SAMARITAN'S PURSE 2013-2014 MINISTRY REPORT



SOURTHERN ALBERTA FLOOD-JUNE 2013



## Dear Friend,

Jesus Christ came to this earth to rescue souls from a fate far worse than any typhoon or flood. In the course of His ministry, He saved many lives, including His own disciples from a deadly storm on the Sea of Galilee. But that was not the ultimate reason He lived, died, and rose again. John 3:16 makes His eternal purpose perfectly clear—"that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Samaritan's Purse works in the Name of Jesus to save lives and ease suffering around the world, but everything we do is for a greater purpose—to earn a hearing for the Gospel. As we comfort people who have survived a storm, war, epidemic, or flooding (such as in southern Alberta last June), we want them to know how much Jesus loves them and how they can have eternal life with Him. All of us at Samaritan's Purse are

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Franklin Graham President, Samaritan's Purse

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## **International Disaster Relief**

# Hope for the Hurting

Samaritan's Purse continues to meet critical needs for children and families devastated by disasters and conflict in some of the world's most troubled regions. Through your prayers and financial support, hundreds of thousands of people in 2013 and so far in 2014 have received clean water, food, medical help, and the hope of the Gospel in places such as the Philippines, Syria, Liberia, and South Sudan.

#### PHILIPPINES

n November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan—one of the fiercest storms ever recorded—slammed into the central Philippines. Storm surges more than seven meters high killed thousands while destroying or damaging 1.1 million homes. Samaritan's Purse responded immediately, providing thousands of survivors with emergency shelter, clean water, medical care, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus. We chartered two Boeing 747 jumbo jets to deliver tons of emergency supplies including a field hospital, community water filters, and enough heavy-duty tarp to shelter 20,000 families.

"I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Psalm 91:2 (NKJV)

A third Boeing 747 was used to airlift 65,000 Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. The gifts arrived just before Christmas and were handed out by hundreds of churches as a reminder to these precious, hurting children how much God loves them.

Samaritan's Purse also distributed nearly 1,700 metric tons of food to people such as Divina, a mother of three. "We were hungry," Divina said, remembering the days after Haiyan hit. Her family scavenged until Samaritan's Purse brought food

Typhoon survivors on Leyte Island cut these rolls of heavy-duty plastic into tarps to shelter thousands of families. We are now helping 10,000 families build tinroofed houses, using lumber milled from trees felled by the typhoon.

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and essential kitchen supplies.

"Everything we received from Samaritan's Purse is such a blessing," she continued with tears welling up in her eyes. "But we thank Jesus first for His grace, then we thank the people who gave it to us."

The storm surge polluted wells and left entire communities without safe drinking water, so we installed six large filtration systems, benefitting 20,000 people. To help prevent the spread of disease, we also distributed hygiene kits with soap and personal items for 26,000 families.

Samaritan's Purse deployed doctors and nurses to set up a field hospital and work alongside local staff in the town of Palo. In 2014, mobile medical teams have also continued to treat people in remote areas with no other access to medical care.

Rebuilding the Philippines will take years. In the meantime, Samaritan's Purse is providing 10,000 families with materials to construct transitional housing and an equal number of latrines. We're also working with a long-time Filipino partner to restore farmers' livelihoods by re-establishing coconut groves and starting home gardens to provide sustainable food for their families.

Samaritan's Purse is partnering with the local church to reach out to those in need. "We have already brought physical aid," said Pastor Sanchez Ismael. "Now we come to bring spiritual aid; we want the whole community to know that there is hope in Jesus Christ."

#### **SOUTH SUDAN**

The fledgling nation of South Sudan continues to face many challenges. Over the last three years, thousands of families have fled neighboring Sudan amidst fear of genocide and have sought refuge in camps along South Sudan's northern border.

Then in December 2013, political and ethnic fighting erupted in the capital city of Juba and spread across the country, displacing more than one million South Sudanese and preventing them from planting crops. The result is a serious threat of starvation for as many as seven million people.

Samaritan's Purse has been working in this part of Africa for 20 years, and we remain committed to maintaining our food, water, medical care, and nutritional programs that are meeting the needs of more than 200,000 men, women, and children every day.

In the Yida and Doro refugee camps, Samaritan's Purse provides safe water, food, and treatment for malnourishment that work together to bring suffering children and adults back from the brink of death. We also continue to operate Bunj Hospital, the only healthcare provider in all of Maban County offering surgical care and nutritional programs.

"We are the only ones here to help these people and be a witness for Christ," says the hospital's Dr. Evan Atar.

In addition to enabling us to provide physical and spiritual relief for Sudanese refugees, God has enabled us to meet the urgent needs of tens of thousands who are displaced within South Sudan due to the recent ethnic and political violence.

Your donations, and Samaritan's Purse's expertise in water, sanitation, and hygiene, are helping restore and preserve the health of children and adults while bringing hope to those who desperately need it. Please continue to support these efforts.

#### SYRIA

As the civil war in Syria enters its third year, Samaritan's Purse continues to partner with courageous local churches to help vulnerable Christians and Muslims alike. These churches are distributing food parcels and other essentials to war-weary families struggling with high inflation, unemployment, and constant threats of danger. Some 2,000 families will receive compassionate assistance in Jesus' Name in 2014.

Samaritan's Purse is also providing relief for many of those who have fled the violence within Syria. "The war came to our village, in front of our door, so we were so afraid. That's why we ran away," recalls one Syrian woman in a refugee camp in Kurdistan, northern Iraq.

Samaritan's Purse is seizing practical opportunities to show thousands of Syrian refugees that God cares for their needs and has not forgotten them. As a result,

## Ministry highlights

Through emergency relief efforts around the world, we provide physical aid including water, food, shelter, medical care, and other necessities. We also share the hope of the Gospel to people harmed by war, natural disaster, disease, and famine.

- Nearly 104,000 people in 10 countries including South Sudan, Indonesia, and Nicaragua—received Samaritan's Purse emergency assistance in 2013
- We provided emergency water to more than 66,000 people and food staples such as rice, oil, and canned meat to about 17,000 people

the Holy Spirit is softening hearts and many people are coming to believe in Jesus who proclaimed "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b, NKJV).

#### LIBERIA

In early 2014, deadly Ebola broke out in Guinea and quickly spread to other neighboring West African countries, including Liberia. Proper medical procedures and wide-spread awareness curbed the initial outbreak of this deadly virus, passed through physical contact and bodily fluids. But it returned midway through 2014 and killed more than 450 people in West Africa.

Our field office in Liberia refocused all staff and resources on providing medical supplies and undertaking a massive education and prevention campaign. Utilizing every means available, including pamphlets, posters, and public presentations, staff connected with more than 400,000 people—dispelling myths about the disease, sharing simple ways to prevent infection, and helping contain the spread of Ebola in Liberia. We've also sent Canadian medical specialists to Liberia to help treat patients. .

Dr. David Gettle and nurse Mary Lou Fisher (upper left) served on an international team that worked alongside the staff at a stormdamaged hospital in the Philippines to provide emergency medical care. Our medical team also operate a mobile clinic that treated over 5,000 patients.

## **Canadian Disaster Relief**

# Reaching Out to Our Neighbors

It was the most expensive and catastrophic natural disaster in Canadian history. But thanks to the prayers, donations, and volunteerism of Canadians, Samaritan's Purse was able to respond to devastating flooding in southern Alberta with the largest domestic relief effort in our 41-year Canadian history. Several days of massive rain in June 2013, combined with spring runoff in the Rocky Mountains, caused six rivers in southern Alberta to flood. That led the City of Calgary and 22 other Alberta communities to declare states of emergency.

More than 100,000 people were hit very hard. Thousands were forced to seek refuge at churches, community shelters, or with family and friends, because their homes were badly damaged or destroyed. Even as the flooding was happening, Samaritan's Purse was consulting with church partners and government officials to help as many victims as possible.

Donations from corporate partners and generous Canadians enabled us to move two of our Disaster Relief Unit (DRU) tractor trailers (specially outfitted with essential tools and safety gear) to southern Alberta. There, the DRUs joined a unit already in Calgary as coordination points and equipment supply hubs for volunteers. Over the next two months, we

"In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You will answer me." Psalm 86:7 (NKJV)

recruited and trained nearly 5,000 volunteer Good Samaritans to help 793 flooded homeowners in Calgary, High River, Black Diamond, the Siksika First Nation, and Medicine Hat.

When the flooding first started, water from the Bow River began pouring into many people's homes, including Jill Hodgins' house

Entire sections of Calgary, including much of the downtown core, was inundated when the surging Bow River flooded in June 2013. A total of six rivers flooded in southern Alberta, forcing Calgary and 22 other communities to declare states of emergency.





in Calgary's Bowness community. The damage was enormous-with stinking mud and debris everywhere. Without close family or friends nearby, Jill was desperate for help-until Samaritan's Purse volunteers arrived on scene. They prepared her home for restoration by tearing up damaged floors, cutting away soaked drywall, and sanitizing her home to guard against mould.

"I'm just so overwhelmed." Jill said, overcome with emotion as she hugged a volunteer. "Words can't express the gratitude I feel."

South of Calgary, almost the entire town of High River was submerged by floodwaters from the Highwood River. Some residents, like Alice and Norm Gould, had to be air-rescued as their neighborhoods filled with murky, dangerous water.

"It was devastating," Alice said. When the elderly couple was able to return home, they found their basement covered in mud. Appliances, a piano, family photos, and even their one-year-old car were destroyed.

But help soon arrived. A team of Samaritan's Purse volunteers tore out ruined carpet and drywall, removed damaged or destroyed belongings, and sanitized the home-all at no charge to the Goulds.

"It's unbelievable," Alice said. "We are so grateful." Throughout all this work, specially trained, volunteer Rapid Response Team chaplains from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Canada provided emotional and spiritual help to volunteers and flood victims.

#### **CONTINUING THE WORK**

Although the southern Alberta floods happened more than a year ago, Samaritan's Purse is continuing to help some of the most vulnerable flood victims. In May and June of this year, we co-sponsored the High River Spring Clean-Up Days-three Saturdays where volunteers did yard work and community beautification throughout the town.

In addition, we are aiding homeowners in Calgary and High River who do not have the resources to repair their damaged homes through the Southern Alberta Restoration Project. In some cases, we are repairing damaged basements or doing relatively minor repairs; in other situations, we are restoring homes from the ground up.

More than 200 volunteers have invested over 3,300 hours in the Southern Alberta Restoration Project. Our staff also often provide spiritual and emotional support as homeowners pursue insurance claims or government assistance. We are talking and praying with homeowners who don't realize that during their

difficulties. God still loves them and wants to have an eternal relationship with them through Jesus Christ.

This work is continuing throughout 2014, and volunteers are still needed. To sign up or get more information, please visit SamaritansPurse.ca/restore or call 1.800.663.6500.

#### **HELPING IN ONTARIO**

In 2013, municipal officials in Huntsville and Minden, Ontario, asked Samaritan's Purse to help homeowners devastated by spring floods. Using the Ontario-based Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailer. our relief team coordinated almost 150 volunteers and helped more than 40 homeowners. Our team pumped out water, tore down damaged walls, and removed debris—all at no charge to the homeowners.

In May of 2014, we responded to requests for help by spending three weeks in the Belleville region helping residents overwhelmed by flooding. A total of 136 volunteers

from area churches and other organizations contributed over 1.000 hours preparing 33 damaged houses for restoration.

"Families have received tremendous support and labor from these folks to put their lives back in some semblance of order." said John O'Donnell, Director of Emergency Services in the Belleville region. "As our Belleville city fire chief so aptly said in the local media, 'Literally, thank God for Samaritan's Purse'."

#### **PROVIDING HOPE IN NEW** BRUNSWICK

Our newest Disaster Relief Unit tractor trailer is stationed in New Brunswick, where Samaritan's Purse has been busy responding to floods almost every year. In April 2014, the Village of Sussex Corner declared a state of emergency due to severe flooding. Ice jams and high water on area waterways damaged as many as 100 homes in the community of 1,500. According to residents, it was the worst flood they have

Samaritan's Purse trained, equipped, and dispatched almost 5,000 volunteers to clean up homes in Calgary, High River, Siksika First Nation, Black Diamond, and Medicine Hat. Among those helping out was country music star Paul Brandt (lower left).



## Ministry highlights

When floods, tornados, and other disasters ravage Canadian communities, Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches to help victims restore their homes and get back on their feet.

- In 2013, 834 families in seven southern Alberta and central **Ontario communities received** clean-up assistance
- 5,117 volunteers contributed more than 40.000 hours toward relief efforts
- Samaritan's Purse continues to help more than 70 floodharmed Alberta families with minor and major home repairs

experienced in recent memory. After being welcomed by municipal officials, more than 400 Samaritan's Purse volunteers cleaned out over 70 flooded homes during a three-week period. 🖶

**HIGH RIVER** 

"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!" Psalm 67:4 (NKJV)

hen Pastor Abraham Murillo handed out shoebox gifts to children at Iglesia Reformada in the town of Siguatepeque, Honduras, he set one special box aside.

He carried it to the hospital to give to a 10-year-old boy from his church. Denis had nearly died when a brick wall collapsed on him. He suffered a fractured skull and lingered in a coma for 15 days, finally regaining consciousness as his aunt prayed for him. He had to learn again how to walk and talk.

In the hospital, Denis delighted in the crayons, stuffed dog, toothbrush, and other items in his shoebox. Pastor Murillo explained that God sent a gift for everyone-salvation through Jesus Christ. The shoebox was a representation of that free gift.

Denis knew the story of Jesus but had never given his heart to the Lord. As the pastor shared about the gift of salvation and read a Gospel booklet that is delivered with shoebox gifts, the words came to life for the boy.

"Then. I knew that God is a

This Mexican girl's smile says "Thank you!" to everyone who packed shoebox gifts.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

# The Light of the Gospel

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes helped bring the truth of God's Word to nearly 10 million children in 2013.

big God, and understood what He wants for me through Jesus Christ," Denis said, "I praved for salvation and I opened my heart to Jesus. I know that Jesus came to my heart, and I felt so happy, and so much better because now I was saved. Now I have Jesus in my heart. I want to keep serving God because now I am a new person. I know that God made a miracle in my life and I am His son."

Denis was among 9,985,210 children in 112 countries who received shoebox gifts collected last year. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has handed out 113.7 million gift boxes around the world.

Each shoebox provides an opportunity for a local church to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families.

High in the snow-capped Himalayan Mountains of Nepal, six-year-old Prakash had never celebrated Christmas until the day he was invited to a local church for an unforgettable celebration.

The boys and girls received gift-filled shoeboxes from **Operation Christmas Child** A group of local Christians, ministry partners of Samaritan's Purse, hand-delivered the gifts. They told the children and their families about the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of the One who would be the Savior for all who believe in Him.

The young boy was thrilled with his shoebox, carrying it with him everywhere.

"Prakash was so happy," said his mother, Laxmi. "He said, 'Look Ma, I have a lot of gifts! They are all for me!"

Laxmi received an even greater gift. She started attending the church, where she learned more about the love of Christ.

"I confessed my sin and

gave my life to Jesus," she said. "Through that box, not only did I come to know God, I came to love Him, too,"

**Operation Christmas Child** celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2013. In Canada, families and individuals packed more than 664,000 gift-filled shoeboxes. They were distributed in 16 countries.

As we collected shoeboxes, We filled two 747 jumbo jets

Samaritan's Purse was meeting the emergency needs of Syrian refugees in Iraq and survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. with gifts and airlifted them to the Philippines and Iraq.

"I really appreciate those people who are thinking of us and taking care of us," said Heyat Ali, a Syrian girl who spent the winter in a refugee camp.

Around the world, shoebox gifts are handed out by local church partners who are dedicated to telling children about Jesus.

"Operation Christmas Child is not just about the shoeboxes." said Alain Limbo, who coordinates distributions in Cameroon. Africa. "It's about the Gospel that brings light to life. When we give them the boxes, the doors are opened, and we can now reach them with the Gospel." 💠



## Ministry highlights

In 2013, we celebrated the collection of 664,066 gift-filled shoeboxes from across Canada. These special gifts have brought good news and great joy to children in 16 countries in Central and South America, the Caribbean, west Africa, the Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

- Using a cargo plane, we airlifted 65.000 shoeboxes from Canada and the U.S. to bring hope, peace, and the Good News of Jesus to the children of the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan
- We airlifted a further 65.000 shoeboxes from Canada and the U.S. to bring hope and joy to Syrian children living in refugee camps in northern Iraq
- Approximately 1,478,381 people—including children, parents, and even entire communities—heard Gospel presentations in many of the communities where Canadian shoeboxes were distributed

### "Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths." Psalm 25:4 (NKJV)



### The Greatest Journey

# Learning to Follow Jesus

**Operation Christmas Child's Bible-based** discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, invites children to respond to the Gospel and teaches them how to walk with Jesus and share their faith.

aren Herrera had never heard about Jesus until she was invited to a church in Mexico to receive a shoebox from Operation Christmas Child, A local pastor told the children they were about to get a wonderful gift, but there was one even better. The greatest gift was God's own Son!

Ten-vear-old Karen wanted to know more. When she heard about a program called The Greatest Journey that would teach her about this wonderful Jesus and what it means to follow Him, she enthusiastically enrolled.

"When I took the lessons, I invited Jesus into my heart." she said. "I learned that He's my Savior." Now she can't wait to share her

new-found faith in Christ with her cousins and siblings. Ravi had already come to

faith in Jesus and wanted to tell his family and friends, but he had a limited knowledge of his faith. Then Operation Christmas Child came to his village in India. He received a shoebox and enrolled in The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program developed by Samaritan's Purse in cooperation with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

He learned what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, how to live out his faith, and how to share the Good News. Ravi's longing to lead others in the village to Christ quickly spread to his friends. In a short time, the entire community began to experience the power of God.

"The Lord is working wonderfully in this village," said a Samaritan's Purse ministry partner.

Alex Nsengimana, who received a shoebox as a boy in 1995, meets some of the more than 9.000 Rwandan children enrolled in the discipleship program in 2013.

Lorena Lamilla, 18, and They wanted to pass on their Jhonatan and Lorena feel "As we received a shoebox and

Jhonatan Tamani, 16. distinctly remember the shoebox gifts they received at their church in Peru nine years ago. "It was because of that gift that we began to grow closer and closer to Jesus and grow in our faith," Jhonatan said. faith, and became trained as The Greatest Journey teachers. They started leading their first classes last year. "We need to do something for the children, and we're starting with the children in our own community," Lorena said. called to be a pastor and a missionary, and teaching the classes are the perfect launching pad. They are praying and trusting that their students will come to salvation through the lessons. we learned and grew in our faith, I hope that they will do the same," Jhonatan said, "I hope that they, too, will move from being students

to teachers."

In Mexico, India, Peru, and more than 90 other countries. a shoebox gift is often the beginning of a child's journey of faith. Since 2009, over 2.8 million children have learned what it means to become faithful followers of Jesus Christ through The Greatest Journey.

We praise God that more than The curriculum consists of

1.1 million of these children have accepted Christ as Savior. 12 engaging Bible lessons that instruct the next generation of believers on what it means to become fully devoted to Jesus and how to boldly share their faith. As they complete the lessons, children receive a copy of the New Testament in their own language. 🔹

## Ministry highlights

We are celebrating how God is working through The Greatest Journey, Operation Christmas Child's voluntary discipleship curriculum. In 2013, in countries that received shoeboxes from Canada:

- 8,952 Greatest Journey teachers were trained and equipped
- 185,992 children enrolled in **Greatest Journey classes**
- 103,240 children graduated
- 50.057 children trusted Jesus as their Savior
- 63.676 children committed to pray for their non-Christian friends

The worldwide impact of The Greatest Journey from 2009 to 2013:

- 2,877,824 children enrolled
- 1,861,239 children graduated
- 1,168,215 reported decisions for Christ





"Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." John 4:14 (NKJV)

### Water Projects

# **Clean Water, Living Water**

Samaritan's Purse's water, sanitation, and hygiene projects are transforming lives in some of the world's poorest countries. As we do this, the Lord is providing opportunities to tell people about the living water of Jesus Christ.

wo years ago, having convenient access to clean water was only a dream for the village of Kumbi in northeastern Kenya. A shallow well one kilometer from the village was the nearest water source, but the supply was limited and could be easily contaminated by ranging livestock and open defecation. Kumbi is in Kenya's Tana River region that is plagued by drought. Many people there are forced to walk up to 35 kilometers a day to collect water. And water that can be consumed safely, without any fear of diarrheal diseases, is virtually non-existent.

"I wish you knew how desperately I need clean water for my family," Babu, a single mother, told us.

In 2011, a severe drought and famine devastated millions in the region. Thanks to the generosity of Canadians like you, Samaritan's Purse was able to provide life-saving help.

Since we began partnering with the people of Kumbi, the village's dream to have water much closer to home, and water that poses no risk to anyone's health, has come true.

At first, as a temporary solution to the devastating drought, we trucked emergency water to the village and provided a holding tank for storage. Then, because of your support, we were able to repair Kumbi's broken-down well and install a pipe system that carries safe, chlorinated water to several taps throughout the village.

We are also providing health and hygiene training so families understand the importance of using latrines, washing their hands regularly, and other sanitation practices.

"This is, indeed, a great thing to happen to this village," said one of our Kenyan staff members. "These people not only have a clean, free water supply that is guaranteed throughout the day, but they also have it delivered right to their doorsteps."

Though they'd seen the plan on paper, many community members couldn't believe it when they heard the water gushing into a local storage tank—much less flowing freely from each tap. They jumped up and down in jubilation, and women shouted with joy.

ridden villages • Building and installing BioSand Water Filters (a Canadian invention that has provided safe water to more than one million people so far) • Drilling and repairing wells • Building rainwater reservoirs • Installing filters to provide safe water to entire schools Our prayer is that not only

Purse leaves.

will their water needs be met, but they will also come to know that "the LORD is a refuge for the



Now, the village's water supply is governed by a local volunteer committee we've trained. It maintains the well, the storage facility, and the distribution system to ensure lasting benefits for the community long after Samaritan's

This village is one of many we have supported, in Kenya and in other developing nations, during times of drought. But in Tana River, nearly half the population still does not have access to clean water. That's why your financial partnership with us is critical. Your gifts will help our staff continue to address water needs and provide life-saving health and hygiene training in Kenya and 13 other nations in Africa. Latin America, and southeast Asia. We do this through:

• Transporting emergency water supplies to drought-

## Ministry highlights

Our water, sanitation, and hygiene projects helped nearly 250,000 people in 14 countries in 2013. By focusing on struggling families, schools, and communities, Samaritan's Purse is improving health and transforming lives in Jesus' Name.

- More than 27.000 families received easy-to-use and Iong-lasting BioSand Water Filters
- New wells and reservoirs built in 2013 are benefitting at least 42,000 people in countries such as Kenya, Niger, and Nepal
- Over 81,000 people were taught good hygiene and sanitation practices

oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble" (Psalm 9:9-10, NIV). +

Thanks to your partnership, Samaritan's Purse is helping people around the worldincluding students in rural Cambodia (left) women in the African nations of Uganda (left)-get clean water and important health and hygiene training. Witnessing people forced to use dirty water (below) for drinking and cooking is what inspires us to do all we can to provide clean water.



## **Healthy Children, Healthy Families**

## **Providing Hope** and the Good News

With your help, Samaritan's Purse is meeting the urgent needs of children, families, and communities in more than 30 countries through food, medical care, literacy, livelihood training, and more.

"My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)

n Liberia, 50-year-old Mary Kotoi has achieved something that fewer than half the women in her African nation have accomplished: she's learned to read.

Mary is one of 1,500 women who have benefitted so far from a Samaritan's Purse program, operated in partnership with Liberian churches, that teaches reading, writing, and mathematics to help them with day-to-day market transactions and with other ways to provide for their families.

Mary has been assisted by the reading and writing lessons, and by the Scriptures read and explained to her by teachers.

Bible readings also captivated fellow student Hawa Korhene. Through the program, she learned about God's unconditional love and came to accept Christ as her personal savior.

"Now, I am able to go to church on Sundays and pray to God," she said.

In Cambodia, Chem used to earn only \$25 a month while farming in this southeast Asian country where poverty rates are high and opportunities for education are nearly non-existent.

Vegetable farming was a yearround battle for Chem. Without good crop yields, the 66-year-old struggled to feed his family.

That's why Samaritan's Pursewith the prayers and financial support of Canadians—is helping equip farmers in Cambodia and other developing nations.

Chem and others have learned how the judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides, along with other farming techniques, can improve their vegetable crops. The knowledge is enabling Chem's farm to thrive.

"I am very pleased with the crop yield this year," he said.

techniques."

Chem's income has doubled Please join us. Countless more In the Asian nation of Nepal,

because of the knowledge he gained and put into practice. Now, Chem is training other farmers in his village, so they can improve their farming techniques, too. farmers like Chem are struggling, and you can provide the resources they urgently need to succeed. baby Daiwik was born with a cleft palate and misshapen hands and feet. That caused his parents to decide to abandon him.

Horrific stories like this are the harsh reality for thousands of impoverished people in Nepal who are treated as outcasts because they suffer from debilitating deformities or illnesses.

Samaritan's Purse is working to change that reality. We are helping a partner in Nepal to transport people in need of medical services to a hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal's capital city.

At the hospital, our partner ensures patients receive medical treatment and medicine, while also providing them with food, lodging, and emotional support. Along the way, the patients hear the reason for this support: our wish to offer the love of Jesus Christ that is within us.

Having heard the Gospel and experienced God's love in practical ways, many families return to their isolated villages not only healed physically, but also transformed spiritually. Daiwik and his family are among those transformed lives. Bhuvi, Daiwik's mother, decided against abandoning him. Then, a month after his birth, Bhuvi took Daiwik to a local hospital for immunizations. From there, he was

#### "I really love these farming

referred to our partner for help.

Several reconstructive surgeries later. "Daiwik can walk, speak, and have big smiles," says our partner.

Bhuvi's faith in Jesus Christ. born through her experience with our partner, is continuing to deepen. And as a result, Daiwik is growing up knowing God loves all the children of the world, including him.

Many more children in Nepal and elsewhere desperately need the help only you can provide through Samaritan's Purse. 🖶

Helping rural families in Uganda (left), Cambodia, Nepal, and other developing nations to feed themselves gives Samaritan's Purse opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Ministry highlights

Through agriculture, education, and medical programs, we are meeting many of the urgent needs of children in the developing world and strengthening their families and communities to care for one another.

- More than 6.600 families were trained on agriculture techniques that will help them grow more food
- Together with our partners, we provided medical care to 21,400 people in 2013, including 11,000 in Haiti and 5,200 in Nepal
- Nearly 3,000 children received educational assistance ranging from tuition support to uniforms and school supplies



### **First Nations Ministry**

## Befriending Canada's **First Nations**

Samaritan's Purse has been blessed with opportunities to serve amongst the Siksika, Stoney Nakoda, and Tahltan First Nations in 2013 and 2014, resulting in ongoing relationships that are glorifying God and giving hope.

n 27 years of living on the Siksika Nation reserve east of Calgary, Melvina Henry has never seen her home in the Bow River valley flooded.

But on June 21, 2013, as she helped to position sandbags around homes that were in danger of flooding on another part of the reserve, Melvina received a callwarning that the rising water was just feet from her own front door.

"By the time we got home, it was too late," she said. "In 15 minutes, the water filled our basement and was an inch from the first floor."

Melvina and her husband Larry were renovating the main floor of their home and had moved most of their possessions to the basement. Now, almost everything was submerged in muddy floodwaters.

"We had a lot of valuables down there." Melvina said with tears in her eyes. "The only thing that has kept me and my family strong is prayer,

and the help of Samaritan's Purse." As Melvina recalled the treasures that were damaged. Samaritan's Purse volunteers were working hard in the background. They cleaned out her home, carried load after load of mud-soaked items from the basement, and sorted through possessions that could be salvaged.

But even in the midst of the devastation around her. Melvina was encouraged.

"I'm really thankful for all of you," she said, referring to the volunteers—and to the donors who fueled Samaritan's Purse's flood relief effort in southern Alberta. "We were alone until you came to help. You guys are kind, patient, and helpful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

By the end of the summer. more than 1.500 Samaritan's Purse volunteers had cleaned out over 130 homes on the Siksika Nation reserve. When Christmas came, as

a form of thank-you, Siksika

community members shopped for and packed 50 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes—a first-time activity for them.

Then, in another historic event, several leaders from Siksika and from another flood-damaged First Nations group, the Stoney Nakoda west of Calgary, gathered with their friends and families to help at the Samaritan's Purse shoebox processing center in Calgary. Meanwhile in Dease Lake. British Columbia, Samaritan's Purse has been working hard over the last year to build strong relationships, which are essential to establishing

our local Ministry Center.

The small, northern community is home to the Tahltan First Nation. Together with several of our Tahltan friends, we are praying that the Lord will bless our efforts to provide a safe, positive, Christ-centered gathering place where youth and their families can experience God's love and our hospitality. Some of the activities our staff in

Dease Lake have organized for youth include teaching cooking classes at Dease Lake's high school, introducing elementary and high school children to "Ultimate Frisbee," hosting pizzamaking parties, and sharing the Gospel through a My Hope with Billy Graham movie night.

In June 2014, we also provided staff and volunteers at the region's 16th annual Stikine Gospel Music Festival, and arranged for Junoaward winning country musician Paul Brandt to be a featured artist.

Willie Williams, co-founder of the music festival, said, "I'd like to thank Samaritan's Purse for coming to Dease Lake, and most of all, for helping our youth."

Our praver, as we reach out in First Nations communities, is that many will begin a relationship with Christ, so together, we can say: "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ. and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place" (2 Corinthians 2:14, NKJV). +

Melvina Henry was among 130 homeowners in Alberta's Siksika First Nation whose flooded homes were cleaned out and prepared for restoration by Samaritan's Purse volunteers in 2013.



### Teams

# No Country too Near or Far

From Costa Rica to Cambodia, Samaritan's Purse Teams have provided assistance in nearly a dozen countries over the last year. Not only have they changed lives, but their lives have been changed, too.

he Cambodian woman slowly and shyly approached the eyeglass clinic area. Helen—a registered nurse from Canada—welcomed her with the traditional Cambodian greeting of a nod accompanied by hands together as if in prayer, and asked the woman, 53-year-old Jeoung Ra, to sit down.

It was the second-to-last day of an eyeglass and medical clinic that our Samaritan's Purse medical team was hosting in rural northern Cambodia. The heat was stifling, but our team volunteers were as enthusiastic as ever to prescribe God's love and grace to patients.

Jeoung's right eye was false; Helen learned that she had lost it in 1979 as a result of an exploding landmine. She tested the vision in Jeoung's left eye, and was pleased to report that it was still

From Nicaragua (left) to Cambodia (above right), Canadians are travelling with Samaritan's Purse to provide physical, medical, and spiritual care to people in developing nations.

good. Then the woman began to pinch her own face and hands, indicating to Helen that there was still shrapnel from the landmine embedded in her skin.

Helen arranged for her to have surgery at the clinic that day. As Jeoung waited patiently, Helen sought her permission to pray for her—and later learned that her surgery had been successful. If it weren't for volunteers like Helen, many of the world's hurting would still be waiting to receive help and hope. Samaritan's Purse Teams exist to

give Canadians opportunities to heed the cries of those in needand nearly 400 people answered that call last year, bringing help and God's love to thousands. More life-changing trips are coming up for all ages and abilities, including opportunities to distribute Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need, offer dental and medical care to the suffering, and provide clean water to thirsty families. Visit SamaritansPurse.ca/Teams to find out where God might be



calling you or someone you knowwhether near or far. 💠

## Ministry highlights

Samaritan's Purse helps Canadians respond in obedience to serve in various capacities around the world, including through short-term mission opportunities coordinated each year in approximately a dozen countries.

- We coordinated 29 teams in 2013, including nine water project teams and **11 focused on Operation Christmas Child**
- Nearly 400 Canadians were served, ranging in age from 10 to 78 years old
- Canadian teams served 829 patients through eyeglass clinics and 213 patients through dental outreaches

## World Medical Mission

# Moved with Compassion

Our medical volunteers helped staff 38 mission hospitals in 2013.

hen Mary's leg was crushed in a terrible car accident in Kenva, she was rushed to Kijabe Hospital one of 38 mission hospitals in 29 countries that were staffed in 2013 by volunteers from World Medical Mission, the medical arm of Samaritan's Purse. Each of these hospitals is an oasis for sharing the Gospel and healing the sick in Jesus' Name.

As Marv received world-class medical care, she was surrounded by the love of Christ. Doctors prayed with her as she went into surgery, and chaplains shared the Gospel with her during her recovery.

Before she left Kijabe, Mary prayed to receive Christ as her Savior.

"I saw the hand of God when He saved me," she said, "I wanted to have Christ in my heart. I praise God for what He did for me and I want to tell people that Jesus is real. He is alive!"

World Medical Mission coordinated 966 international trips for Christian physicians and other volunteers in 2013, including 34 Canadians. In addition to the traditional short-term assignments at mission hospitals, our volunteers also staffed a field hospital and mobile clinics in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, and repaired cleft lips in South Sudan.

World Medical Mission's Post-Residency Program provides

two-year assignments for young Christian physicians who feel called to a lifetime of overseas service. Since the Post-Residency Program began in 2004, the Lord has called 95 Christian physicians to serve in 26 hospitals around the world. 🕂



Dr. Jessica Kwapis, a Canadian, served in Nepal at the Tansen Mission Hospital as part of World Medical Mission's Post-Residency Program. She and her husband, Paul, remain committed to helping meet the physical and spiritual needs of Nepal in the coming years.

## **Children's Heart Project**

# Healing Hearts and Souls

Children's Heart Project recently celebrated the 1.000th child to receive life-saving surgery not available in their own countries. More than 80 had their operations in Canada.

Anuka (right) was one of 11 children who received lifesaving surgery in 2013 in Canada through Samaritan's Purse's Children's Heart Project. Zaya, Anuka's mother, was so deeply touched by the care she received that she committed her life to Jesus Christ.

hen Anuka was born. her parents knew something was wrong. Their baby wasn't sleeping well and often turned blue. When she was two months old, she was diagnosed with a heart defect called Tetralogy of Fallot.

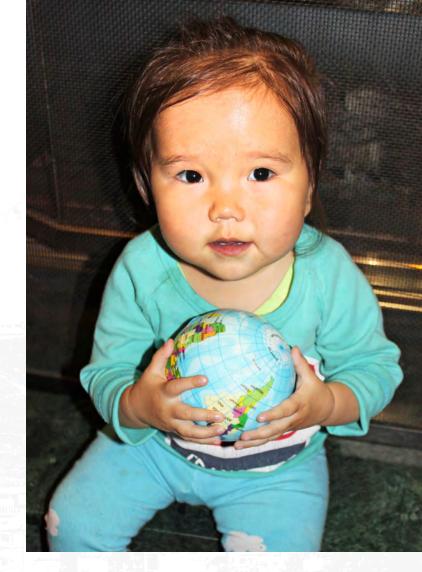
Anuka needed surgery, but her parents knew it couldn't be safely performed in Mongolia, their home country. Thankfully, Children's Heart Project was able to help.

Less than a year after her diagnosis, Anuka was accepted for free heart surgery in Canada. While she was here, Anuka and her mother Zava were hosted by a Christian family, Michael and Charlene Cook.

"Anuka was a miracle, an absolute miracle," said Charlene, "Her hands and lips were always so cold and blue, and she was so light and delicate. But after surgery, she had the rosiest cheeks. Her little hands and lips turned pink and she started gaining weight immediately." Zaya was deeply impacted by the care she and Anuka received from the Cooks and their church family during their time in Canada. Moved by their faith in Christ and the peaceful, loving way they interacted with one another, Zaya wanted what they had—so she gave her life to the Lord.

"I am changed because of

Jesus," Zaya told us. "My heart now



belonas to Him."

Today, Anuka's heart is strong because of her surgery, and Zaya is growing in her faith. The Christian interpreter that travelled with the family to Canada is helping connect them with a church in Mongolia. Zaya prays that her husband, a Buddhist, will also come to know Christ.

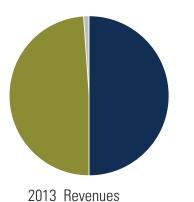
Our praver is that one day. all those who we serve through Children's Heart Project, as well as their families, will declare: "The Lord is my strength and my shield; mv heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise Him" (Psalm 28:7, NKJV). +

### Samaritan's Purse

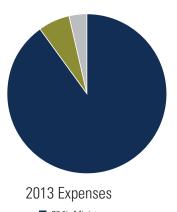
## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2013 (with comparative totals for 2012)

	2013	2012	
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Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 5,085,462	\$ 6,856,520	
Short-term investments	9,156,095	2,621,870	
Accounts receivable	629,372	502,091	
Prepaid expenses	192,974	85,469	
Inventory	287,019	118,848	
Total Current Assets	15,350,922	10,184,798	
Investments	7,594,904	8,714,742	
Capital assets	6,674,129	5,822,700	
Total Assets	29,619,955	24,722,240	
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,964,404	1,734,646	
Fund balances:			
Unrestricted	6,603,021	7,091,965	
Internally restricted - invested in capital assets	6,674,129	5,822,700	
Externally restricted	14,378,401	10,072,929	
	27,655,551	22,987,594	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 29,619,955	\$ 24,722,240	



50 % Contributions 49 % Contributed Goods/Services 1% Other



90 % Ministry 6.5 % General/Administrative 3.5 % Fundraising

## Samaritan's Purse

### Consolidated Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 (with comparative totals for 2012)

	2013			2012	
	General Fund	Capital Fund	Ministry Fund	Total	Total
Revenue:					
Contributions	\$ 7,065,754	\$ –	\$ 23,451,045	\$ 30,516,799	\$ 22,986,71
Gifts in kind	537,661	193,622	28,717,879	29,449,162	28,975,76
Investment income	321,144	-	1,792	322,936	417,16
Gain on sale of capital assets	-	-	-	-	16,00
Total Revenue	7,924,559	193,622	52,170,716	60,288,897	52,395,64
Expenditures:					
Ministry expenses	_	_	43,902,071	43,902,071	43,902,9
Other missionary projects and supporting services	2,622,425	186,048	3,361,420	6,169,893	5,426,7
Total Ministry Expenditures	2,622,425	186,048	47,263,491	50,071,964	49,329,6
Fundraising	1,254,299	_	707,285	1,961,584	1,733,03
General and administrative support for ministries	899,367	186,048	2,501,977	3,587,392	3,533,1
Total Expenditures	4,776,091	372,096	50,472,753	55,620,940	54,595,8
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	3,148,468	(178,474)	1,697,963	4,667,957	(2,200,20
Fund balance, Beginning of year	7,091,965	5,822,700	10,072,929	22,987,594	25,187,7
Interfund transfer to Ministry Fund	(2,760,053)	_	2,760,053	_	
Interfund transfer - capital asset purchases	(877,359)	1,029,903	(152,544)	-	
Fund balance, End of year	\$ 6,603,021	\$ 6,674,129	\$ 14,378,401	\$ 27,655,551	\$ 22,987,59

Complete 2013 audited financial statements at SamaritansPurse.ca/financial.

### Samaritan's Purse

### Consolidated Schedule of Ministry Expenses

December 31, 2013 (with comparative totals for 2012)

	2013	2012	
Water and sanitation	\$ 4,447,618	\$ 5,435,077	
Emergency response	1,776,074	668,357	
Family health and nutrition	1,248,510	1,114,512	
Mission teams	994,744	969,540	
Evangelism and discipleship	904,898	693,523	
Livelihood training and support	898,571	684,602	
Assistance for women	848,956	882,173	
Church and community mobilization	638,241	476,530	
Children - care and support	268,275	477,877	
Education and literacy	255,349	155,926	
Development and training	134,996	-	
HIV/AIDS and other disease projects	124,763	46,575	
Medical training and infrastructure	75,722	591,607	
	12,616,717	12,196,299	
Operation Christmas Child	31,125,601	31,455,692	
World Medical Mission	159,753	250,940	
Total Ministry Expenses	\$ 43,902,071	\$ 43,902,931	

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