

2015-16

*Bear one  
another's burdens,  
and so fulfill the  
law of Christ.*

GALATIANS 6:2



  
**Samaritan's Purse®**  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

# SAMARITAN'S PURSE® 2015-16 | ministry report







DEAR FRIEND,

For more than 45 years, Samaritan's Purse has answered the desperate cries for help from victims of disaster, disease, poverty, famine, and war. In everything we do, we seek to follow the Biblical example of the Good Samaritan, lifting up the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last year, we responded to devastating earthquakes in Nepal and fierce cyclones that pounded Myanmar and the small Pacific island of Vanuatu. We worked day and night to meet the critical needs of the human tide of refugees fleeing from terror and bloodshed in the Middle East. Hundreds of doctors served countless hours in missionary hospitals. By God's grace, we were able to reach more than 11 million hurting children with shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child, and more than 1.2 million of them gave their hearts to Jesus through our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. These are just a few of the ways we relieved suffering, brought hope, and shared the Gospel.

Nothing we do is more urgent than telling people about Jesus. He told us, *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world"* (John 9:4-5). Thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support as we continue to meet the needs of a broken and sin-sick world. May God richly bless you.



Sincerely

Franklin Graham  
President & CEO

2015 - 16

**ON THE COVER:** We loaded Nepal military helicopters with tons of winter supplies to help families high in the Himalayas whose villages have been inaccessible by road since the earthquakes.



# REBUILDING

## on a Strong Foundation

**NEPAL**  
Earthquake  
Response

We airlifted bundles of blankets and winter clothing into freezing Himalayan villages.

The earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25 was the deadliest disaster of 2015, rocking the world's highest mountains and leaving millions homeless. As Samaritan's Purse worked in Jesus' Name to meet desperate needs in this former Hindu kingdom, God gave us opportunities to share about "a kingdom that cannot be shaken."

(HEBREWS 12:28)



# Rebuilding on a Strong Foundation

**“That’s my house,” said a woman named Mithu, pointing at cracked and teetering stone walls on a mountainside in Nepal. “We can’t live there anymore. It’s not safe for my children.”**

Mithu and her family were among millions in Nepal who lost their homes in the 7.8-magnitude earthquake on April 25, 2015. They were cold, hungry, and living under a patchwork tent when Samaritan’s Purse arrived with food and blankets. “I am so happy you came to help us,” Mithu said. “It gives us hope.”

In the days following the earthquake, the Lord opened doors for us to reach over 60,000 families with food, kitchen kits, tarps, blankets, hygiene items, and other emergency supplies. Our medical team traveled by U.S. military helicopters to some of the most remote and hardest-hit regions to care for hundreds of sick and injured survivors.

Relief work was complicated by Nepal’s landlocked location in the Himalayan mountains between India and China, as well as by a powerful aftershock that struck on May 12. Within weeks of the disaster, we chartered a series of relief flights into the nation’s only airport and transported 110 truckloads of emergency supplies across the treacherous mountains into the nation’s capital, Kathmandu.

**In a snowy Himalayan village, families line up to receive blankets and clothing to help them survive winter.**

As the annual monsoon rains approached, we rushed to provide 24,000

**Millions were left homeless by the worst disaster of 2015.**

families with materials to construct sturdy temporary housing to give them safe and dry places to live while they rebuild their homes. The shelter kits they received included metal sheeting and framework, tarp, wire, gloves, and a toolkit.

Prem Kumari Gurung, 45, walked for several hours with her family to obtain the materials. She already had sold some of her meager possessions to purchase sheet metal for a new structure, but it wasn’t sufficient. She was



Emergency shelter was a priority to protect children like these from monsoon rains.



We provided 24,000 families with a place to live while they rebuild.

anxious about the future.

The shelter kit she received from Samaritan’s Purse enabled her to finish building their shelter. “I was worried about how I was going to build a house,” she said. “But now I have all of these things. I am happy and relieved.”

In addition to shelters, we have also provided safe water and sanitation for schools and tent camps, food for vulnerable families, and other desperately needed items for tens of thousands of people. Our work to provide physical relief in Jesus’ Name was noticed by Nepal’s prime minister, who asked if we would bring supplies to Himalayan villages to help disaster victims survive the brutal winter. Our team immediately began working around the clock to put together our 10th airlift of supplies, including blankets and coats, from Charlotte, N.C. to Kathmandu in mid-January 2016. The items were flown by Nepali military helicopters to small Himalayan villages over 8,000 feet above sea level, where our staff distributed them to thousands of desperate families.

Nepal’s home affairs minister, Shakti Bahadur Basnet, joined our team in delivering the relief supplies. “We would like to deeply thank Samaritan’s Purse on behalf of the people of the Nepal government and the people here,” he said. “We’d like to thank them from the bottom of our heart.”

We praise God for enabling us to share the Gospel in word and deed with the people of Nepal. As we continue to work hand-in-hand with local churches there, we look forward to even more opportunities to share the compassion of Christ and the Good News of salvation.

## “Let the people see Christ in us”

Christ lives in us, and we can show Him to others through our actions. These two devastating earthquakes gave us opportunities as Christians to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. As Nepali believers, we are trying to make an impact on people by expressing our faith in what we do as well as in what we say.

Samaritan’s Purse is helping us sow a seed for the Gospel by standing with and helping people in need. We see the Lord working in the hearts of

people, and I believe that in the fullness of time, we will see a transformation in Nepal. At the end of this rebuilding process, I think we could see thousands and thousands of people coming into the church because of the Christians who are

working here.

We are praying, and we urge others around the world to pray for our nation. We want to see people accept forgiveness for their sins and lives changed through Christ. We are asking God to let the people see Jesus in us.

**Pastor Hanok Tamang has partnered with Samaritan’s Purse to help earthquake victims in Nepal, a former Hindu kingdom where less than two percent of the people are Christians.**



by the NUMBERS

**24,000 Families**

received shelter kits from **Samaritan’s Purse** so they will have a place to live while they rebuild.

**10 Airlifts**

rushed emergency supplies into the disaster zone.



## Crossing Over to a New Life

The Greek island of Lesbos is barely two miles from the shores of Turkey, but the crossing is deadly. Refugees fleeing from Syria and other Middle Eastern countries pay smugglers up to \$1,000 for the trip, though they know that thousands before them have drowned.

By the time they arrive on the rocky shores of Lesbos or other Greek islands, most are shivering and soaked. And that's where they meet workers from Samaritan's Purse who greet them at the shores with physical relief and the compassion of Christ. We have been working for years in the Middle East to help refugees fleeing from conflict and terror in Syria and Iraq. Last year, we deployed teams to several countries in southeastern Europe to minister to vulnerable families searching for safety and a chance at a new life.

These refugees travel from Greece and Macedonia via Serbia and Croatia on their



More than 2,600 refugees have died trying to reach Europe in over-crowded boats.

**We're sharing the Gospel with refugees in some of the same places where Paul once preached.**

way to Austria and beyond. Along the way, Samaritan's Purse staff and local partners work hand-in-hand to provide blankets, water, food, and other basic necessities for tens of thousands of people.

Refugees have multiple contacts with Samaritan's Purse as they make their way through Europe in places like Mytilene, Athens, and Macedonia—all places the Apostle Paul visited during his missionary journeys.

In 2015, our teams fed 64,000 refugees and distributed 55,000 blankets and 133,000 bottles of water. We also winterized hundreds of temporary housing units in Greece by installing heaters, floors, and insulation.

Many of these Muslim refugees are eager to hear the truth about Jesus. We have established "Meeting Places" where Christian workers who are fluent in Arabic and Farsi share the Gospel, hand out Bibles, answer questions, and pray with those who want to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

At one refugee camp in Croatia, a man from Iraq met one of our team members outside a Muslim prayer tent. He had found a Bible and had prayed that someone would come to tell him more about Jesus. Our staff member explained the Gospel to him and led him in

prayer to repent of his sins and accept Christ into his heart.

A young mother from Syria arrived at a train station in Austria carrying her 9-month-old baby and a Samaritan's Purse backpack filled with supplies. When a local Christian woman offered to help her, the mother asked, "Are you from Samaritan's Purse too?" She had encountered several of our teams along her journey who had made a profound impression on her.

The Austrian Christian woman wrote to let us know that she was able to reap the spiritual harvest from the seeds the Lord had sown through Samaritan's Purse. "She prayed with me to

receive Christ today!" she said. "It was such a sweet, unexpected moment, and I wanted to let you know God is using you. I believe that you being there at a time when she had nothing, and showing her God's love through your actions, allowed her heart to be open today. Praise God and keep doing all you do because God is working in amazing ways!"

*by the* NUMBERS

**51,000**  
women and children

in Europe have received backpacks containing blankets, hygiene items, and other essentials.



## A Listening Ear and a Glimmer of Hope

**Thanks to you, Samaritan's Purse is providing compassionate care to traumatized, desperate Iraqis**

For tens of thousands of Iraqis who have fled war and the terrorism of ISIS, the country's northern region is a relative safe haven.

But they come bearing burdens that most Canadians can't even imagine. Many of these internally displaced people have been forced to watch as friends and family members have been raped or murdered.

Others have escaped from bondage, beatings, or vicious sexual assaults with emotional scars that may never heal.

Still more have seen their homes destroyed and their possessions stolen, with little choice but to run for their lives with nothing or be kidnapped or killed. Even though these Iraqis are away from the violence, their hope for the future is faint. Will they ever be able to return to their home towns? Will their homes still exist? How can they make ends meet or provide their children with an education?

Our team has completed renovations to turn an abandoned night club into a community center where we are offering internally displaced Iraqis sewing, carpentry, and computer training.

Our center staff also provide trauma counseling and medical services, plus a variety of safe, child-friendly spaces and activities.

As these families try to deal with their difficult experiences and their current circumstances, Samaritan's Purse staff are also simply being

available for Iraqis to listen to their stories and receive a taste of Christ's unconditional love and support.

This ministry is vital for the many men who've lost their livelihoods and loved ones and have become despondent. The women who have been sexually assaulted and stigmatized are given a safe and caring place where they can share their grief. Children who have lost siblings or parents find the love and comfort they so desperately need.

The mother and siblings of twelve-year-old Sameerah and her sister Hadiyah, 13, are being held captive by ISIS. The two sisters were also kidnapped, but managed to escape after their mother urged them to appear dirty and mentally ill. They escaped being raped or forced to become brides to ISIS soldiers.

Now, Sameerah and Hadiyah are in Northern Iraq, living with their uncle and grandparents, and anxiously hoping their mother and siblings can join them there. They visit our community center regularly, where our staff offer them compassion and comfort.

We are grateful for God-given opportunities to tell these children, and thousands more displaced Iraqis of all ages, that they are loved and that Jesus Christ gave His life for them.

Samaritan's Purse has been providing spiritual and physical help in Northern Iraq long before the refugee crisis became newsworthy. With your donations and prayers, we will continue ministering there long after the world's attention has moved on.



# Spanning the Globe with Good News, Great Joy

We praise God for giving Samaritan's Purse more opportunities than ever before to share the Good News of Christ through our Operation Christmas Child project.

This past year, we collected 11.2 million gift-filled shoeboxes and distributed them through churches and Christian partners to children in 104 countries who are hurting because of poverty, war, disaster, or disease.

As Christians around the world hand out the boxes in their communities, they share the eternal hope of salvation through Jesus. To help children understand, we also supply a colorful Gospel booklet called *The Greatest Gift*, which we make available in 77 languages. Millions of children also are invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, the Samaritan's Purse discipleship course that teaches them to faithfully follow Jesus.



## "We are able to share in schools"

Operation Christmas Child is carried out across Moldova through more than 500 local church partners. Our vision is to reach each child with the Gospel—and through the children to reach the parents with the Good News of redemption through Christ. We are even able to share in schools!

We are happy that we can provide the children with these presents. Since Moldova is a former Soviet country, many children have never had gifts before. However, it is not just about the presents. When children from other countries prepare and send these shoeboxes for us to hand out, we are able to show the boys and



**Ion Groza** is pastor of a Baptist church in Moldova. God is using Operation Christmas Child to soften hearts to the Gospel in the former Soviet state.

girls here that God loves them.

More than 11,000 children in Moldova who received shoebox gifts last year were invited to participate in The Greatest Journey. As a result, we have had opportunities to share the Gospel with many children, and their parents. We would not have these open doors without Samaritan's Purse.

by the NUMBERS

# 135 million

shoebox gifts delivered worldwide through **Operation Christmas Child** since 1993.

# 104 countries

received shoebox gifts collected from believers in Canada, the United States, Austria, Australia, Finland, Germany, Japan, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.



"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 18:3







*"Go therefore  
and make  
disciples of all  
nations."*

MATTHEW 28:19



## THE GREATEST JOURNEY

# Multiplying the Gospel Impact of Shoebox Gifts

We praise God that more than a million children made decisions for Christ in 2015 through The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program Samaritan's Purse developed for boys and girls who receive our Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts.

From God's creation to the fall of man to Christ's resurrection, children learn about the consequences of sin and God's plan for redemption through The Greatest Journey classes. They memorize Scripture, are invited to trust Jesus as their Savior, and learn how to share their faith with family and friends. Boys and girls who complete the 12-lesson Bible study receive a certificate and a New Testament in their own language. This equips them to continue to grow as disciples of Christ. In the past five years, 7.5 million children have participated in The Greatest Journey, including nearly 2.8 million in 2015.



Over 5 million have graduated and 3.4 million have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior.

by the NUMBERS

# 373,000

local volunteer teachers have been trained to lead lessons and disciple children.

# 7.5 million

children in over 100 countries have participated in **The Greatest Journey** since it began in 2010.

**Pastor Waisea Liwaiono** coordinates The Greatest Journey lessons on the South Pacific island of Fiji. He walks up to 20 miles three times a week to lead the discipleship courses.



## "The parents started coming"

After the children receive the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, we invite them to participate in The Greatest Journey. During the course, we teach them about Jesus and how He gave His life for them because He loves them.

The children often go home and tell their families what they learn in class. The parents then want to come to The Greatest Journey course with their sons

and daughters. When we first had family members come, one of our teachers held the children's class under the mango tree, and I taught the adults in the shelter.

Now, the families are coming to church on Sundays too—all because the children went home and told Bible stories. We are thankful to God for using The Greatest Journey to grow our church and change our community.



# “We are all human, and should care for each other”

“And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” (Matthew 10:42, ESV)

Nestor, an 11-year-old boy who lives with his grandparents in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), was among the millions of people who live without access to safe water. They are forced to drink from filthy ponds, streams, or contaminated wells.

Nestor and his family, including his six-year-old brother, have lived most of their lives with the reality that their next sip of water could prove deadly.

“I often was sick, suffering from stomach aches from parasites in the water,” says Nestor. “There were many days me and my little brother could not attend school because of being sick from the water.”

In DRC, which is the most impoverished country in Africa, less than 20 per cent of the population has access to safe drinking water and only about 10 per cent has access to proper sanitation. The DRC has among the world’s highest death rates in children, with most of those deaths from diarrhea caused by drinking contaminated water.

Globally, more than 340,000 children younger than five die annually from diarrheal diseases due to poor sanitation and hygiene, or unsafe drinking water. That’s almost 1,000 children per day. Roughly one-fifth of those deaths are occurring in the DRC.

“It’s sometimes difficult for Canadians to



Tutu Kenzo showing water samples after and before filtration with the BioSand Filter.

truly understand how unsafe water can hold back an entire nation,” says Tutu Kenzo. Tutu, who lives in Canada, has family in the DRC village of Patu, and has volunteered with the Samaritan’s Purse water program there.

“People in DRC have potential to do many

great things, but aren’t able to due to the sickness they have from drinking unsafe water,” says Tutu. “In Canada, the situation is very different, but we should care. We are all human, and should care for each other and help one another when in need.”

Thanks to the generosity of concerned Canadians, Samaritan’s Purse is providing safe water around the world with the Canadian-designed BioSand Filter, which provides enough water for a family, and the Samaritan Filter, which provides enough water for hundreds of people.

Nestor and his family were the first to receive a BioSand Filter in DRC, and Nestor is among the hundreds of students in two schools in the Patu village who now have Samaritan Filters. This means students will miss far fewer days of class due to illness and live healthier lives.

“We have good drinking water now without germs or microbes,” says Nestor. “We are no longer sick because of dirty water.”

Samaritan’s Purse and Canadian donations have provided the 600 students attending primary and secondary schools in Nestor’s community with proper latrines and handwashing stations for the first time.

Nestor is also among a group of students who are part of a WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) club. They are trained to use and maintain Samaritan Filters, and to promote handwashing and proper sanitation among fellow students.

The need remains great, however. Thousands more in this region alone still need safe water and proper sanitation.

Together, we are giving children safe water at home and at school, so they are able to live, learn, and grow towards a brighter future. One home, one school, one community at a time, together we can make the world a healthier place.

# Building towards a healthier future

Ana Savala’s family is one of many in rural Nicaragua suffering with poor health from unsafe water. They had no choice but to drink from wells they know are making them sick.

Much of the drinking water in rural Nicaragua is contaminated by agricultural runoff.

As a result, kidney and intestinal diseases are common and result in as many as two deaths every month in small communities.

Financial donations by people like you are enabling Samaritan’s Purse to provide a solution to the water crisis in Nicaragua—and around the world—with BioSand filters. These simple yet effective Canadian-designed concrete filters are transforming dirty water into safe, drinkable water for residents in the rural municipality of Leon, about 100 km west of Managua. They are investing their time and effort to ensure a healthier future for their families by helping to build BioSand filters.

“I heard there was a team here building filters, and was told that I could work to get

one,” says Ana, a 26-year-old married mother of three young children.

Her husband works in a nearby plantation to support his family, despite battling kidney disease from contaminated water.

“It is really hard, we are very poor, but we have to take my husband to the hospital for the medicines he needs,” she says. “He shouldn’t be working, because he is so sick, but we can’t afford for him to be out of work.”

As area residents arrive to help Ana construct a BioSand filter for her home, they are welcomed with a time of prayer and Bible study. The group hears the New Testament story of the Samaritan woman at the well, in which Jesus explains that He is the living water.

Samaritan’s Purse staff share their Bibles with the largely non-Christian group who listen eagerly to the story and inquire about

getting Bibles of their own.

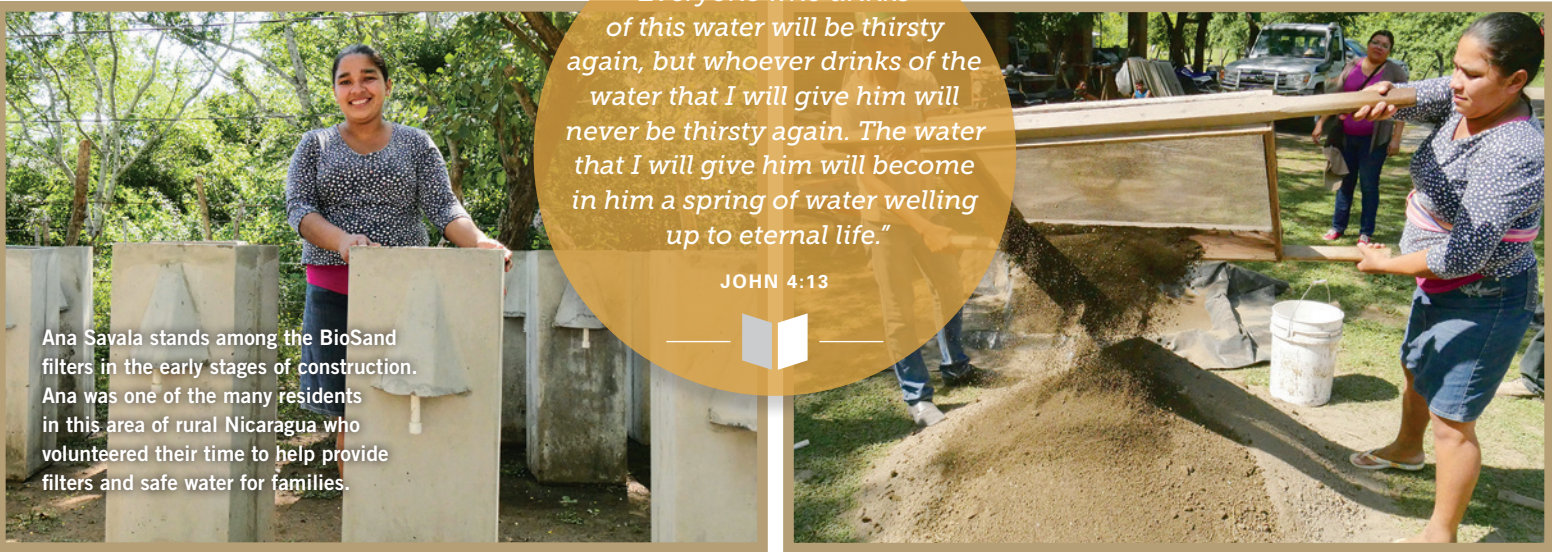
They will work alongside Samaritan’s Purse staff in every stage of BioSand filter construction, from mixing and pouring cement into metal molds to create the filter body, to sifting sand or breaking rocks to create the three levels of natural filtration.

A doctor told Ana and her husband that he needed to drink bottled water to ease his kidney disease symptoms, but that is too costly for their family, as it is for most in the area.

“This [having a BioSand filter in their home] is going to be a big help,” she says.

The support of Canadian donors makes it possible for families in Nicaragua to have a safe water supply and healthier future.

Pray with us that many will also come to know of the Living Water found in Jesus Christ.



“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:13

Ana Savala stands among the BioSand filters in the early stages of construction. Ana was one of the many residents in this area of rural Nicaragua who volunteered their time to help provide filters and safe water for families.



## Delivering Hope and Healing Through the Great Physician

World Medical Mission in Canada supported 16 overseas hospitals in 2015 with much-needed personnel. We sent doctors and other volunteers on short-term assignments and helped launch a new generation of medical missionaries through our Post-Residency Program.

A total of 51 volunteers, including doctors, dentists, nurses, and other medical professionals, took time away from their busy schedules to make short-term trips with

World Medical Mission Canada and offer their expertise, compassion, and passion for the Gospel at understaffed mission hospitals and clinics in 13 countries in 2015.

Dr. Sam Williams, a vascular surgeon, has served with World Medical Mission on 26 volunteer trips during the past 25 years, including 17 to a hospital in Togo, West Africa. "We are glad to be a part of the

evangelistic outreach of the hospital," he said. "The work that we are able to do surgically allows us to share the Gospel with our patients."

For young Christian doctors who feel called by God to become career missionaries, our Post-Residency Program offers two-year assignments overseas. World Medical Mission Canada sent its first three doctors through Post-Residency in 2015, and another two have been accepted to go in 2016. We sent 75 people on our medical teams to run eyeglass, dental, and medical clinics.

### "Overcoming trauma in Kenya"

I am a Canadian registered psychologist and have specialized for 20 years in working with people who have experienced traumatic events. For many years I've wanted to travel to developing countries to help train and support nationals who are providing psychological assistance to survivors of traumatic events.

When I started thinking about it more seriously this past Spring, Dr. Ben Sawyer and his wife Cathy suggested I join them on their trip to Kapsowar in Kenya. This is a

trip they have done at least once annually for the last eight years through World Medical Mission, a branch of Samaritan's Purse.

Kapsowar is a stunningly beautiful village on the edge of the Rift Valley in Kenya. World Medical Mission operates a small hospital there that serves the village and surrounding areas. The compound also includes a nursing school and a theological school for training pastors.

The principal of the theological school and the principal of the nursing school invited me to teach



Dr. Alison Stevens

on topics such as trauma and post-traumatic stress intervention and treatment, suicide, intervention and treatment for alcohol abuse and other addictions.

When I taught on suicide prevention, and how to care for

those left behind, a young pastor sat down beside me. He told me his brother had been a soldier and when he came home he committed suicide.

"I couldn't save my brother's life, but I think now with the information I have, maybe I can save someone else's," he said. I felt his grief and his hope that his loss could be redeemed.

The second week I taught the nursing students. I could read from their faces that they were very interested in the topics, but they

by the NUMBERS

51

Canadian volunteers, including nurses, doctors, physiotherapists, psychologists, and dentists, served at 16 mission hospitals in 13 countries in 2015.

Over 66%

of the doctors and dentists serving through the Post-Residency Program return to the mission field for long-term commitment.

## Improving the Dire Realities of Open-fire Cooking

Gloria could see the writing on the wall.

Her kitchen walls, laden with a thick layer of black soot, were a reminder that her lungs were also being damaged by decades of cooking over open fires without any kind of proper ventilation.

Gloria lives in the Nicaraguan municipality of Leon, about 140 km from Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, with her 22-year-old daughter. Like most others in this area, they and their family are plagued with health issues from poor indoor air quality.

It's most often women and children who suffer the consequences of heavy, dangerous smoke.

Gloria, her daughter, and her grandchildren—who are often in her home when she is cooking—have all struggled with respiratory issues such as asthma-like symptoms and lung infections.

She points to the corner of her small, cement-walled kitchen. While her old stove is gone, the damage it caused her home and health is imprinted on the walls and ceiling.

Thankfully, there is new hope for Gloria and other struggling families like hers. She no longer has to cook over a dangerous open fire, thanks to an innovative new stove from Samaritan's Purse, made possible by generous Canadian donors like you.

This simple one-piece concrete stove—known as a Clean Cookstove—will protect the lungs of Gloria and her family by sending all the deadly smoke safely up a chimney pipe.

"Look at my wall, and ceiling—everything is black [where her open fire used to burn]. Where my new stove is the wall is clean, and I feel better," she says.

Indoor air pollution by black carbon causes about 4.3 million deaths worldwide every year, which is more than HIV, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Most of those deaths happen in developing nations like Nicaragua, where people often don't have electricity or the means to afford safer cooking methods. Watching her neighbor become seriously ill with respiratory disease was a frightening wake-up call, Gloria says.

"As I'm getting older, I didn't know what kind of issues were developing from the smoke that I've been breathing in all these years," she says. "My neighbor's better now because she got one of these stoves—I was so happy to hear that."



Open-fire cooking is a common practice in developing nations, and a deadly one. Indoor air pollution by black carbon causes about 4.3 million deaths worldwide every year.



2,460

houses have been repaired or rebuilt by **Canadian Disaster Relief** teams since 2005.

6,984

volunteers have helped victims of tornadoes, floods, hurricanes, and fires in 7 provinces in since 2005.

## Helping Our Neighbors Return Home after Disasters

When a massive forest fire destroyed thousands of buildings and hundreds of homes in Fort McMurray, Samaritan's Purse was soon on the ground with our specially equipped Disaster Relief Units and other emergency equipment.

Samaritan's Purse partnered with local churches, their congregations, and other Fort McMurray residents who wanted to be part of the clean-up and restoration of their city.

Thanks to donations from Canadians, we arrived in Fort McMurray with 10 staff and two specially equipped Disaster Relief Units—transport trucks filled with a wide variety of emergency equipment including electrical generators, power tools, wheelbarrows, shovels, and personal protective equipment.

We also brought eight pick-up trucks, including some pulling trailers carrying earth-moving bobcats, a mobile warehouse of tools, and a shower unit to enable staff and volunteers to clean

up after long days of dirty, tiring work.

In the aftermath of similar wildfires in Slave Lake, Alberta in 2011 and in Rock Creek, British Columbia in 2015, we helped homeowners in many ways. This included sifting through the ashes of destroyed or badly damaged homes, searching for personal items that can be salvaged, and removing debris.

We also helped to remove and empty fridges and freezers that had no electricity for at least several days, and pressure-washed homes to remove soot and ash or fire-suppressant stains.

Municipal officials, knowing about Samaritan's Purse Canada's long track record of responding to disasters in many Canadian communities, invited us to help in Fort McMurray.

"We know the entire community is going to be impacted by this fire, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, for months and years to come," says Brent Davis, Samaritan's Purse Disaster Response director.

of Burlington in the course of five hours.

Samaritan's Purse partnered with another aid organization and 145 volunteers to help 57 families clean up their flood-damaged homes.

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

**NEW BRUNSWICK** The village of Sussex Corner experienced severe flooding in the southern New Brunswick community of 1,500

people. Ice jams and high water on waterways damaged as many as 100 homes. Deploying our Moncton-based DRU, more than 400 volunteers worked with Samaritan's Purse to clean up 72 homes and prepare them for repair.

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

Sixty-five families in Calgary and High River received assistance through our restoration project by the time it was completed in 2015.

## Strength and Hope for the Guardians of Freedom

The summer of 2015 was a milestone for our Operation Heal Our Patriots ministry as we welcomed our first Canadian military couples couple to Alaska for a week of Biblically based marriage enrichment.

Christine Carignan, a Lieutenant Colonel, got far more than she expected when she and her husband Louis-Philippe Binette, a major in the reserves, came to Alaska to participate in Samaritan's Purse's Operation Heal Our Patriots ministry.

"I came here for marriage counseling—which I got—but I also found God," she said tearfully.

More than 500 U.S. wounded military veterans and their spouses have been guests at the Samaritan Lodge since Operation Heal Our Patriots began in 2013. For the first time in September 2015, with the financial and prayer support of Canadian donors, 10 wounded Canadian veterans and their spouses were able to participate in this unique ministry.

The couples enjoyed a variety of memorable activities, and participated in several marriage workshops that taught effective communication and other relationship skills.

Christine and Louis-Philippe, who both suffer from Operational Stress Injury, have been experiencing marriage problems since about 2011. They trace their difficulties back to a period when, because of separate training courses and deployments to Afghanistan, they saw each other for only six weeks over two years.



Christine Carignan and her husband Louis-Philippe Binette were among the first Canadian couples to participate in Operation Heal Our Patriots in Alaska.

"We went through blaming each other (for family problems) and struggling so much," Louis-Philippe recalled. "It was ugly, and we knew we couldn't continue like that."

Last Christmas in their home in Ottawa, they discussed divorce—including the impact it would have on their four children.

When a Canadian Forces padre learned of their marriage difficulties, he recommended they apply to become one of the first Canadian military couples involved in Operation Heal Our Patriots.

Their goal in coming to Alaska was to improve their marriage. They knew Samaritan's Purse is a Christian organization, so there would likely be some prayer times and maybe scripture readings. But that was only an afterthought to a couple who'd never had a single discussion about God in 21 years of marriage.

They arrived at the Samaritan Lodge on a Sunday. The next morning, all 10 couples were treated to some kayaking lessons and a brief paddling tour. They spent the afternoon in their first marriage class. On Tuesday, couples could sign up for guided hiking, fishing, or bear-watching from a plane.

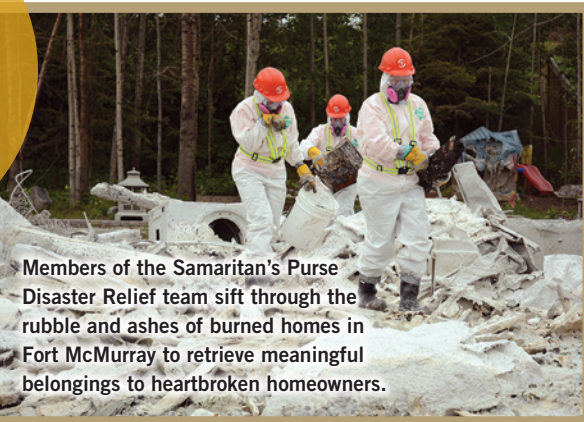
It was during the Tuesday marriage class that Louis-Philippe says God started to tug on his heart. Christine's breakthrough came the next day while she was listening to Lisa Harding, the wife of a military veteran suffering from PTSD, describe how she found her husband, Chris, trying to hang himself.

She stopped him, but he remained very depressed. Then Chris was in a terrible car accident that has left him with permanent disabilities. How has their marriage survived? Because of their strong faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ, Lisa declared.

"She (Lisa) spoke for only two or three minutes," Christine recalled. "But I saw her misery. I saw a couple going through hell. She said it was God that gave her strength. I wanted that strength. Her words were like a flame that came right at me—hitting me here," Christine said, pointing to her heart. "It hit me—God is real."

Christine shared her revelation with Louis-Philippe and they met with one of the Operation Heal Our Patriots chaplains. They asked many tough questions, including some about deep hurts in their past. Although some questions remain, they decided to put their faith in God. Chaplain Rick Lamothe led them in a prayer during which they asked God to forgive them of their sins, and committed their lives to Him.

"I think God is like my general," a smiling Christine said. "I don't have to agree with God all the time, but I still respect Him and have faith in Him because He has the big picture."



Members of the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief team sift through the rubble and ashes of burned homes in Fort McMurray to retrieve meaningful belongings to heartbroken homeowners.

In recent years our Disaster Relief units have also been deployed to provide assistance and relief in communities devastated by flooding.

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

Samaritan's Purse cleaned up 33 homes in Belleville, Hastings County, Foxboro, Tweed, Campbellford, and Trent Hills.

In August 2014, intense weather in the Greater Toronto Area dumped 130 mm (or almost six inches) of rain on the city



## Sharing Christ's Love with Tahltan Youth

**The Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center continues to share God's love amongst the Tahltan First Nation by providing a life-giving place for youth to play, relax, eat, learn, and grow.**

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.

"We pray every day that they'll find Christ's love here," says Andy Northup, assistant manager at the Ministry Center. "He is having an impact in this community."

The center, which has been operating for three years in the small village close to the Yukon border, hosts about 50 children and youth each week between two tutoring sessions and three drop-in evenings.

Program Coordinator Josiah Atkins, one of eight staff who run the center, also plans extra activities for local youth. These have included running a hockey camp, staying at Bible camps, attending a Will Graham Celebration, and going to the Native Youth Conference.

**Willie and Grace Williams, are the Christian Tahltan couple who host the Stikine Valley Gospel Music Festival on their property every year. They're pictured here with members of the choir from Zambia that Samaritan's Purse hosted for Dease Lake and surrounding communities.**

Years ago while living in Alberta, Atkins brought youth to the same Christian conference; now those youth are leaders who are bringing the next generation.

"That's the dream [in Dease Lake] too—that some of the youth will be leading their own communities," says Atkins.

"We are having an impact on the youth—we're hearing that from the community," says Northup. "We can't do anything with any impact unless we're holding hands with Christ."

The Ministry Center has hosted men's breakfasts, Gospel music evenings, movie

nights—even a choir from Zambia, Africa, that shared a message of hope. The building is also made available for community events like a recent Mother's Day brunch and meals for a Tahltan language course. And every year the staff help a Tahltan Christian couple host the Stikine Valley Gospel Music Festival on their property.

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



by the NUMBERS

# 50

children and youth are hosted each week at the **Samaritan's Purse Ministry Center**

## A Humbling Experience

**Canadian teams deliver Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.**

The Costa Rican government-operated daycare center is immaculate—maybe even passing Canadian standards—and the children are well dressed and happy. But there's another story behind this scene, a story into which Operation Christmas Child and Canadians like you are speaking.

Four of Jannet Colero's nine children attend



the daycare, which is free to impoverished families like hers. After Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from Canada were distributed recently to all the children, Jannet permitted a group of four visiting Canadian pastors to see her family's living conditions.

The contrast between their home and the daycare is painful. Jannet, her husband, their nine children and one grandchild are shoehorned into a tiny concrete block bunker with two bedrooms containing mattresses so ragged that no Canadian family would ever use them. Two sections of foam, which are stored each day in the cluttered back yard, are spread out on the living room floor at night so each of 12 people has a place to sleep.

The living room has one couch. The kitchen is extremely primitive, with no electricity or fridge. The family can't afford to pay for electricity, so they can't use the tiny oven or any of the four light fixtures.

What do all of them do each night after the sun sets about 6:00 p.m., and everything gets dark? They use candles for a while, then go to bed early.

Jannet's husband works on a farm and can come home only on weekends. Their daughter, the mother of their grandchild, works as a nanny and lives most of the time with her employer and so poor Jannet is responsible for 10

children most of the time.

"Lots of people tell me my life is hard," she says with remarkable stoicism. "I just have to be patient."

"It's a humbling experience to see her surroundings and how she has held it together," said Eileen Li, one of the Canadian pastors who visited Costa Rica to see how Operation Christmas Child is bringing physical and spiritual hope to people in need.

For Jannet and her children, Christmas and birthday presents are completely out of the question. It's all she can do to keep the children sheltered and fed.

"I can't buy gifts for them, so these shoeboxes are a blessing because they get so excited," she said.

"These kids are thrilled with a toothbrush or hair tie," said Eileen, the English Ministry pastor at North Shore Pacific Grace Mennonite Brethren Church in North Vancouver.

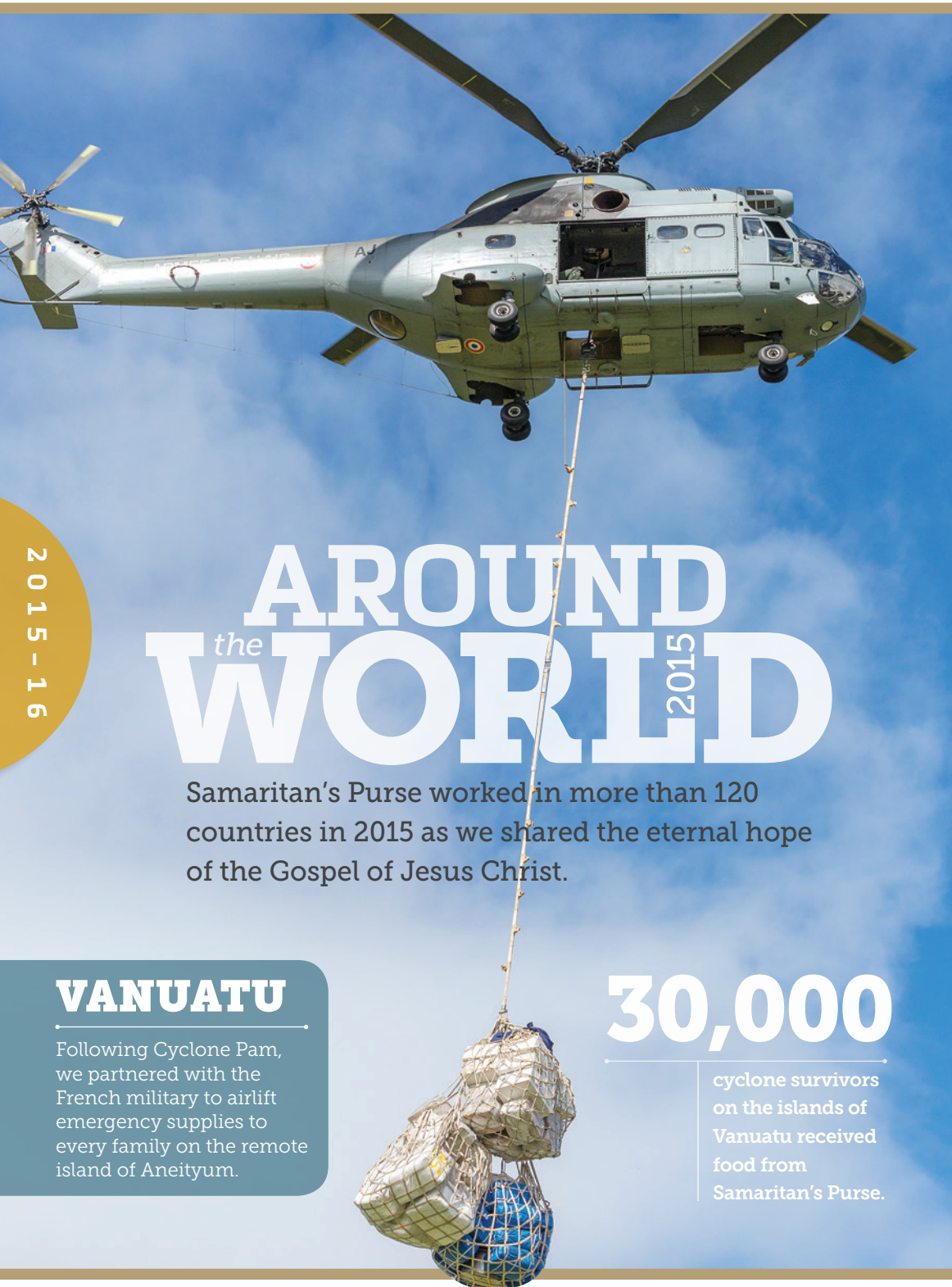
As Jannet, who finds comfort in her devotion to Jesus Christ, watched her children explore their new shoeboxes, she quietly noted "I wonder why Canadians do this. I imagine they have good hearts."

You can show your good heart to Jannet and thousands of other struggling families in the developing world by packing shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, toys, and plenty of love.

When the children receive boxes, they and their families learn Canadians care about them. They also learn that God, "a shield to those who take refuge in him" (Proverbs 30:5, ESV), has not forgotten them either.







2015-16

# AROUND the WORLD

Samaritan's Purse worked in more than 120 countries in 2015 as we shared the eternal hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## VANUATU

Following Cyclone Pam, we partnered with the French military to airlift emergency supplies to every family on the remote island of Aneityum.

# 30,000

cyclone survivors on the islands of Vanuatu received food from Samaritan's Purse.



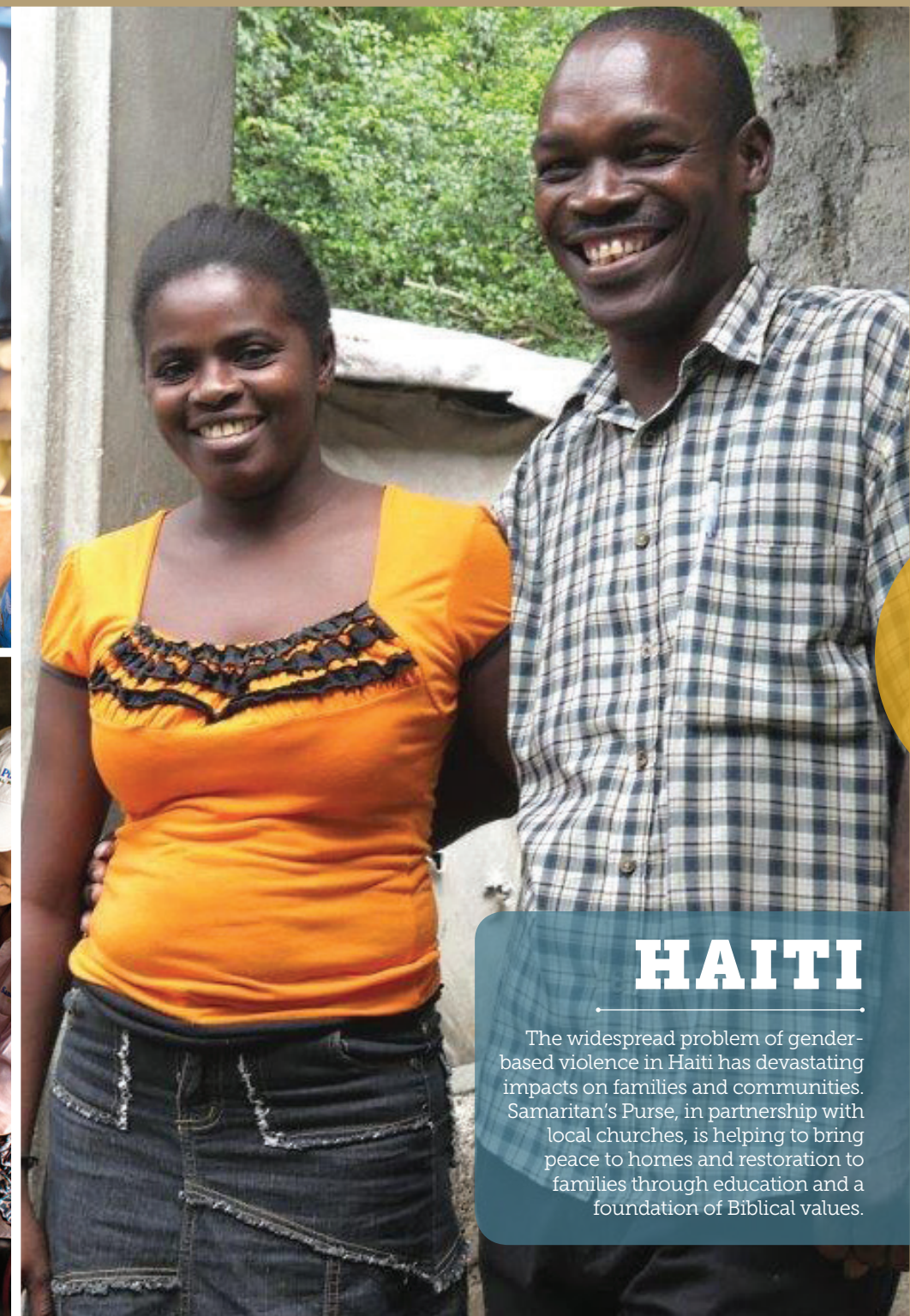
## ECUADOR

Canadian nurse, **Ian McKay** (right) was part of the maiden deployment of Samaritna's Purse emergency field hospital mobile unit which allowed us to treat the many injured from the massive earthquake.



## CAMBODIA

**Cissie Graham Lynch** works with women as they learn vocational skills.



## HAITI

The widespread problem of gender-based violence in Haiti has devastating impacts on families and communities. Samaritan's Purse, in partnership with local churches, is helping to bring peace to homes and restoration to families through education and a foundation of Biblical values.

2015-16



## KENYA

Dairy goats provided by Samaritan's Purse ensure that children will have healthy milk and enable their families to escape poverty. As the herds grow, we encourage families to give goats to their neighbors, so the blessings multiply.

# 19,800

dairy goats and other livestock distributed worldwide in 2015 by Samaritan's Purse.

## Democratic Republic of CONGO

Samaritan's Purse helped farmers like Alphonsina re-establish their cabbage gardens after their families were uprooted by Islamic raiders. "Hearing God's Word encourages us," she said.

## VIETNAM

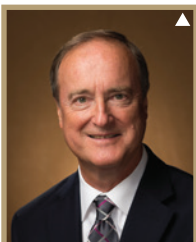
This water system installed by Samaritan's Purse will help protect children and families from life-threatening diseases.

## UGANDA

We provided food, water, and other assistance to thousands of refugees who fled from conflicts in neighboring countries.



# Board Of Directors



**Dennis Glubish**  
MD, CCFP, FCFP

ST. ALBERT, AB  
Elected 1988



**Franklin Graham**

President and CEO  
Samaritan's Purse and Billy Graham  
Evangelistic Association

BOONE, NC  
Elected 1979



**Brian Pauls**

President  
Pauls Properties Corp

DENVER, CO  
Elected 2013



**Geoffrey L. Moore**  
CA

President  
Geoffrey L. Moore  
& Associates

THORNHILL, ON  
Elected 2004



**Jack Neufeld**

President and CEO  
WORX Environmental  
Products, Inc.

CALGARY, AB  
Elected 2000



**The Honorable  
E. Darrell Riemer**

Judge of the Provincial Court of  
Alberta

RED DEER, AB  
Elected 2007



**Ruth A.M. Ross**  
BA, LLB

Deputy Executive Director  
Advocates International

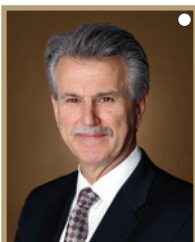
LONDON, ON  
Elected 2012



**Paul Saber**

President & CEO  
Manna Development Group

ENCINITAS, CA  
Elected 2010



**Kenneth  
Stankieveh**

President and CEO  
Technovita Technologies Corporation

CALGARY, AB  
Elected 2013

▲ Executive Committee

● Audit Committee

## Officers

Franklin Graham.....Chairman

Dennis Glubish .....Vice Chairman

Geoffrey Moore .....Treasurer

Ruth Ross .....Secretary



### International Headquarters

#### Samaritan's Purse

P.O. Box 3000  
Boone, NC 28607-3000  
**828.262.1980**  
samaritanspurse.org

### Australia

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

### Canada

#### The Samaritan's Purse-Canada

20 Hopewell Way NE  
Calgary, AB T3J 5H5  
**403.250.6565**

### United Kingdom

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

©2016 SAMARITAN'S PURSE. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. SAMARITAN'S PURSE®, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD®, WORLD MEDICAL MISSION®, THE GREATEST JOURNEY®, AND OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS® ARE ALL REGISTERED TRADEMARKS OF SAMARITAN'S PURSE.



Consolidated Statement  
of Financial Position

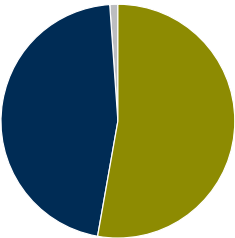
	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash	9,204,521	8,755,387
Short-term investments	4,436,027	5,789,575
Accounts receivable	1,000,590	577,540
Prepaid expenses	122,306	125,536
Inventory	163,288	292,043
	14,926,732	15,540,081
<b>Investments</b>	9,729,144	7,392,565
<b>Capital Assets</b>	6,726,580	6,695,282
	31,382,456	29,627,928
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,161,519	1,502,062
<b>Fund balances</b>		
Unrestricted	7,372,078	6,855,089
Internally restricted invested in capital assets	6,726,580	6,695,282
Externally restricted	16,122,279	14,575,495
	30,220,937	28,125,866
	31,382,456	29,627,928

Consolidated Statement  
of Operations and Changes  
in Fund Balances

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Cash Provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenditures in the General Fund	2,764,866	2,362,655
Excess of revenue over expenditures in the Ministry Fund	(183,713)	(1,469,930)
	2,582,153	891,725
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(423,050)	51,832
Prepaid expenses	3,230	67,438
Inventory	128,755	(5,024)
Accounts payable	(340,543)	(462,342)
	1,949,545	543,629
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	(517,380)	(442,563)
Purchase of investments	(24,390,685)	(11,821,031)
Proceeds on sale of investments	23,407,654	15,389,890
	(1,500,411)	3,126,296
<b>Increase in cash</b>	449,134	3,699,925
<b>Cash - Beginning of year</b>	8,755,387	5,085,462
<b>Cash - End of year</b>	9,204,521	8,755,387

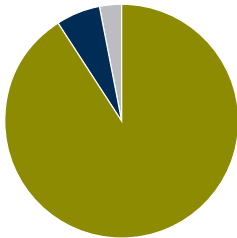
Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

	2015 \$			2014 \$	
	GENERAL FUND \$	CAPITAL FUND \$	MINISTRY FUND \$	TOTAL	TOTAL
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Contributions	7,896,462	—	28,095,449	35,991,911	32,946,256
Gifts in kind	7,504	—	31,716,007	31,723,511	29,609,370
Investment income	403,052	—	8,548	438,600	384,942
Loss on sale of capital assets	—	(3,978)	—	(3,978)	(1,300)
	8,334,018	(3,978)	59,820,004	68,150,044	62,939,268
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Ministry expenses	—	—	52,603,285	52,603,285	49,492,882
Other missionary projects and supporting services	3,187,901	246,406	4,294,031	7,728,338	7,435,240
	3,187,901	246,406	56,897,316	60,331,623	56,928,122
Fundraising	1,199,509	—	558,649	1,758,158	1,732,553
General and administrative support for ministries	1,181,742	235,698	2,547,752	3,965,192	3,808,278
	2,381,251	235,698	3,106,401	5,723,350	5,540,315
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	2,764,866	(486,082)	(183,713)	2,095,071	470,315
<b>Fund balance - Beginning of year</b>	6,855,089	6,695,282	14,575,495	28,125,866	27,655,551
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(1,750,000)	—	1,750,000	—	—
Inter fund transfer - capital asset purchases	(497,877)	517,380	(19,503)	—	—
<b>Fund balance - End of year</b>	7,372,078	6,726,580	16,122,279	30,220,937	28,125,866



2015 Revenues

- 53 % Contributions
- 46 % Contributed goods/services
- 1 % Other income



2015 Expenses

- 91 % Ministry
- 6 % General and administrative
- 3 % Fundraising

Complete 2015 audited financial statements at [samaritanspurse.org/financial](http://samaritanspurse.org/financial).

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.



## THEN JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID:

" A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, **who stripped him of his clothing, wounded**



**him, and departed, leaving him half dead.** Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And **when he saw him, he had compassion.** So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "**He who showed mercy on him.**"





## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Then  
Jesus said to  
him, "*Go and  
do likewise.*"

LUKE 10:30-37

