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HELPING IN JESUS' NAME<sup>™</sup>





#### **DEAR FRIEND**

The Lord was gracious to Samaritan's Purse in 2012 as we were able to bring physical relief and spiritual comfort to millions of people in over 100 countries across the globe. We praise Him for each of these opportunities to minister to the hurting by providing food, clean

water, medical care, and other much-needed help. Most importantly, we are thankful for the privilege of sharing the hope found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those in some of the most troubled areas of the world.

Last year was an exciting time in our ministry as the Lord blessed us with enough Operation Christmas Child gifts to reach more than 100 million shoebox gifts collected since we began the project in 1993. We completed the construction of a new children's home and school to build up generations of Christian leaders in Haiti.

In North America and around the world, more than 580,000 dedicated volunteers sacrificed their time to work with us in ministering to the sick and suffering, building hospitals and churches, providing emergency relief to disaster survivors, and bringing shoebox gifts to hurting children—all in the Name of Jesus Christ.

This Ministry Report highlights these projects and other ways the Lord has opened doors for us to proclaim His saving grace among the nations. We give Him all of the glory for what was accomplished. *"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad"* (Psalm 126:3, NKJV).

None of the work presented on these pages would have been possible without the faithful prayers and support of caring believers like you. Thank you, and may God bless you.

Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF

# RESCUING FROM DISASIE

"IN THE WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION. BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

-JOHN 16:33B, ESV

amaritan's Purse helps meet critical needs for those affected by violent conflict and other disasters in some of the world's most troubled regions. Because of your prayers and financial support, hundreds of thousands of people in 2012 and so far in 2013 have received food, medical help, clean water, and most importantly, the hope of the Gospel, in places such as South Sudan, Syria and Japan.

#### **SOUTH SUDAN**

Much of the world has ignored the war Sudan is waging against its non-Arab citizens in the Nuba Mountains and other regions along the country's border with South Sudan. Hundreds of thousands of people have been driven from their homes. Some try to survive by living in rocky caves and eating twigs and insects. Others attempt the long, dangerous journey across the border to find refuge in crowded camps in South Sudan.

Thanks to donations from Canadians like you, Samaritan's Purse is providing life-saving relief to more than 170,000 of these refugees in five camps. We have distributed thousands of tons of United Nations World Food Program supplies to hungry families.

Hundreds of severely malnourished children have been brought back from the edge of death at our therapeutic feeding centers. Tens of thousands are drinking clean water from wells that were drilled thanks to gifts by people like you. We also have provided medical care, shelter, latrines, blankets, and hygiene items. God is at work in the midst of the tragedy, drawing hundreds of people to faith in Christ. The majority of the refugees are Muslims who have never heard the Gospel. Samaritan's Purse staff and Christian refugees are sharing their faith and inviting residents to one of the more than 30 open-air churches that have been established in the camps.

Timothy and his family fled from the Nuba Mountains when invading government troops burned their home to the ground. They arrived in the camp at Yida, in South Sudan, after walking for days with almost no food or water. "The people who burned my house accused me of being an evangelist," Timothy said. "But here in Yida, I can move around freely and talk about Jesus."

Refugees from Sudan continue to stream across the border into the South Sudan camps, so your prayers and support are vital to care for them and show them God's love.

#### SURVIVOR

A young survivor surveys the damage after Typhoon Bopha in the Philippines. Thanks to donations from Canadians like you, Samaritan's Purse was able to test water supplies and ensure survivors had clean water to drink.



#### BUILDING THE CHURCH

Pastor Minegeshi stands in his new church built by Samaritan's Purse as he holds a photo of the ruins of his former sanctuary destroyed by the earthquake and tsunami that flattened northeastern Japan in 2011. One year after the twin disasters, Minegishi baptized many of those who accepted Christ after Samaritan's Purse staff shared the Gospel with them.



#### **SYRIA**

The tragic civil war in Syria has claimed more than 90,000 lives and driven more than six million people from their homes. Millions have fled into neighboring countries.

Because of the prayer and financial support from people like you, Samaritan's Purse is supporting church partners as they work to provide emergency food, medical care, blankets, and heating fuel to thousands of refugee families in Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq.

Thanks to Canadian donations, Syrian believers are able to bring food to families in war-ravaged towns where most homes and community buildings had been reduced to rubble. As Christians address physical needs (often at risk of death from government or rebel forces), they also share the Gospel. A man named Ahmed and his wife responded by accepting Christ.

"Today we can't even go to bed without reading the Bible they gave us," Ahmed said. "Now we know with Jesus there is no death. We lost our whole world, but we gained our souls."

One of our longtime ministry partners in the region said: "Throughout the Middle East, there is a new generation of evangelists ready to continue the work of our Lord until that blessed day when He returns to us. I ask you to pray that they will be fearless in their work in any circumstance." As the conflict continues, the need for physical and spiritual help continues to escalate. Please help these war victims through your prayers and donations.

#### JAPAN

When an earthquake and tsunami devastated Japan in 2011, Samaritan's Purse launched a massive emergency response that transitioned into a major home construction program in 2012. By the end of the year, your prayers and gifts helped us rebuild 507 houses for Japanese families whose lives had been turned upside down by the catastrophe.

Throughout the 22-month relief and rebuilding campaign, we worked closely with local church partners and more than 7,500 volunteers who assisted with home construction, relief distributions, and other projects to help people rebuild their lives.

A new church was planted in one of the hardest-hit communities, Ishinomaki, by a pastor who returned to his home town to volunteer with Samaritan's Purse. Shuzo Suzuki started the church in an apartment building we had restored with the financial support of Canadians like you.

"There has never been a church in this area," Pastor Suzuki said, "but my hope is that this church will have a firm foundation, that many people will believe, and that there will be many Christians in this area one day."

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Through our international emergency relief efforts, we work to bring critically needed water and other relief to victims of war, natural disaster, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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More than **70,000** people in the Yida refugee camp in South Sudan have access to clean water thanks to **11** wells drilled and/or equipped with Canadian donations.

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Our Disaster Assistance Response Teams helped disaster victims in not only Japan but places such as the Philippines, where torrential rains brought flooding that destroyed homes and crops.

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# LENDING A HAND AFTER THE STORAGE

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"AND WHATEVER YOU DO IN WORD AND DEED, DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS...."

-COLOSSIANS 3:17, NKJV



he Samaritan's Purse Canadian Disaster Relief team helped hundreds of families across Canada in 2012 and early 2013. Our staff worked alongside an army of volunteers to clear debris, and prepare homes for rebuilding for people whose lives had been turned upside down by natural disaster. Most importantly, we were able to share the hope of the Gospel with victims who needed to know that God loves them.

When flooding devastated the towns of Perth-Andover, New Brunswick, and Thunder Bay, Ontario, in 2012, the support of generous people like you enabled us to respond.

We quickly deployed one of our Disaster Relief Units to help victims of the floods, which destroyed a wide variety of structures including generational family homes, seniors housing, and businesses. Our disaster relief staff used the Disaster Relief Units (specially equipped trucks and trailers with generators, pumps, hand tools, and safety gear) to coordinate and equip 587 local volunteers.

This volunteer group served hundreds of people affected by the two disasters by cleaning out mud-filled homes, removing soggy drywall, (sometimes from floor to ceiling), and sanitizing the dwellings to prevent mold.

Thanks to support from Canadians like you, so far this year, we have responded to similar flooding in central Ontario and southern Alberta.

In times of trouble, your gifts are providing critical help to those in need. Our prayer is that victims of disaster might come to know Christ, who is "a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9, NIV).

Samaritan's Purse is on call to respond to disasters, and has gained a hearing for the Gospel through emergency responses to flooding in New Brunswick, Quebec, and

southern Alberta; to forest fires in Alberta to a tornado in Ontario and to Hurricane Igor

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



helped 98 families in 2012



in Newfoundland.

Since 2007, Samaritan's Purse has assisted 835 disaster-affected families in **12** Canadian responses.

More than **700** people volunteered to help with relief projects

## CELEBRATING 100 MILLION SHOEBOX GIFTS

"FOR YOU ARE GREAT AND DO WONDROUS THINGS; YOU ALONE ARE GOD."

-PSALM 86:10, ESV

peration Christmas Child reached a major milestone in 2012more than 100 million gift-filled shoeboxes collected worldwide, from generous donors like vou, since Samaritan's Purse assumed responsibility for the annual the project in 1993. We give God all of the glory, and we praise Him that multitudes of boys and girls have heard the Gospel through this ministry.

As the symbolic 100-millionth Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift was given to little Brenda Valdezin in the Dominican Republic, she smiled shyly and ducked her head. Only five years old. Brenda was barely able to wrap her arms around the colorful box. But as she sifted through its contents, her face lit up with an earto-ear grin.

Evilyn Pinnow, 12, had waited a month for that moment, after traveling from her home in Wisconsin, and after journeying around the United States to collect various toys, school supplies, and toiletries from various Operation Christmas Child volunteers (including some who were also former shoe box recipients) for a little girl she had never met.

Brenda and Evilyn sat side-by-side among about 250 other children opening Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. As Brenda unpacked her box, Evilyn explained the story behind each item. There were candy canes from Alex Nsengimana, who received a shoebox after



**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY** These are some of the thousands in South Sudan to receive shoebox gifts and learn about the Gospel this year.

surviving the genocide in Rwanda, Another past shoebox recipient, Oksana Nelson, had contributed a musical stuffed lamb that played "Jesus Loves Me." Each item in her box was a treasure to Brenda, especially the little pink leather Bible.

"We read a verse together, and I learned that God loves me," she said. "I never dreamed of a aift like this."

In addition to the millions of children, their parents, and community members who have come to faith in Christ through Operation Christmas Child, many churches have been planted around the globe as a result of shoebox gift distributions. We work through local pastors to deliver the gifts and share the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Fidel Lorenzo, the volunteer national coordinator for Operation Christmas Child in the Dominican Republic, said seven to 12 churches are planted in his country each year after shoebox distributions.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected over 100 million shoeboxes to

distribute to needy girls and boys around the world and share the Good News of Jesus

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

shoebox gifts in 2012.



Christ with them.

More than **20,000** volunteers helped collect and process shoeboxes. Internationally, we trained 9,500 teachers to lead children through The Greatest Journey discipleship program.



Shoebox gifts were packed by caring believers in eight countries, including-for the first time ever-Japan.

#### THE GREATEST JOURNEY<sup>™</sup>

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"...THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST."

-1 CORINTHIANS 15:57, ESV

eyond the boxes, God is working through The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program for children who have received a shoebox gift to learn about salvation through Christ, how to become faithful followers of Him, and how to pray for their family and friends and share the Good News with them.

God has used Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey to bring the Gospel to communities even in the world's hardest-toreach areas, where previous evangelistic efforts have often been met with closed doors and life-threatening violence.

In India, a predominantly Hindu country, local Operation Christmas Child leaders heard of a group of about 60 children who were meeting to study the Bible. The town was not originally slated to receive shoeboxes or The Greatest Journey lessons, but the local Operation Christmas Child team decided to send some of the gifts to that group of children.

One boy there had been praying for two years that his family and other people in the village would come to know the saving grace of Jesus. After he received his shoe box gift and

**THE GREATEST JOURNEY** Children in dozens of countries like Ghana (left) and Mongolia (right) attended the 12-lesson discipleship program this year.



started The Greatest Journey lessons, he shared his burden for the salvation of his neighbors with others within their small community of believers.

Using what they learned from The Greatest Journey, this little band of young Christians boldly began sharing the Good News with everyone around them. Now his village is being transformed by the power of the Gospel as many who hear the message of salvation are making decisions for Christ. Dozens have now been baptized.

"The Lord is working wonderfully in this village," said one of the local Operation Christmas Child leaders. "God already had plans to reach this village, and Operation Christmas Child was used by Him for this purpose."

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6-7, ESV).

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



Over **1 million** boys and girls have graduated from the program and received a New Testament.



Last year, Christian leaders in more than **74 countries** were able to offer the Bible lessons in their own languages.

life-changing message of the Gospel to youngsters around the world.

The Samaritan's Purse discipleship program The Greatest Journey is bringing the

Over **650,000** children have made decisions for Christ through The Greatest Journey.

# CLEAN WATER

"FOR THE LAMB WHO IS IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE WILL SHEPHERD THEM AND LEAD THEM TO LIVING FOUNTAINS OF WATERS..."

-REVELATION 7:17, NKJV

amaritan's Purse has water, sanitation, and hygiene projects across Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. These allow us to meet desperate physical needs while at the same time sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, who said: "*I* will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts" (Revelation 21:6, NKJV).

Gitu, a mother of eight in Bochesa, Ethiopia, is one of more than 150,000 people to receive clean water 2012 because of generous Canadians like you.

"Many died from drinking water straight from the river," she said.

But Gitu's children have been more fortunate. Rather than succumbing to diarrhea, malnutrition, and disease because of contaminated water, her children are thriving. The family's BioSand Water Filter transforms the dirty river water their mother collects several times a day into clean, drinkable water.

"You've saved us from death," Gitu said.

People are experiencing benefits around the globe. Magdalene, a mother in El Salvador, can now bathe her children in clean water.

"I thank the Lord everyday for my filter!" Magdalene told us.

In 2012, one of our BioSand Water Filters was given the 100,000th family in Cambodia. And this year, we are excited to begin building large-scale filters in rural schools, so that more children can benefit from this amazing Canadian invention. The prayers and financial support from people like you for our BioSand Water Filter program are making the difference in the developing world between sickness and health, between poverty and prosperity, and—in extreme cases—between life and death.

More than 28,000 people in 10 countries received health and hygiene training in 2012. We also taught families to build "tippy taps," dish racks, and garbage pits to help ensure sanitary and healthy households. And as a result of this water, sanitation, and hygiene ministry, 2,200 people in Latin America alone heard the Gospel.

In the drought-ridden Tana River region of Kenya, your support has enabled us to excavate reservoirs, drill wells, and truck in emergency drinking water.

Gifts from Canadians have also equipped us to respond to water needs in South Sudan, where hundreds of thousands of refugees have fled to escape violent persecution in Sudan.

At Yida, a massive refugee camp that is home to more than 70,000 people, we've drilled and/or equipped 11 wells, improved drainage and sanitation conditions, and provided a reliable distribution system and supply of clean water for exhausted, desperate refugees.

Help from people like you for our water, sanitation, and hygiene projects is making a difference, in places as diverse as Haiti, Niger, Cambodia, and El Salvador. Nearly 375,000 people have benefited from your support in 2012 and so far in 2013. Our hope is to help another 197,000 individuals this year.

Please join us. Your prayers and financial support serve those in need in Jesus' Name and are sowing seeds that are leading countless to faith in Jesus Christ.

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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Over **400,000** people gained access to clean water through new and restored wells, boreholes, and filters.



Samaritan's Purse provided clean water to communities in 11 countries such as Cambodia, Kenya, and Liberia.

Samaritan's Purse supports a variety of projects around the world to provide clean water for families and promote safe hygiene practices.



More than **100,000** people were trained in hygiene and sanitation practices. HEALTHY CHILDREN HEALTHY FAMILIES

## PROVIDING RESOURCES, EDUCATION, AND THE GOSPEL

"FOR HE IS OUR GOD, AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS HAND."

-PSALM 95:7, ESV



#### FRESH START

Almost one-third of the people in Cambodia live on less than \$1.25 a day. Funded by donations from people like you, Samaritan's Purse is working alongside farmers there and around the world, teaching sustainable farming techniques that improve families' crops and provide extra income.

he Lord is using Samaritan's Purse—and your financial and prayer support-to bless thousands of families in more than 30 countries with the resources, education, and services they need to sustain themselves and live with hope.

Midwives are being trained to care for isolated moms and tots in Vietnam's mountains. Farmers are learning to tend land and livestock in Senegal. Underprivileged children are receiving a quality Christian education in rural Nicaragua. There are many more examples.

Meanwhile, many poor parents living in the world's most remote regions are worse than unprepared when calamity strikes their families. They are helpless—often without the tools or knowledge to deal with life's unexpected blows.

The Khadkas in rural Nepal were no different. As farmers, they earned enough income to support themselves for only nine months of the year. Mr. Khadka had no choice but to work as a day laborer in India, sacrificing being with his family in order to provide for their survival.

Into this already desperate situation, their son Bishal was born-with a cleft lip and palate.

Unable to breast-feed, Bishal grew weaker and weaker until he was malnourished and waiting to die. No one expected him to live,

and in a community where traditional beliefs about bad karma are pervasive, no one cared except his parents, who hoped despite their helplessness.

The God of hope indeed intervened. connecting the Khadkas to a Samaritan's Purse partner organization that refers disabled children to hospitals for free medical treatment. Now, with a restructured lip and palate, Bishal is breast-feeding and quickly becoming the healthy infant God intended him to be.

"I am very happy with the recovery of my son," said Bishal's mother. "He was in miserable physical condition . . . He was losing weight every day.

"Now he can eat and get the milk easily," she continued. "It is the most significant happiness of all parents to see their child's progress."

There is still much need around the world. You can make a difference—and open the doors to Gospel opportunities—through your prayers and gifts.

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Worldwide, 3,000 families were given the seeds and tools needed to start vegetable gardens.

In Uganda, 20 churches have trained over 1.200 people about HIV/AIDS.

Canadians like you, provide hope for an abundant future.



Working in the Name of Jesus Christ, Samaritan's Purse partners with churches and organizations to provide medical care, agricultural and vocational training, and

education to the world's 'least of these.' These projects, financially supported by

church leaders, youth, and gang members in the prevention of gender-based

## CANADIANS SERVE AS JESUS' AMBASSADORS

"WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME."

-MATTHEW 25:40, NIV

anadians who join Samaritan's Purse Teams are on a mission: to be the hands and feet of Jesus alongside local churches and organizations, partnering with them to share the Good News of Christ in word and deed.

Here's an example of the impact Samaritan's Purse Teams are having around the world. A year ago, Abel Pacheco was suffering from the medical impacts of no access to clean water, and from not being able to afford much-needed eyeglasses to combat his failing eyesight. The 73-year-old Christian was sometimes sick and hadn't been able to read his beloved Bible for a year.

Then, in November 2012, a Samaritan's Purse Team visited his community in rural El Salvador. The team members helped build BioSand Water Filters, one of which was installed in Abel's humble home.

Later that week, he returned to his house after working in the sugarcane fields only to discover an eyeglass clinic had been set up next door. Within hours, his eyes were tested by compassionate team members and he was given a pair of glasses with the correct prescription.

God gave the very grateful Abel two lifechanging gifts in a matter of days—clean water and new glasses—and He used a Samaritan's Purse Team to do it.

"I am very thankful to you and to God for this blessing on my life," Abel told a team member.



**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** Canadian youth who travelled with Samaritan's Purse to Cambodia were enriched by their work providing Cambodians with clean water.

"Now I will read my Bible every morning."

"All we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14, Dutch paraphrase). Samaritan's Purse Teams indeed give gifts out of God's hand—clean water, eyeglasses, dental and medical care, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, and most importantly, the Gospel message.

Last year, youth teams traveled to Cambodia, Costa Rica, and Trinidad, and relief teams visited Haiti. Medical teams helped in the Philippines and Bolivia, and water teams made a difference in several countries including Cambodia and Nicaragua. Church teams blessed those in need in places like Mexico, and Operation Christmas Child teams shared God's love in Uruguay and other nations.

In 2013, Samaritan's Purse has more than 30 teams trips planned—and you're invited to come along! For a list of all our opportunities to serve on a team, please visit

SamaritansPurse.ca/Teams.

We are excited to be planning water team trips to Africa for the first time in our 16-year

history of sending out mission teams. Keep checking SamaritansPurse.ca/Teams for

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

25 teams of nearly 500

nearly 500 volunteers served in **10** countries.



Five Canadian medical professionals served aboard the Ruth Bell river boat, providing medical attention and dental treatment to hundreds living along Bolivia's rivers.

information as it becomes available.



Teams provided dental care to over **800** patients and eyeglasses to more than **2,500** people WORLD MEDICAL MISSION

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"...GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE CREATION."

-MARK 16:15, ESV



#### **HEALING HANDS**

Our longtime partner in Jordan, Aileen Coleman (near left), has worked for decades to share God's love with the Bedouin people of the area.

**NEW LIFE** Dr. Allan Sawyer (far left) was one of hundreds of Christian physicians and nurses who helped us share the Good News of the Great Physician and fulfill our mission to *"heal the sick there, and* say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you''' (Luke 10:9,

he freedom to share the Gospel with patients is the most powerful incentive for Christian physicians and other medical personnel who serve overseas through World Medical Mission (WMM).

"It's freeing to be able to talk with my patients about what matters most in life," said Dr. Abby Miknaitis, who served at Hospital Loma de Luz in Honduras.

When one of her patients shared that his marriage had serious problems, Miknaitis used the opportunity to talk about God's forgiveness of sins through Jesus. She told him that surrendering his life to Christ was the only way to true peace.

"I explained that it's not necessarily an easier life to follow God, but it is a much better life with eternal results," said Miknaitis.

When the man said he wanted to accept Christ as Savior, Miknaitis quickly grabbed the hospital pharmacist and local pastor. "We prayed together, and my patient made the best decision of his life right there in the clinic," she said.

Miknaitis and her family began serving in Honduras through WMM's Post-Residency Program and are now living there full-time. The two-year program helps young physicians follow God's call to the mission field after residency. Since the program began in 2004, 94 post residents have been placed in hospitals worldwide, where they have treated over 790,000 patients in Jesus' Name.

The Post-Residency Program is just one of the ways WMM supports Christian hospitals overseas. Last year, we sent hundreds of volunteer doctors and dentists to medical facilities around the world on short-term mission trips. Critically needed medical equipment and supplies were also shipped to hospitals and clinics in dozens of countries.

Our staff worked to revitalize and expand aging mission hospitals that have been serving the sick in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, and Nigeria.

We praise God that through this ministry, thousands of people saw His love and heard the Gospel, and many came to faith in Christ.

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS



A total of **678** medical personnel, including **51** Canadians, served on short-term mission trips.



Over **\$10 million** of

medical equipment and supplies was sent overseas from our warehouse in North Carolina.

Since 1977, World Medical Mission has worked to support evangelical

for medical personnel and providing essential equipment and supplies.

mission hospitals and clinics by arranging short-term mission assignments



Medical facilities in more than **60 nations** received critically needed resources from World Medical Mission. CHILDREN'S HEART PROJECT

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# MENDING HEARTS

"THE LORD IS NEAR TO THOSE WHO HAVE A BROKEN HEART, AND SAVES SUCH AS HAVE A CONTRITE SPIRIT."

-PSALM 34:18, NKJV

ozens of youngsters from some of the most remote areas of the globe were given a new chance at life through the Children's Heart Project last year. Hospitals and surgeons across Canada and the United States performed critically needed heart surgeries for boys and girls. With the support of Christian host families and host churches, we were also able to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For most of his four years, Edwin's (*pictured right*) life had been filled with pain and despair. His parents sold their land and farm animals to afford increasingly expensive witch doctor treatments to heal their son.

Eventually his mother, Sharon, made an arduous 12-hour trip by car across their home country of Uganda to a hospital where a visiting cardiologist serving with Samaritan's Purse diagnosed Edwin with a heart defect. After his evaluation, we arranged for him to have surgery in Florida, and a Christian host family and church lovingly cared for him and his mother.

Sharon was anxious as she sat in the waiting room during Edwin's procedure. A witch doctor

**CHANCE AT LIFE** Little Namuundari from Mongolia was one of the youngsters who received life-saving surgery through the Children's Heart Project. The daughter of a nomadic herdsman, she would never have been able to receive the care she needed in her home country.



from her village had told her that her son would die while the American doctors were working on him. When the surgeon announced that the operation was successful, she was finally able to smile. A member of the family hosting Sharon shared the Gospel with her and told her that all good things, including her son's healing, come from the Lord. Sharon said she knew God had brought her son through the surgery, and she wanted to give her life to the Lord. Right there in the waiting room, she prayed to accept Christ as her Savior.

As he recovered, Edwin ran through the house and continually showed his mother all the new things he could do because of the new energy he had from his repaired heart. Sharon called her husband in Uganda to tell him that their son finally had a chance at life because of God's love and healing power. Like Sharon, he gave his heart to Jesus.

"I praise God for everything He has done for me," Sharon said. "I am so grateful that my child is healed. I thank God for the doctors. The Lord used His hand through them, and they brought healing."

#### MINISTRY Highlights

For 15 years, the Lord has used the Children's Heart Project to touch the lives of youngsters on the edge of death with His physical and spiritual healing.

With the support of volunteer surgeons and host families and churches, **80** boys and girls received heart surgery including **5** in Canada.

Over **900** children have been helped through this unique project since 1997.

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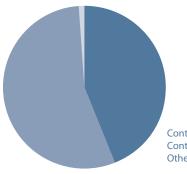
More than **25** children, parents, and other relatives came to a saving knowledge of Christ last year.

#### SAMARITAN'S PURSE Statement of Financial Position

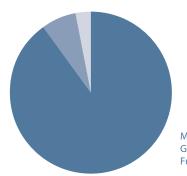
December 31, 2012 (with comparative totals for 2011)

	As at December 31, 2012 \$	As at December 31, 2011 \$	As at January 1, 2011 \$
Assets			
Current Cash Short-term investments Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses Inventory	6,856,520 2,621,870 502,091 85,469 118,848	5,657,102 3,960,605 289,851 72,722 118,848	5,373,676 2,926,613 371,049 75,655
	10,184,798	10,099,128	8,746,993
Investments	8,714,742	10,239,297	8,803,742
Capital assets	5,822,700	5,652,566	5,696,575
	24,722,240	25,990,991	23,247,310
Liabilities			
Current Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,704,646	773,192	854,995
Long-term liability	30,000	30,000	30,000
	1,734,646	803,192	884,995
Fund balances Unrestricted Internally restricted – invested in capital assets Externally restricted	7,091,965 5,822,700 10,072,929 22,987,594 24,722,240	6,852,975 5,652,566 12,682,258 25,187,799 25,990,991	5,162,898 5,696,575 11,502,842 22,362,315 23,247,310

#### Revenue



Contributions 44% Contributed goods/services 55% Other 1%



Expenses

Ministry 90% General/Admin 7% Fundraising 3%

#### SAMARITAN'S PURSE Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

As at December 31, 2012 and 2011

				2012	2011
	General Fund \$	Capital Fund \$	Ministry Fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
<b>Revenue</b> Contributions Gifts in kind Investment income Gain on sale of capital assets	6,308,746 45,337 415,260 -	125,340 16,000	16,835,175 28,805,088 1,909 -	23,143,921 28,975,765 417,169 16,000	23,796,055 28,702,351 329,936 -
	6,769,343	141,340	45,642,172	52,552,855	52,828,342
<b>Expenditures</b> Ministry expenses (schedule) Other missionary projects and	-	( <b>-</b> )	43,902,931	43,902,931	40,465,165
supporting services	2,283,048	156,345	2,987,311	5,426,704	4,502,369
	2,283,048	156,345	46,890,242	49,329,635	44,967,534
Fundraising	1,029,973	8 <del>7.</del>	703,057	1,733,030	1,880,405
General and administrative support for ministries	1,734,106	156,346	1,799,943	3,690,395	3,154,919
	5,047,127	312,691	49,393,242	54,753,060	50,002,858
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	1,722,216	(171,351)	(3,751,070)	(2,200,205)	2,825,484
Fund balance – Beginning of year	6,852,975	5,652,566	12,682,258	25,187,799	22,362,315
Inter fund transfer to Ministry Fund	(1,176,215)	-	1,176,215	÷	-
Inter fund transfer – capital asset purchases	(307,011)	341,485	(34,474)	-	15.
Fund balance – End of year	7,091,965	5,822,700	10,072,929	22,987,594	25,187,799

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For the year ended December 31, 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Water and sanitation Family health and nutrition Mission teams Assistance for women Evangelism and discipleship Livelihood training and support Emergency response Medical training and infrastructure Children –care and support Church and community mobilization Education and literacy HIV/AIDS and other disease projects Development and training	5,435,077 1,114,512 969,540 882,173 693,523 684,602 668,357 591,607 477,877 476,530 155,926 46,575	2,460,262 740,955 798,871 630,984 493,070 372,715 1,950,062 989,983 493,246 271,968 162,472 43,905 99,156
Operation Christmas Child World Medical Mission	12,196,299 31,455,692 250,940	9,507,649 30,842,432 115,084
	43,902,931	40,465,165

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