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ABOVE: Samaritan's Purse is providing household water filters in Cambodia and other countries around the world.

COVER PHOTO: Our volunteers served in Jesus' Name in the wake of deadly wildfires in Hawaii.

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A Message From Franklin Graham



WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT IS DESPERATE FOR HOPE. We want to point people to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is our solid Rock and the only source of eternal joy and peace: *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"* (Romans 15:13).

Responding during wartime and natural disasters made this a busy year for Samaritan's Purse. I was in Israel where we are working after the terrorist attacks. We partnered with local churches to provide food and other relief items. After a Category 5 hurricane hit Acapulco, Mexico, our DC-8 and 757 aircraft transported emergency supplies. We also sent volunteers to help homeowners with emergency repairs.

In Canada, we helped families in Jesus' Name during a historic wildfire season. Across four provinces, our staff and volunteers showed hurting people that God has not forgotten them. Teams went into the ash to look for treasured possessions while also providing beds for evacuees.

Over 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts were packed around the world. The Greatest Journey also reached a milestone, with 50 million children worldwide being disciplined. I am grateful that so many boys and girls are hearing about God's love for them: *"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him"* (1 John 4:9).

We give God glory for all that He has done. Thank you for your continued prayers, gifts, and service.

May God richly bless you.

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Restoring Hope During Disaster and Crisis



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Canadian DART

MEMBERS DEPLOYED TO 8 COUNTRIES IN 2023



EDWARD GRAHAM HOLDS A CHILD
RECOVERING FROM EARTHQUAKE
INJURIES IN TURKEY.

In 2023, Samaritan's Purse responded to critical needs in complex disasters, including the conflict between Israel and Hamas. We immediately deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team to support church partners and provided hygiene kits, **18,000 food vouchers**, and **4,000 hot meals** for internally displaced families. Our teams partnered with over 50 local churches and Christian organizations to pack **18,500 food boxes**. We also equipped civilian first responder teams with **1,000 emergency trauma kits**.

In war-torn Ukraine, we worked with church partners to provide shelter, clean water, and more than **238 million pounds of food** to hurting families. We distributed more than **473,000 Bibles**. Our teams set up hospitality centers for residents to get warm, enjoy a hot meal, and escape to safety during the bombings.

We also repaired homes for people who had been living in a structure without a roof or windows. Some of the materials used to repair these houses were from the more than **1 million pounds of relief supplies** Samaritan's Purse has delivered to Ukraine since the start of the conflict.

Friends like you also made it possible to work with European Christians to provide comfort and care for Ukrainian children traumatized by war.



Through age-appropriate tools such as art therapy, children were supported to express emotions and process grief. Each child also received a cuddly teddy bear. In 2023, you helped provide healing and hope for **10,000 Ukrainian children and 9,000 adults**.



MEXICO

HELPING VICTIMS OF HURRICANE OTIS

We deployed to Acapulco, Mexico, after Hurricane Otis devastated the area. The Category 5 storm was the strongest to ever strike the eastern Pacific. The Samaritan's Purse DC-8 and 757 aircraft transported nearly **140,000 pounds of relief supplies** including heavy-duty tarps, solar lights, hygiene kits, jerrycans, household water filters, and cooking kits as well as more than **23,000 pounds of food** in the form of grocery packages and hot meals.

Thanks to the support of partners like you, we also installed four community water purification systems that can each produce **clean drinking water for up to 10,000 people a day**. These desalinization filters were in high demand because the storm leveled the power lines in

Acapulco, prohibiting the existing water system from pumping water to the area.

"I lost everything. There is nothing here. There is no food, no electricity," said Florentina, who had to leave her remote mountain community in search of help. She was relieved to receive critical supplies from Samaritan's Purse. We worked with **16 church partners** during this response to distribute emergency items and provide hot meals.

In addition, Samaritan's Purse volunteers worked hard in Jesus' Name to clear debris and tarp roofs. They also prayed with families and gave them Bibles in Spanish. "Our roof started to fly off and it went everywhere. Our walls were falling down," said Crescenciana. "I thought we were going to die."

Crescenciana and family were grateful that we patched their roof with a tarp. "It will protect us from the rain and sun. God sent you to us."

We praise the Lord for the nearly **400 people who made decisions for Christ** during this response.

ABOVE: The Category 5 storm tore through many mountainside neighborhoods, leaving families without shelter and other basic necessities.

TOP RIGHT: Our teams distributed heavy-duty tarping material after Hurricane Otis ripped the roofs off many homes.

RIGHT: Every family we served received a Bible signed by the volunteers who worked on their home.



“The LORD, He is the One who goes before you.

HE WILL BE WITH YOU, HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU.” Deuteronomy 31:8



2,600 Patients

HELPED IN THE EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL

TURKEY

RESCUED FROM THE RUBBLE

Hazal came to the Samaritan's Purse Emergency Field Hospital for hand surgery after enduring four hours under rubble waiting for rescue. She was trapped in the stairwell trying to escape her third-floor apartment during a devastating earthquake that rocked Antakya, Turkey.

Like many earthquake victims, Hazal arrived at our hospital in emotional turmoil as well as physical pain. Her husband, a son, and a number of other relatives died during the earthquake. Her husband, a truck driver, had been the family's sole provider.

Ada,* another surgical patient, was outside enjoying tea in her garden when the ground began shaking and a wall in the

garden collapsed on her head. She lost her balance, fell down, and was unconscious.

Esila,* Ada's sister, rushed her to the hospital. "You don't want someone you love to suffer that much," she said. "Thank goodness we found these doctors. Otherwise, my sister could have lost her leg."

Ada was relieved to learn from our doctors that she was expected to fully recover. "I'm grateful that the surgery went well. I wouldn't have found this care anywhere else."

We deployed over **100 doctors, nurses, and medical personnel** in the earthquake's aftermath. They demonstrated Christ's love as they cared for **more than 2,600 patients** and performed **more than 100 surgeries**.

In addition, we worked with a local partner to distribute and assemble emergency shelter tents for families whose homes had been destroyed. ■

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ABOVE: Our medical teams did surgery on Ada's leg and helped her through the postoperative recovery.

TOP RIGHT: Emergency shelter kits provided a refuge for earthquake survivors who lost their homes and had nowhere to go.

RIGHT: We cared for more than 2,600 patients at our Emergency Field Hospital in Antakya, Turkey.



“Fear not, for I am with you;

BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD . . . I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.” Isaiah 41:10

CANADIAN DISASTER RELIEF

God's Helping Hands After Wildfires and a Tornado



SAMARITAN'S PURSE VOLUNTEERS WORK IN THE ASHES OF A HOME IN THE SHUSWAP REGION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.



269 Volunteers

SERVED 10,080 HOURS IN 2023

John* and Helen* thought everything would be fine when they first heard about the wildfire that flared up near their community in West Kelowna, British Columbia. Even after police told them to evacuate, they didn't expect anything terrible to happen. But the events turned out much different.

Fueled by strong winds and tinder-dry conditions, the wildfire quickly overwhelmed their neighborhood and burned about 150 homes, including theirs. Across Canada, thousands of wildfires like this one burned 15 million hectares and forced 230,000 Canadians to evacuate in our nation's worst fire season on record.

When John and Helen returned in early September, nothing remained but ash and charred foundation. All of their possessions were gone. "I was in shock," John admitted. "My wife started to cry, but there was nothing we could do, and we were just thankful we got out safely."



Through local media, they heard about the arrival of a Samaritan's Purse disaster relief convoy that departed from our Calgary ministry center shortly after the blaze. "I wasn't sure what you guys could do, but I reached out anyway," John said.

He asked the volunteers who arrived to look for a safe container for the couple's wills, wedding certificate, and an obituary card for their son. "And they found it immediately," he said. Helen asked if the team could find their late son's chess set. They found half the collection. "Helen almost started to cry when they presented the pieces. It gave her some closure," John said.

As John and Helen started to think about the long rebuilding process, John took heart that they already had

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one new item for that house: a Bible signed and given by the Samaritan's Purse team as they prayed with the couple. "It was very, very moving," John said gratefully.

A day after helping John and Helen, we praised God as another couple in West Kelowna gave their lives to Jesus Christ through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Rapid Response Team chaplains, who often serve alongside us.

While our teams continued work in West Kelowna, we sent a second relief convoy, including one of our Disaster Relief Unit tractor-trailers, to the Shuswap-Scotch Creek region of British Columbia in September. Over 10,000 area residents evacuated, and nearly 180 homes were damaged when two wildfires merged into a massive blaze. Teams spent more than a month cleaning up properties and searching through rubble for treasured family items.

"We couldn't afford this cleanup," Yuri told us as volunteers worked on his property. "I'm amazed at how selfless this is."

Our teams also responded to a request by the British Columbia government to set up and operate wildfire evacuation centers in Kelowna and Kamloops.

The remote community of Fox Lake suffered catastrophic damage from one of the hundreds of wildfires that raged

across Alberta. More than 200 structures, including 100 homes, burned in the town of around 3,700 people. Samaritan's Purse volunteers helped the community remove debris, took down dangerous trees, and sifted through the ashes of homes for any items that survived the flames.

In Nova Scotia, more than 6,700 people had to flee a wildfire that destroyed about 60 homes and 90 other structures. One of our specially equipped Disaster Relief Unit tractor-trailers arrived in the area, and our staff worked with local volunteers and residents to clean up properties and sift through ashes. Our teams also delivered food to wildfire evacuees in Quebec.

And after a tornado churned through southern Alberta in July—barely missing the towns of Didsbury and Carstairs but badly damaging several family farms—Samaritan's Purse volunteers spent days cleaning up properties and praying with grateful homeowners.

In total, friends like you made it possible to help **229 Canadian families** and provide **400 beds for evacuees**. We praise God as **four people trusted Jesus Christ** as Lord and Savior.

ABOVE: Volunteers helped clean up after a powerful tornado in Alberta.

TOP RIGHT: Samaritan's Purse responded in Jesus' Name after a fast-moving wildfire destroyed dozens of homes in Shelburne County.

RIGHT: After each job, volunteers have an opportunity to pray with homeowners and present a Bible signed by the team.



NOVA SCOTIA



BRITISH COLUMBIA



“This is My commandment,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.” John 15:12

HELPING LONG AFTER THE HEADLINES

In Merritt, British Columbia, Paul's* heart is full of hope. As he wakes up to another day in his home—once overwhelmed by floodwater—he knows he'll be safe, warm, and dry.

Samaritan's Purse recovery specialists have been journeying with Paul and other Merritt residents ever since the town flooded in 2021. They connected him with local church volunteers and a Samaritan's Purse disaster relief team to help mud out his house, mitigate any mold issues, and put in new flooring.

"It gave this man such a great step toward his recovery, because he's so happy to be back in his home," said Bobbie Jo, one of our recovery specialists.

"We shared the Gospel and gave Paul a Bible," added Sherry. "He is reading steadily and is now greeting us on the phone with, 'God bless you!'"

This is the type of journey Samaritan's Purse recovery teams are walking with hundreds of families in the aftermath of disasters across Canada. In 2023, these teams were active in Fort Vermilion, Alberta, after floods in 2020; Abbotsford and Merritt, British Columbia, after floods in 2021; and Prince Edward Island, after Hurricane Fiona in 2022.

Recovery can take years. It's often a slow and painful process, which is why, long after a disaster has left the headlines, our teams remain to help families in Jesus' Name. Our recovery specialists identify gaps in a community's recovery and partner with others—especially churches—to fill those holes.

"Part of our mission is to find people who slipped through the cracks," said Kandy, a recovery specialist in Abbotsford. "We're the bridge between the people and community agencies, churches, and the government. We're peace builders."

As Kandy and her colleague Jerry spoke with flood-affected families, they noted that children needed more opportunities to process their trauma. In partnership with two elementary schools, they arranged for a trained psychologist to give mental health presentations to students, staff, and parents.

Each community is different, but the heart of the Samaritan's Purse recovery team is the same: to build resiliency, fortify local churches, and bring "*living hope*" (1 Peter 1:3) through faith in Jesus Christ. ■



BRITISH COLUMBIA

Trusting God After the Fire



MAUI

RESPONDING TO MAUI WILDFIRES

The U.S. Disaster Relief team respond after the deadliest U.S. wildfire in over a century erupted on Maui, Hawaii. The flames ripped through island communities so quickly that some families didn't have time to gather any personal belongings—they fled for their lives.

Samaritan's Purse volunteers served hurting homeowners in Jesus' Name as they cut down burnt trees, removed debris, and sifted through ashes to recover valuables and treasured mementos.

Faith and Derrick Mori were heartbroken when they returned to their family land and found the once-lush hillside covered in soot and ash. Against that scorched backdrop, Faith said color began to return thanks to the orange shirts of Samaritan's Purse volunteers who cut trees and cleared debris. It was work that would have taken the couple weeks to complete.

"You're all covered in soot and exhausted but you tell us that you're blessed," Faith said. "That's quite amazing. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Volunteers and chaplains shared the Gospel with the couple and answered their questions. We praise God that these conversations led to Derrick praying to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and Faith recommitting her life to Christ. ■

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Transforming Lives for Eternity

11.3
Million

SHOEBOX GIFTS WERE
COLLECTED WORLDWIDE IN 2023

PHILIPPINES

In Sierra Leone, Foday* could hardly believe the sight of a geometry kit tucked inside his shoebox gift. “I was very blessed to receive a gift box from a church in my community. In the box, I found a geometry set and other items!” he said. “I had been asking my parents to buy one for me, but they could not.”

Racing home, Foday showed the gifts to his mom and dad. “They were very happy and sent me to call the pastor to talk with them,” Foday said.

He was surprised by his parents' request. They often told him not to trust Christians. “But upon seeing the box, my parents changed their mind about the church and told me if I want to go, they have no problem with it,” Foday continued. “The pastor came to our house, and my parents thanked him.”

Alongside his three brothers, Foday is regularly attending church. He also participated in The Greatest Journey, the discipleship course offered after shoebox outreach events. “My brothers and I started telling my parents about the goodness of Jesus Christ in our lives. All glory to God, we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord.”

In 2023, **11.3 million shoebox gifts** were prayerfully packed for boys and girls all over the world by people from 11 countries. That includes more than **425,000 packed by Canadians** like you. These gifts from Canada traveled to children in West Africa and Central America, as well as little ones in Ukraine and the Philippines.

We praise God that more than **220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories** have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ during the 30 years of the project.

We are thankful for every volunteer who serves as the hands and feet of Jesus. More than **105,000 volunteers served at processing centers** across North America, including the Canadian processing center in Calgary. Over **81,000 ministry partner teams** and **240,500 teachers** were involved worldwide. Our **global network of more than 18,000 year-round volunteers** helped people to participate in this life-transforming ministry. ■

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MONGOLIA



NAMIBIA

LEFT: Every shoebox gift packed in Jesus' Name is a tangible expression of His love to a child in need.

TOP RIGHT: For many boys and girls around the world, an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift is the only present they have ever received.

RIGHT: Himba children are hearing the Gospel for the first time through Operation Christmas Child.



“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,

FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.” Romans 1:16

A New Generation of Disciples



5
Million

BOYS AND GIRLS PARTICIPATED IN
THE GREATEST JOURNEY IN 2023

PHILIPPINES

In 2023, we celebrated a special milestone: More than 50 million children worldwide have been discipled through The Greatest Journey and previously The Mailbox Club. We thank God for more than 20 million shoebox recipients who have committed their lives to following Him as a result of this program.

Princess, 13, received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift in the Philippines. She then participated in The Greatest Journey and learned more about God and His Word. Overwhelmed by God's power and love for her, Princess prayed to receive Christ as her Lord and Savior.

"I wanted Jesus to save me. Now, I am more confident because He is with me," she said.

Princess lives with her grandmother and used to worry a lot as they sometimes don't have enough food for three meals a day. She rarely sees her parents, who left their remote village for the city in hopes of finding work and securing a better life for their family.

But Princess doesn't worry as much now that she has a relationship with Jesus Christ. She is sharing her faith with her classmates—most of whom have never heard about Jesus—because she wants them to also trust Him and

experience His peace. “They should not be afraid because Jesus is there to help them,” she said.

Princess is among **more than 5 million children** who participated in The Greatest Journey in 2023, with nearly **3 million making a decision for Christ**.

“These children are the next generation. I’m very fulfilled seeing them graduate from The Greatest Journey,” said Rosalina, one of the teachers who discipled Princess.

The Greatest Journey also transformed the life of Khalid* who grew up not believing in God. His friends at school had told him God did not exist, and his parents didn’t want to talk about religion. But Khalid was curious, so when his cousin invited him to an Operation Christmas Child outreach event, he decided to go.

Khalid heard about God’s love at the event and was invited to participate in The Greatest Journey. During the discipleship lessons, as he learned about the Bible, his heart began to change. “I felt a sense of hope that I had never felt before,” he said. “I started to understand the meaning of life and who God is. I regretted rejecting Him.”

He prayed to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He started regularly attending church and reading the Bible, eager to learn more about God and how to follow Him. He also shared his faith with family and friends.

“My life has changed significantly. I became more kind and at peace. God transformed my life.” ■

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LEFT: We praise God for the millions of boys and girls who are learning about God and His Word through The Greatest Journey.

BELOW: Children who graduate from The Greatest Journey receive a certificate and New Testament.



HONDURAS



“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope

WITHOUT WAVERING, FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL.” Hebrews 10:23

A group of children in Cambodia, with a boy in the foreground giving a thumbs up. The boy is wearing a white shirt and blue jeans, and has soap suds on his hands. Behind him, a girl is wearing a black face mask and a white shirt. To the right, another child is holding a blue and white educational poster. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and an outdoor setting.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

Lessons in Living Water

137,000+
People

PROVIDED WITH SAFE WATER IN 2023

CAMBODIA

Half a dozen children stand side by side at their school's newly built hand-washing station. The cheerful structure—painted a sunny yellow—is outfitted with faucets, bars of soap, mirrors, and towels. Nearby, the tanks of a large BioSand Water Filter also rise above the schoolyard.

These powerful gifts are vital to keeping students like 12-year-old Pisey* in Cambodia safe from waterborne diseases. Pisey knows firsthand how ruinous stomach illness from dirty water can be.

Once, when she was particularly sick, her family paid a burdensome fee for medical care—something they couldn't afford. During her recovery, Pisey missed so many classes that her grades suffered.

But through partners like you, a Samaritan's Purse team installed a well, water filter, and hand-washing stations at her school. Pisey now loves drinking safe, filtered water. "I am so much happier and healthier nowadays," she shared.

Pisey and her family also received a household water filter. Best of all, she encountered Jesus Christ through the witness of our local team. Pisey put her trust in Him. "Though the village does not yet have a church, Pisey and other believers living there will keep learning about Jesus through Christian groups, Scripture reading, and personal prayer," our staff rejoiced.

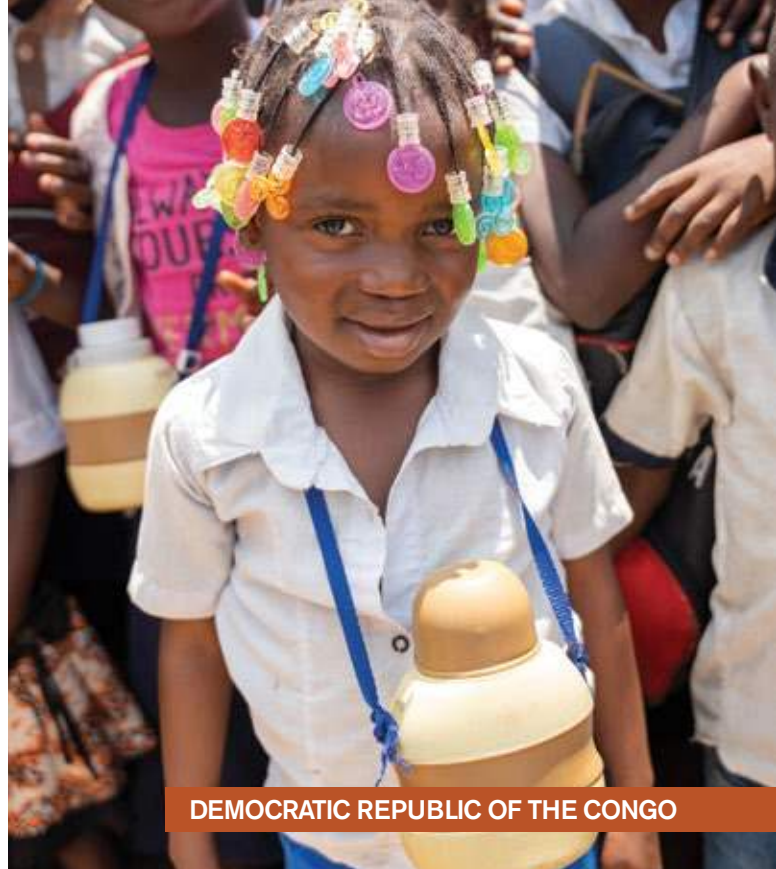
"I AM SO MUCH HAPPIER AND HEALTHIER NOWADAYS."

In 2023, we installed **12,300 household filters** in homes around the world. In addition, we installed **40 large school or community water filters** and constructed over **850 latrines**.

In 2024, Samaritan's Purse Canada partners and teams will surpass **300,000 household water filters built worldwide since 1998**. Each one is a generous gift from friends like you—giving over 1 million people safe water in Jesus' Name.

Through this work with local churches, countless families have heard and responded to the Good News of Jesus Christ, who gives "*the water of life freely*" (Revelation 22:17). ■

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

LEFT: Hand-washing stations and lessons are essential to the health of children in need.

TOP RIGHT: Water projects protect children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where seven out of 10 people do not have safe water.

RIGHT: Canadian-invented BioSand Filters make dangerous water safe and drinkable for families worldwide.



"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,

OUT OF HIS HEART WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER." John 7:38

Working at the Heart of a Hunger Crisis

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a red t-shirt, stands in a field of lush green plants. She is holding a young child in her arms. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt. The background shows a vast field of similar green plants under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The woman's red shirt has some text on it, including "SAMARITAN'S PURSE PROJECTS".

22,000+
People

TRAINED IN AGRICULTURE

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is a land rich in natural life, from rolling grasslands to lush jungles and the mighty Congo River at its heart. But life can be agonizingly difficult for the people who live there.

Many of its 95 million inhabitants survive day to day. What they earn, collect, or cultivate each day is what they eat that night. There is no room for error. Just one bad day—a strike of unseasonable weather, a jump in food prices, or a bout of sickness—can mean desperation. It's one of the many reasons the DRC is at the forefront of a

growing global hunger crisis that is being driven by conflict, natural disasters, and skyrocketing food prices.

This is the world Elizae lives in every day as she raises her four children in rural DRC. Scraping a living from the land is a struggle for her and her husband. They work hard, but their crops don't produce enough to sustain their family. "Life is very difficult getting food or even having money to send my children to school. We are a moneyless people," she said.

Yet, today, as Elizae works in a new banana field near her home, a smile breaks across her face, and a song

risers from her lips: "Give thanks to God for all the things He is doing," she sings. "He is a very good God when we are in trouble. He is a very good God always." Elizae sings because of God's provision for her through an agricultural project made possible by partners like you. "I love to sing the good things God has done," she beamed. "When it's time to harvest, I will be able to get food for my family and income for school."

The project began with a Samaritan's Purse team starting a farmer field school in Elizae's village. The team helped the community prepare five new hectares of banana trees and legumes by providing new tools and seeds. A short walk away, another field brims with cassava plants and more legumes. These fields are being grown with natural, sustainable techniques to help them consistently produce abundant crops and reduce hunger and malnutrition.

"We are teaching them soil conservation," said one of our team members. "For example, we taught the community to plant legumes with banana trees because

they provide more food and income and help with weed control, natural fertilizing, erosion prevention, and shading the soil from the sun."

These techniques are based on working with God's creation and open the door to share His Good News. The team is working with a local evangelist to show *The JESUS Film* and share the Gospel in these communities. "We are praying that God will help many people know Jesus," said one of the local pastors.

Samaritan's Purse food projects used emergency food distributions, school feeding programs, and agriculture and livestock support to fight hunger in **28 countries**. Friends like you made it possible to provide **9,094 animals** to families around the world. **Over 22,000 people received training** in improved agricultural techniques, and our teams delivered more than **2 million servings of emergency food**. ■

LEFT: A young mother holds her child in front of a new cassava field grown with help from Samaritan's Purse.

BELOW: Families receive emergency food after devastating floods.



SOUTH ASIA



"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me

SHALL NEVER HUNGER, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL NEVER THIRST." John 6:35

A group of women and children are sitting on the floor in a room with a blue wall. Some women are wearing red headscarves. There are children of various ages, some sitting on laps. The room has some decorative items on the wall, including what looks like small circular pictures or masks. The overall atmosphere is one of a community gathering or a waiting area.

PROTECTION

A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble

3,000+ People

RECEIVED HELP TO AVOID HUMAN TRAFFICKERS IN 2023

NEPAL

Anita* was just 12 years old when a child trafficker led her away from home. Like countless families in Nepal's mountainous countryside, Anita's family lives in poverty. Securing life's necessities is a daily struggle, which made the offer of money and work for Anita seem like an answer to their hardship.

A man in their community said his son owned a hotel in India where Anita could work. He even offered them money upfront. In reality, he was buying her for a prostitution ring.

The family unknowingly accepted and sent Anita toward a life of sexual slavery.

Samaritan's Purse worked with Christian partners throughout 2023 to prevent trafficking like this before it starts. Our teams trained local churches to recognize and respond in two of the most trafficked regions of Nepal.

They helped churches and communities establish child vigilance protection groups that teach their villages how to avoid traffickers and care for survivors.

We also supported the churches in setting up child learning spaces. These after-school programs give boys and girls safe places to play, get homework help, and attend child-friendly lessons about staying safe. Through the training, the churches teach from God's Word and share the worth of every person in His eyes.

Thankfully, anti-trafficking police intercepted Anita's group before they reached the hotel. The first person they called was from our church partner to help bring her home. And even though life is difficult for Anita as she tries to reintegrate into her village, the church walks with her.

In Ethiopia and Uganda, Samaritan's Purse worked with local partners to help women like Rebecca escape prostitution. She received safe housing, meals, Biblically based counseling, and job skills training. Rebecca also heard the Gospel. "I have managed to overcome the hurts and resentments that were in my life," she said. "I accepted Jesus to be Lord and Savior of my life."

"I ACCEPTED JESUS TO BE LORD AND SAVIOR OF MY LIFE."

We thank God for your partnership that makes a difference for these little ones in Jesus' Name. As it says in Scripture, *"Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost"* (Matthew 18:10-11).

Supporters like you made it possible to give **anti-trafficking training to 3,000 people** in 2023. We also provided **livelihood resources to nearly 7,000 women** and psychosocial support services for over **15,800 women at risk**. More than **7,800 children** also received educational assistance through Samaritan's Purse Canada. ■

**Name changed.*



LEFT: Women and children receive anti-trafficking training at a local church.

TOP RIGHT: Gender based violence prevention training teaches the value of every person in God's eyes and helps keep families safe.

RIGHT: Women trapped in prostitution receive help to escape and hear the Good News of God's redeeming love.



"The God of my strength, in whom I will trust;

MY SHIELD AND THE HORN OF MY SALVATION." 2 Samuel 22:3

WORLD MEDICAL MISSION

Offering Compassionate Care in Jesus' Name



26
Canadians

DEPLOYED WORLDWIDE

KENYA

Dr. Seth Mallay knew as soon as the two young boys arrived at Hopital Baptiste Biblique in Togo that treating them would be difficult. Significant portions of their bodies had been burned in a house fire, and they were already very sick.

Koffi and Jean received IV fluids, antibiotics, and pain medications for three months. They needed numerous surgeries and intense physical therapy to maintain flexibility in their limbs.

Not long after being released from the hospital, Koffi's parents brought him back because he was unable to walk or hold up his head and had stopped eating and drinking. Dr. Mallay and the medical team couldn't find an underlying cause. They believed the child was suffering from muscle wasting due to lack of nutrition or exercise at home.

Dr. Mallay and the staff continued to pray and tried a regimen of sugar water, insulin, and steroids. Koffi began to regain strength.

"During Koffi's and Jean's hospitalization, chaplains daily visited them and their parents and shared the Gospel. Both boys and their parents accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. "Sometimes these moments of victory are just what we need to keep going," Dr. Mallay said. "Praise the Lord for His faithfulness."

Dr. Mallay and his family came to Hopital Baptiste Biblique in 2016 through the World Medical Mission Post-Residency Program. They grew to love the people of Togo and now serve as long-term medical missionaries.

World Medical Mission places post-residents in partner Christian hospitals in developing countries to bring quality medical care and the love of Christ to hurting people.

In 2023, we sent **11 post-residents to five hospitals** in four countries. We also sent **715 healthcare volunteers—26 from Canada**—on short-term trips to **40 hospitals**. Our specialty teams performed fistula surgeries that transformed the lives of patients in Niger and Kenya. ■

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MALAWI

LEFT: Our post-residents and short-term volunteers serve in Jesus' Name at mission hospitals around the globe.

TOP RIGHT: We have helped more than 230 doctors prepare for long-term missionary service since the Post-Residency Program began in 2004.

RIGHT: A surgical team provided life-changing orthopedic care for desperate patients.



"He heals the brokenhearted

AND BINDS UP THEIR WOUNDS." Psalm 147:3

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2023 (With Comparative Totals for 2022)

ASSETS

Current assets:

	2023	2022
Cash	10,092,931	10,920,904
Short-term investments	6,856,354	1,680,487
Accounts receivable	1,663,420	1,201,733
Prepaid expenses	510,665	244,813
Inventory	3,135,149	2,107,212
	22,258,519	16,155,149
Investments	13,497,754	19,914,158
Capital assets	15,099,175	15,184,904
	50,855,448	51,254,211

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

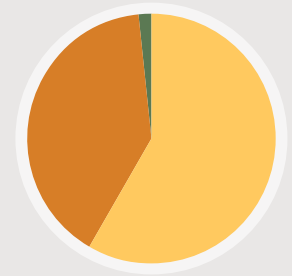
Current liabilities:

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,372,088	814,722
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Fund balances:

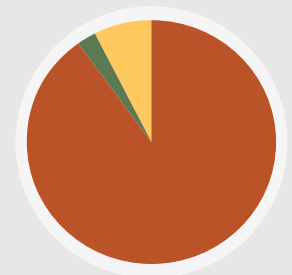
Unrestricted	16,208,263	13,621,306
Internally restricted - invested in capital assets	15,099,175	15,184,904
Externally restricted	18,175,922	21,633,279
	49,483,360	50,439,489
	50,855,448	51,254,211

2023 Revenues



- Contributions: 58.4%
- Contributed Goods/Services: 40%
- Other Income: 1.6%

2023 Expenses



- Ministry: 90%
- Fundraising: 2.5%
- General/Administrative: 7.5%

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, 2023 (With Comparative Totals for 2022)

				2023	2022
	GENERAL FUND \$	CAPITAL FUND \$	MINISTRY FUND \$	TOTAL	TOTAL
Revenue					
Contributions	10,996,348	-	24,229,785	35,226,133	45,722,170
Gifts in kind	4,221,201	-	19,904,717	24,125,918	23,059,001
Investment income	948,168	-	-	948,168	636,018
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	-	262	-	262	(2,301)
	16,165,717	262	44,134,502	60,300,481	69,414,888
Expenditures					
Operation Christmas Child	-	-	24,214,700	24,214,700	24,313,992
International community programming	76,240	-	9,320,272	9,396,512	10,204,303
International disaster response	64,964	-	9,942,430	10,007,394	11,289,402
North American ministries	385,109	-	1,972,240	2,357,349	1,947,272
Ministry support services	5,236,550	776,864	3,113,844	9,127,258	8,105,732
	5,762,863	776,864	48,563,486	55,103,213	55,860,701
Fundraising	1,248,128	-	307,233	1,555,361	1,780,374
General and administrative support for ministries	1,768,084	229,894	2,600,058	4,598,036	4,104,473
	3,016,212	229,894	2,907,291	6,153,397	5,884,847
	8,779,075	1,006,758	51,470,777	61,256,610	61,745,548
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	7,386,642	(1,006,496)	(7,336,275)	(956,129)	7,669,340
Fund balance - Beginning of year	13,621,306	15,184,904	21,633,279	50,439,489	42,770,149
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(3,878,918)	-	3,878,918	-	-
Inter fund transfer - capital asset purchases	(920,767)	920,767	-	-	-
Fund balance - End of year	16,208,263	15,099,175	18,175,922	49,483,360	50,439,489

Complete 2023 audited financial statements at SamaritansPurse.ca/annual-report-and-financial-accountability

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“Be steadfast, immovable,

ALWAYS ABUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD.” 1 Corinthians 15:58



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"Go and do likewise." –Luke 10:37