45,016,919</u>	<u>51,492,489</u>
Fundraising	1,098,086		497,083	1,595,169	1,755,816
General and administrative support for ministries	<u>2,135,934</u>	<u>265,037</u>	<u>1,947,558</u>	<u>4,348,529</u>	<u>4,397,248</u>
	<u>3,234,020</u>	<u>265,037</u>	<u>2,444,641</u>	<u>5,943,698</u>	<u>6,153,064</u>
	<u>7,332,557</u>	<u>530,074</u>	<u>43,097,986</u>	<u>50,960,617</u>	<u>57,645,553</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	2,063,105	1,352,055	(1,339,830)	2,075,330	(201,417)
Fund balance -Beginning of year	8,228,915	6,345,434	11,567,503	26,141,852	26,343,269
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(6,117)		6,117		
Inter fund transfer - capital asset purchases	<u>(5,242,857)</u>	<u>6,182,183</u>	<u>(939,326)</u>		
Fund balance - End of year	<u>5,043,046</u>	<u>13,879,672</u>	<u>9,294,464</u>	<u>28,217,182</u>	<u>26,141,852</u>



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OUR MISSION

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.

