

2024 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

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JESUS' NAME



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A MESSAGE

FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

It's hard to fathom how much rainfall was poured out on the Southeastern U.S. by Hurricane Helene and the storms that preceded it. Experts say it was 40 trillion gallons of water—that's almost two years of Niagara Falls.


Yet the outpouring of compassion through God's people has been even more remarkable. Hurricane Helene is the largest disaster relief project in the history of Samaritan's Purse. As we work to help people in Jesus' Name, we share the hope of the Gospel. Through our Helene response, we praise God that hundreds of souls came to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is far more powerful than any hurricane: *"The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him"* (Nahum 1:7).

Helene hit right in our own backyard, but the work of Samaritan's Purse continued around the globe. World Medical Mission and our Emergency Field

Hospitals brought life-saving care to the far corners of the world. We provided food to starving people in Sudan and clean water to families in flood-ravaged southern Brazil. Through Operation Christmas Child, we saw 3 million children pray to receive Christ and we shipped shoebox gifts to about 12 million boys and girls. We give God all the glory!

On behalf of those who desperately needed our help this year—thank you for serving, giving, and praying for Samaritan's Purse. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham



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Samaritan's Purse coordinated relief flights to areas hard-hit by Hurricane Helene.

LEFT

Franklin Graham was on the ground in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

RIGHT

Aircraft made it possible to reach mountain communities cut off by Hurricane Helene.

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GOD IS ...
A VERY
PRESENT
HELP IN
TROUBLE.

PSALM 46:1

HURRICANE HELENE RESPONSE





WHEN YOU
PASS THROUGH
THE WATERS,
I WILL BE
WITH YOU.

ISAIAH 43:2

RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HELENE

Dennis and Joanne (pictured above) panicked as muddy water seeped into their house through every possible crevice. They needed to leave but had no idea where to go or how they could push against the rushing water to escape. Suddenly, there was a knock on their door, and they heard a man say, "I'm here to get you out."

The man, named Gil, was a stranger to Dennis and Joanne, but he helped them get the door open just wide enough for them to slip out. They fought against the water and wind to get to higher ground. "We grabbed trees along the way to keep ourselves from being washed away," Dennis said. "I can't remember ever being so scared."

In this time of desperation, God sent Samaritan's Purse and our army of volunteers to bring His love to those who needed to know that He had not forgotten them. **In just one day, more than 1,300 volunteers** fanned out across the Asheville, North Carolina, area to serve hurting homeowners like Dennis and Joanne.

Asheville was one of six disaster response sites that Samaritan's Purse established in the wake of Hurricane Helene—three in North Carolina (Asheville, Burnsville, and Boone, where Samaritan's Purse is headquartered); two in Florida (Tampa/St. Petersburg and Perry); and one in Valdosta, Georgia.

Hurricane Helene caused hundreds of deaths after it hit near Perry, Florida, with 140 mph winds. As the storm swept

up the southeastern U.S., it spawned numerous tornadoes and severe flooding.

Our volunteers served Dennis and Joanne in Jesus' Name, as they worked hard to mud out the flooded home. "Seeing those orange shirts come into our neighborhood with their smiles brought the air back into our lungs," Dennis said. "This has been life-changing."

In Valdosta, Georgia, Scott and his wife, Terri, huddled in the bathroom as Helene pounded the Peach State. In the dark night sky, towering pines overhead crashed down onto their house, bursting through the ceiling.

"We knew God was watching us on that night, because we were not far from where the tree fell," Terri said.

Valdosta was unrecognizable the morning after Helene wreaked havoc on the town. Thousands of trees crushed homes, businesses, and power lines. Roads were impassable, and vital infrastructure was down. Still, our volunteers arrived in the community just days later. They put chainsaws to the fallen trees and tarped damaged roofs.

"I've never seen anything like this; I didn't know these kinds of people existed," Terri said about the army of dedicated workers in orange shirts.

RIGHT

Volunteers worked hard in Jesus' Name to remove fallen trees and debris.





39,152
Helene
volunteers



6,232
Helene-affected
families assisted



350+
Relief flights



359
Salvations in
Jesus Christ

Scott and Terri said that they wanted to experience the love and joy they saw in our team. Through the witness of our volunteers and the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains, they heard the Gospel, and they prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Many families who desperately needed help after the storm were stranded because of washed out roads and bridges. Samaritan's Purse organized a fleet of helicopters (including Army Chinooks, civilian Blackhawks, NASCAR team choppers, and other private aircraft) to airlift food, water, medical supplies, generators, and Starlink internet antennas. We coordinated **more than 350 relief**

flights to rugged mountain communities.

Stacey received a generator during one of our airlifts. He was living in a friend's cabin after Hurricane Helene swallowed his house. "The water came up and spun the house around—and it went down the river," he said.

The cabin didn't have electricity, and Stacey's isolated community in Yancey County had been told it could be months before power was restored.

"The generator is a blessing," he said. "Everybody from Samaritan's Purse has been absolutely amazing. God is at work."

Our Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) established an Emergency Field Hospital to provide triage support to

"Samaritan's Purse has been
ABSOLUTELY AMAZING"

Cannon Memorial Hospital in Linville, NC.

We also set up oxygen supply units at other hospitals in the region to supply oxygen for patients who didn't have electricity in their homes.

In Asheville, where people were in desperate need of clean drinking water, we

established emergency water points with filtration systems like those we normally deploy overseas.

We are thankful to God for these opportunities to serve hurting families and to offer eternal hope in His Name.



LEFT

Our Disaster Assistance Response Team delivered relief items to people stranded by washed out roads.

RIGHT

National Guard Chinooks transported emergency supplies to isolated communities.



BUT THOSE
WHO WAIT
ON THE
LORD SHALL
RENEW THEIR
STRENGTH.

ISAIAH 40:31

SALVATION COMES AFTER THE STORM

Hurricane Helene was among the **32 U.S. disasters** we responded to in 2024. When historic flooding devastated Savannah, Georgia, Eva was determined to make it home to her children and mother, even if it meant boating down the streets of the neighborhood. She and her husband, Gregory, had been in New York to attend the funeral of Gregory's brother when neighbors began sending them updates about the storm.

The couple arrived home about 2 a.m. and were anxious to check on their family and home. They met one of Gregory's friends in a nearby grocery store parking lot where they left their car and got into his boat.

They found the children and Eva's mom upstairs, above the flooding, and they were safe. The family had to use the boat for the next few days to get around town as they waited for the water to recede. The floodwaters had been gone less than 24 hours when a Samaritan's Purse assessment team arrived.

The lower level of the home where most of the bedrooms were located had flooded. Samaritan's Purse volunteers worked hard removing damaged furniture, personal belongings, drywall, and flooring.

Eva said that while the storm caused many emotions that often "come in waves," we gave her hope to know that "there's a light at the end of the tunnel."

We praise God that Eva and Gregory can now rely on God's strength to get

them through tough times. They both prayed to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, through the witness of our volunteers and Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains.

"Sometimes you have angels that come knocking and tell you how to be saved. We were blessed," Eva said.

When a tornado tore through Barnsdall, Oklahoma, Melissa and Josh Pearson's house took a beating. The garage in the backyard flipped over onto the neighbor's house, and the back end of the home was ripped to shreds.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," Josh said. "I was overwhelmed."

Despite the devastation, the couple found solace in the love of their community and the help they received from Samaritan's Purse. They were presented with a Billy Graham Study Bible signed by the team after they finished removing debris, cutting fallen trees, and salvaging belongings from the rubble.

Beth Bell, who has lived in Barnsdall for more than 80 years, was also grateful to Samaritan's Purse for assisting her after the storm. She hunkered down in the bathtub while the twister was overhead. When she saw the extent of the damage, she knew that God had spared her life.

We cleared the debris from her yard and tarped the back half of her house. She was overjoyed that she could sleep in her home after our team patched her roof.

"You all are tremendous," she said.



LEFT

Melissa and Josh Pearson received a Bible signed by the team who worked on their home.

ABOVE

Edward Graham (right) encouraged a hurting homeowner through prayer.



32

Disaster responses
in the U.S.



50,523

Volunteers



933,540

Volunteer
hours



12,211

Families
assisted

U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

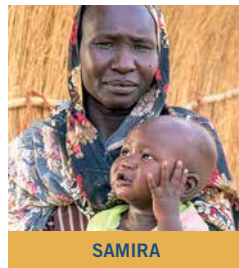
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BRINGING HOPE AND PEACE IN CRISIS



BE STEADFAST,
IMMOVABLE,
ALWAYS
ABOUNDING
IN THE WORK
OF THE LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



SAMIRA

Samira* and her nine children fled their village and walked for two days until they reached a camp for displaced people. They were exhausted when

they arrived, having eaten only tree leaves and sap during their journey.

"I had a lot of fear," Samira said, knowing that if she had stayed in her village the rebels would likely have killed her family. "They were firing guns everywhere."

Armed forces began raiding communities across Sudan in April 2023. Thousands of civilians were killed as two heavily fortified factions waged a civil war. One-fifth of the country was displaced and everyone was desperate for food and water.

The crops that Samira hoped would feed her hungry children were devoured by locusts, and she feared her family would starve. Still, her trust in the Lord didn't waver. "I had faith that God would protect us," she said.

Her prayers were answered when Samaritan's Purse arrived in Jesus' Name in spring 2024 with a convoy of trucks loaded with corn, beans, salt, and cooking oil—enough to feed thousands. We brought more than 4,000 tons of life-saving food to Sudan during one of the world's most dire food crises.

"My children are now eating well, and their strength has returned," Samira said.

Later in the year, Samaritan's Purse again answered the call for help, this time in a medical capacity. Our DC-8 cargo jet flew to Sudan's only functional airport to deliver an Emergency Field Hospital and medical staff to treat those displaced by conflict. Our team helped with scores of safe, natural births, and performed dozens of deliveries by cesarean section, in addition to providing prenatal and postnatal care.

Airlift capacity continues to be a hallmark of our ministry. When God opened doors this year for Samaritan's Purse to respond to a typhoon in Vietnam, our DC-8 and 757 delivered **90 tons of emergency supplies**.

Both planes were also deployed to southern Brazil after unprecedented floods displaced 600,000 people. We provided water systems in the city of Porto Alegre that produced **nearly 179,000 liters of clean water**. Many of the filtration systems were set up at churches on busy streets where our local partners shared the

**Name changed for security.*

ABOVE

Joy is being restored as mothers finally have food for their children and hope for a brighter future.

RIGHT

Medical teams at our Emergency Field Hospital in Sudan provided critical care to mothers and babies.





4,000+
tons of food
provided
in Sudan



111
tons of
emergency
supplies
transported to
the Caribbean



991
patients
treated in
Grenada



90
tons of
relief items
delivered
to Vietnam



179,000
liters of clean
water in Brazil

Good News and introduced thirsty people to Jesus Christ, the Living Water.

“We are in such a beautiful time of telling people there’s still hope,” said Pastor Ricardo, one of our partners.

After Hurricane Beryl tore across the Caribbean, our DC-8 made four flights to multiple island nations, airlifting mobile medical units, emergency relief supplies, and a field hospital. **We treated 991 patients** in our hospital on Grenada’s Carriacou island.

In 2024, we continued providing lifelines to people living under siege in Ukraine. We set up mobile medical and dental units that cared for thousands of

patients. **Over the past three years, we have distributed 264 million pounds of food and more than 1 million Bibles** in Ukraine.

Ukraine used to be known as the breadbasket of Europe, but many granaries were damaged or destroyed in the war. Our teams repaired several of them to help courageous farmers feed their communities.

“As Christians, we are glad to be able to step into the lives of these farmers and give a helping hand,” said Samaritan’s Purse Ukraine Country Director Ryan Lane. “It is a privilege to show these families how much God loves them.”



LEFT

The Samaritan’s Purse DC-8 transported emergency relief to southern Brazil after catastrophic flooding.

ABOVE

Families in Vietnam were thankful to receive critical supplies such as hygiene kits and blankets.

“IT IS A PRIVILEGE
to show these families
how much God loves them”

Ethiopia Projects

Although the war is over in northern Ethiopia, the fight to survive continues. Samaritan’s Purse began responding to the crisis in Tigray in 2021. Our mobile medical units have helped provide **life-saving aid to close to 300,000 people**, including malnourished children and pregnant and nursing mothers. We’ve distributed **over 51,000 tons of food** to those in need and completed numerous water, sanitation, and hygiene projects. Our teams have also provided Biblically based trauma recovery programs.



Hurricane Beryl Relief

Hurricane Beryl ravaged the Caribbean, ripping homes apart and damaging critical infrastructure. Our DC-8 cargo plane made multiple flights to transport desperately needed emergency supplies to communities across multiple island nations. On Grenada’s Carriacou island, where Beryl had torn the roof off the island’s only hospital, we deployed an Emergency Field Hospital and **cared for 991 patients**.



Agriculture Projects

Samaritan’s Purse staff continues to work in Jesus’ Name to help struggling families worldwide earn additional income and develop a solid economic footing. In 2024, we taught people in countries such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cambodia, and South Sudan farming techniques to help them yield a more abundant harvest. We also provided training in how to price and sell produce at local markets.

RESTORING FAITH IN THE LORD



TRUST IN
THE LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR
HEART.

PROVERBS 3:5

Staff Sergeant Jason Morse (pictured above with his wife, Biby, and Franklin Graham) wasn't at all interested in attending Operation Heal Our Patriots when Biby told him that they had been accepted. He only agreed to go because outdoor activities in the Last Frontier sounded exciting.

"I'm going to fake my way through it and just go fishing," he told Biby on their flight to Samaritan Lodge Alaska.

Biby, though, prayed that God would open Jason's heart. She had been praying for him for many years and knew that Operation Heal Our Patriots was their best—and perhaps last—chance to experience healing for their troubled marriage.

"I just knew we needed to be there. We were drifting," she said. "We were losing each other."

Jason served three tours in Afghanistan, and the traumatic deployments changed him. After returning home, he was prone to sudden outbursts of anger. He also isolated himself from family and friends.

When the couple arrived at our lodge, Jason's original plan to keep a low profile quickly dissolved because God was at work in his heart and mind. In the Biblically based marriage classes, he realized that he and Biby weren't the only ones struggling because of deployments and combat injuries—and he started to open up.

During the week, Jason learned how to better communicate with Biby, how to forgive, and how to ask for forgiveness. One night, the couple talked with one of our chaplains about God and the Bible. Before the evening was over, Jason prayed to receive Christ as His Lord and Savior.

"The chaplain really took the time to help me. Just by going through the Scriptures, it finally made sense," Jason said. "I didn't know what it was to be a Christian. This place was a real eye-opener."

Later in the week, the Morses renewed their marriage vows and committed their relationship to God during a special ceremony. Jason was also baptized by our chaplains in Lake Clark.

"This has been the most beautiful experience," Biby said.

Jason and Biby are among the **179 couples** who came to Samaritan Lodge Alaska during the 2024 season of Operation Heal Our Patriots.

Participants continue to grow through our Family Care ministry, which includes our Key Leader program that equips alumni to serve as mentors to other couples. We commissioned **five Key Leader Couples** this year.

Family Care also offers opportunities through Team Patriot, a program in which veterans and spouses serve homeowners through U.S. Disaster Relief. Team Patriot **deployed 21 times** in 2024 and logged **25,600 volunteer hours**.



TOP

Veterans and their spouses receive a hero's welcome at Samaritan Lodge Alaska.

ABOVE

We thank God for every person who was baptized in Lake Clark.



179
Couples



103
Marriage
renewals



85
Salvations



104
Baptisms

OFFERING JOY

IN JESUS CHRIST

The first present that Lim ever received was an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. She was so excited that she cried tears of joy while holding the special items that were now hers.

“When I opened the gift box, I saw a lot of things that I have dreamed of—hair clips, colored pencils, dolls, shoes, a bracelet, a necklace, and a beautiful dress,” Lim said. “All these things I never expected to have. I felt care and love from someone I didn’t know.”

Lim learned more about God’s love through *The Greatest Journey*, our evangelism and discipleship program for shoebox recipients, and placed her faith in Him. “Thank you so much for the gift box,” Lim said. “You have brought me to God.”

In 2024, shoebox packers from 11 countries prepared 11.9 million shoebox gifts for Samaritan’s Purse to send to boys and girls all over the world.

A network of more than 18,000 year-round volunteers—more than 11,000 in the U.S. and over 8,000 worldwide—served year-round to prepare for the collection and transport of shoebox gifts and encourage their community’s participation in the project. **More than 190,000 volunteers served at shoebox drop-off locations and processing centers.**

We praise God that **more than 232 million children in over 170 countries** and territories have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child since 1993.

Taking the Gospel to boys and girls who live in hard-to-reach areas can require

I AM NOT
ASHAMED OF
THE GOSPEL
OF CHRIST.

ROMANS 1:16

traveling across dangerous terrain. But children can also be considered hard-to-reach because they are marginalized or overlooked, such as the Deaf community in the country of Georgia.

Pastor Paata understands the

struggles of deaf children because he is also deaf. The church where Paata serves has hosted Operation Christmas Child outreach events for many years but has recently made a

special effort to reach the Deaf community through these events.

He said Operation Christmas Child is a special tool that helps him start conversations about God with children and their families. When parents see how happy their children are after receiving shoebox gifts, they often want to know who gave them the gift—and why.

Pastor Paata uses this curiosity as an opportunity to tell them about Jesus Christ, God’s Greatest Gift. “It’s a big blessing and opportunity to share the Gospel,” he said.

ABOVE

In the wake of Hurricane Otis, children in Mexico were reminded that God loves them and has a plan for their lives.

RIGHT

A boy in Grenada was thrilled to receive special gift items in his shoebox.



PASTOR PAATA





AS YOU
THEREFORE
HAVE RECEIVED
CHRIST JESUS
THE LORD, SO
WALK IN HIM.

COLOSSIANS 2:6

MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS

Makara quickly wiped a tear away as he listened to the Gospel presentation during an Operation Christmas Child outreach event in Cambodia. He didn't want his friends to see that the stories about Jesus had touched his heart.

The 14-year-old lives in an impoverished village, and his parents divorced five years earlier. "My life had no hope," he said.

But Makara was thrilled to receive a shoebox gift brimming with balls, toy cars and trucks, a notebook, pens and pencils, and other special items. He eagerly accepted his teacher's invitation to attend *The Greatest Journey* discipleship classes, and God changed his heart during the 12 lessons.

"I asked forgiveness from God and asked Him to save me from my sin and be my Savior," he said. "I know that Jesus is in my heart. He is always in my life. He gives me joy—my heart is full of peace."



5.5 MILLION
children enrolled in 2024



3.2 MILLION
decisions for Jesus Christ



305,000+
The Greatest Journey
teachers trained

In 2024, **5.5 million boys and girls participated in *The Greatest Journey***. Makara is among the **3.2 million who made decisions for Christ** and are telling their friends and family about the eternal hope of the Gospel.

In the Philippines, Pastor Jacob* and a local ministry team trekked along a muddy footpath bordering a cliff to bring the Gospel to a community that is a 35-mile walk to the nearest town. They used a dirt bike to help transport the cartons of shoebox gifts.

"The motorbike would tip over 15 times every half mile because of the weight of the cartons," Pastor Jacob said. When the terrain became too much for the bike and its precious load, the team carried the cartons up the gnarly path. "We put our hands and feet under roots as we climbed to stop from slipping and falling," he said.

They eventually reached the village and hosted the outreach event. Many boys and girls came to faith in Jesus during the event. They continued learning about God's Word and how to share their faith during *The Greatest Journey*. The number of Christians soon increased as these young evangelists witnessed to their community.

The new believers were so eager to grow in their relationship with God that they are now meeting regularly for worship and Bible study.

**Name changed for security.*



THE GREATEST JOURNEY

23

"JESUS IS IN MY HEART.

... He gives me joy —
my heart is full of peace."

LEFT

Cissie Graham Lynch encouraged children in Belize during a class of *The Greatest Journey*.

ABOVE

Boys and girls in Ghana celebrate graduating from *The Greatest Journey*.



Post-Residency Program

The World Medical Mission Post-Residency Program sends Christian physicians and dentists to one of our partner Christian mission hospitals where they serve for two years within their specialty alongside career missionaries. **In 2024, 11 new post-residents** were commissioned to serve at hospitals all over the world. **Since 2004, we have commissioned 252 post-residents to serve at 39 hospitals in 31 countries** in Jesus' Name.



Cleft Lip and Palate

Volunteer medical teams offered **310 cleft lip and palate patients** in South Sudan, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo hope for a brighter future. Most children born with a cleft lip in developing countries are bullied and considered cursed. Every lip repaired represents an opportunity to share the love of Christ with a family.



Orthopedic Surgeries in Malawi

World Medical Mission sent an orthopedic surgical team to Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi where they **transformed the lives of 44 patients** and demonstrated God's love. Many mission hospitals like Nkhoma lack the personnel and resources to perform complex surgical procedures that are considered routine in developed nations. Through our Specialty Teams, volunteer groups provide specialized training and equipment to our World Medical Mission hospital partners. In addition to orthopedics, specialty fields include dentistry, obstetric fistula, and urology.



WITH GOD
NOTHING
WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE.

LUKE 1:37

FOLLOWING THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

For generations, ethnic conflict arising from land disputes has ensnared rural Kenyan communities in a vicious cycle of bloodshed. In Rift Valley province alone, thousands have been killed and tens of thousands displaced.

“My staff at the dental clinic have lost relatives to this violence,” said Dr. Caren Abraham, who came to Kapsowar Hospital about four years ago through World Medical Mission’s Post-Residency Program.

Dr. Abraham has brought the Good News of Jesus Christ to conflict-affected areas through community health evangelism trainings and mobile medical and dental clinics.

During one of the weeklong dental camps, Dr. Abraham and the Kapsowar team were joined by John*, a former tribal warrior who became a Christian and is now a pastor to his people. The team presented the Gospel to the patients using illustrated materials. By the end of the week, about 50 people came to faith in Christ!

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Post-Residency Program, which has placed more than 250 doctors and dentists on two-year assignments at our partner mission hospitals around the globe. The hands-on experience prepares them for a lifetime of service as medical missionaries. This year, we commissioned 11 physicians who will serve at hospitals in Kenya, Togo, and Papua New Guinea.

World Medical Mission sent **750** short-term volunteers to serve at **41**

mission hospitals in 28 countries. Our specialty teams participated in surgical campaigns in Kenya, Malawi, and Nigeria. We sent a team to El Salvador for a dental campaign.

Another milestone this year was the opening of a cardiothoracic center at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya in October. The new surgical center has capacity to handle 2,000 cases a year and is the largest dedicated cardiothoracic unit in sub-Saharan Africa.

“We’re interested in providing excellent medical care to our patients, excellent medical teaching to our trainees, and discipleship in our faith, and to do this all in the Name of Christ and to share the Gospel,” said Dr. Russ White, a general and cardiothoracic surgeon who has served at Tenwek since 1997 and is now director of the new heart center.

Samaritan’s Purse partnered with Tenwek to construct the medical center, which will focus on treating heart disease and esophageal cancer.

Edward Graham, chief operating officer of Samaritan’s Purse, participated in the dedication ceremony for the facility and encouraged staff to make the most of every opportunity to offer spiritual healing. “Jesus died on a cross, and His blood washed away the sins of the earth—that is the ultimate heart surgery,” he said. “That’s how you change the heart of man.”

**Name changed for security.*



LEFT

The new facility has capacity to treat 2,000 patients each year.

ABOVE

We sent a surgical team to Malawi to provide life-changing orthopedic care.



11

Post-residents
commissioned



750

Short-term
medical
volunteers



41

Mission
hospitals
served



28

Countries
served

MEDICAL MISSIONS

OF MERCY AND LOVE



HEAL ME,
O LORD,
AND I
SHALL BE
HEALED.

JEREMIAH 17:14

Sao and his wife, Mau, have lived in poverty for 30 years, ever since Sao was injured during war and became unable to work. When Sao began to lose his sight because of cataracts, the couple knew they couldn't afford specialized eye care.

But God brought hope to their village in Cambodia through a Samaritan's Purse cataract surgery campaign. Our team performed **more than 200 operations** for patients without other options for surgery. After the quick procedure and a brief recovery time, Sao's eye bandage was removed and his sight had been restored.

As our team served in Jesus' Name, they shared the Gospel. Sao and Mau were drawn to their testimonies, and the Lord worked in their hearts. Before heading home, they both prayed to receive Christ.

Samaritan's Purse also sent medical teams to perform cleft lip and palate surgeries in countries where the procedure isn't readily available. Carmelo lives in an impoverished village in South Sudan and didn't know where to turn for help when her daughter, Merci, was born with a cleft lip. She was thrilled to learn that a Samaritan's Purse team was coming to the capital city to offer free operations.

Merci is among **310 cleft lip and palate patients** throughout South Sudan, Liberia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo who were given hope for a brighter future.

Not only did the surgery fix Merci's lip, but Carmelo's life was also transformed.

Chaplains who served alongside our team shared the Good News, and she came to faith in Christ. The love she experienced in Jesus motivated her to forgive all those who had cruelly rejected her daughter because of her physical deformity.

Our Children's Heart Project was also busy this year, offering boys and girls life-giving surgery at one of our partner hospitals in North America, the Caribbean, South Korea, and Spain.

At age 10, Zaya's parents had nearly given up hope that she would be healed from a congenital heart defect. The family had been saving money so she could receive care in another country, as pediatric cardiac procedures aren't readily available in Mongolia. But the procedure was expensive and the waiting list was very long.

They were thrilled to connect with Children's Heart Project and learn that Zaya could have the procedure in South Korea. We arranged round-trip transportation for Zaya and her mother, Khishigee, as well as an interpreter.

We also connected them with a local Christian host family who helped provide for their needs while in South Korea.

"We felt so loved and cared for. We were amazed at all the prayers for us," Khishigee said.



LEFT

Our teams are restoring sight to those who had lost hope of having renewed vision.

ABOVE

Children's Heart Project has continued to offer healing and hope in Jesus' Name to many families.



310

Cleft lip and
palate surgeries



56

Children's Heart
Project patients



1,670

Cataract
surgeries



ALWAYS BE
READY TO GIVE
A DEFENSE ...
FOR THE HOPE
THAT IS IN YOU.

1 PETER 3:15

GROWING IN FAITH IN CHRIST

Whether she's at the local market or walking along dusty village roads, Tiane shares the Gospel wherever she goes. She offers Biblical encouragement with neighbors and even strangers. In the evenings she gathers with her husband and children to study the Bible and pray.

Tiane came to faith in Jesus Christ when Samaritan's Purse began holding Bible classes in her remote village in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "I received a Bible and was taught how to read and understand it. I learned spiritual disciplines that shaped my life and family," she said.

Tiane had never studied God's Word before we brought the Bible school to her village. We started the program in conjunction with our other work there such as water, sanitation, and hygiene projects and livelihood activities including cattle raising and farming.

As our staff worked through local churches to meet these physical needs, we also helped church leaders strengthen their relationship with God through regular reading and studying of His Word. They were trained in how to disciple believers and how to do effective Gospel outreach.

"I have experienced the Lord's love and compassion through deeper study of the Bible," said Pastor Felix. "I am showing greater humility and love for others."

Since the program began in 2012, about **three dozen Bible schools** have been

hosted in remote areas of the country.

Alfred is a Bible school student who said that he is now more confident and determined to share his faith. "I know that what I preach is true. I'm reaching out to those who don't know God; preaching to deliver them from darkness into God's wonderful light."

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of many places worldwide where our evangelism and discipleship projects introduce people to Christ and equip local believers to share their faith.

In South Sudan, we are weaving Biblical teaching into our livelihood programs that help people gain useful skills—such as how to raise livestock, how to make bread, or how to start a tailoring business—so they can earn an income.

Mary participated in the tailoring lessons and is excited to open her own business. She has had trouble finding work in South Sudan ever since she fled with her children from violence in Khartoum, Sudan's capital.

Mary gained knowledge about fabric and stitching, but she also learned from our staff the importance of continuing to trust God and to tell others about Him.

"The teachers taught us: 'Don't embrace the world or the things of this world,'" she said. "They taught us about the Kingdom of God. The teachers reminded us that it was a blessing from God that we are safe."



ABOVE

Our teams in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are sharing the eternal hope of Jesus Christ.

"I'M REACHING OUT
to those who don't know God"



“For as the heavens
are high above the earth,
SO GREAT IS HIS MERCY
toward those who fear Him.” —PSALM 103:11

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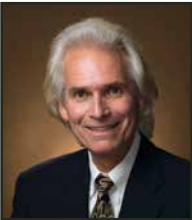
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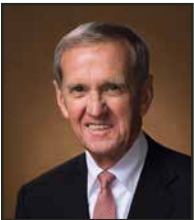
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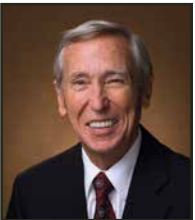
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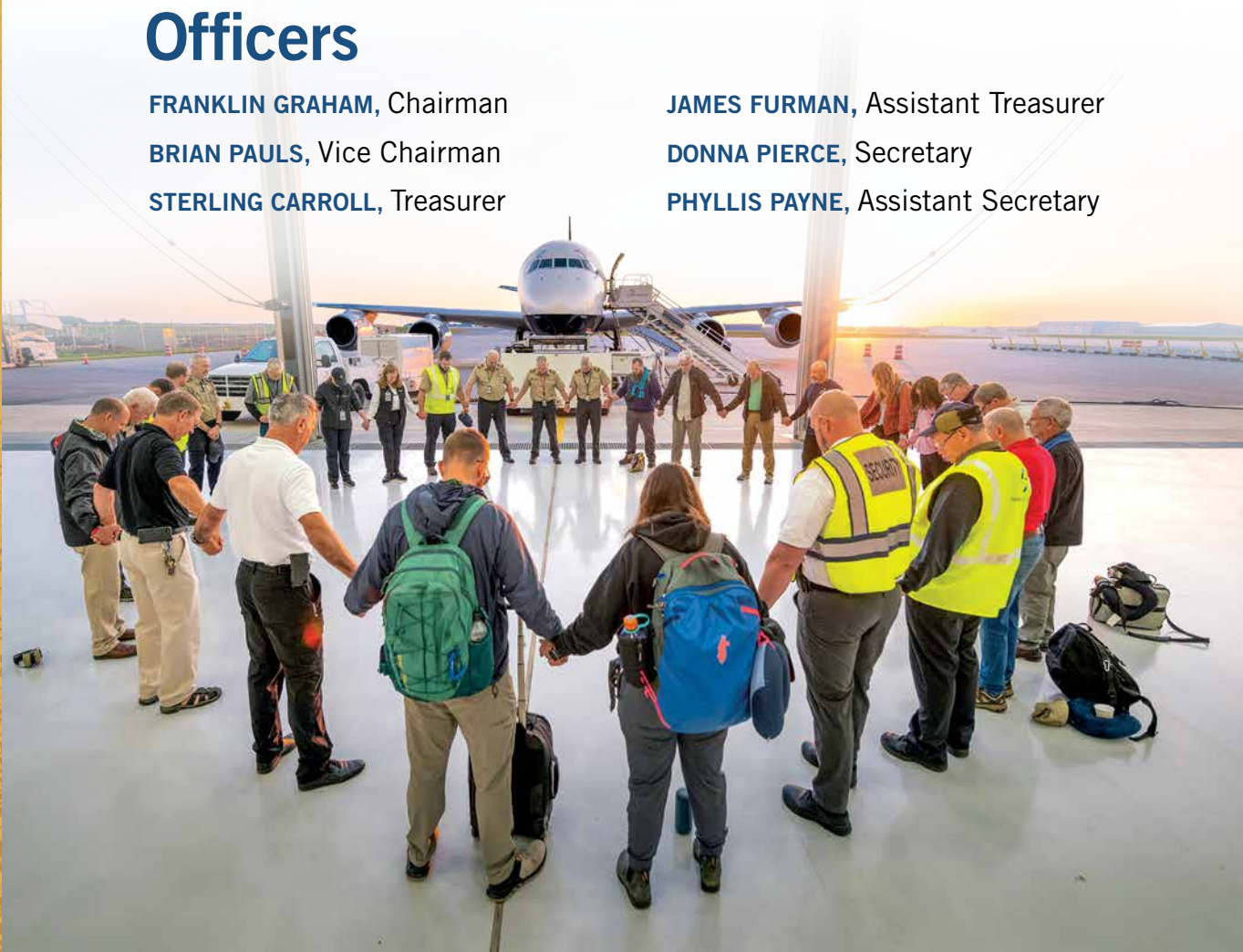


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"Go and do likewise." –Luke 10:37