Dear Friend,

The tornados that ripped through Oklahoma last May and the typhoon that devastated the Philippines in November were among the most powerful storms in history. We thank God that 93 percent of the people who lost their homes lived to tell about it. Survivors in Oklahoma and the Philippines alike have shared amazing testimonies of how the Lord answered their prayers and brought them through “the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4). As we mourn the lives that were lost—and I will never forget visiting the Plaza Towers school where seven children died—we praise God for the multitudes He delivered.

Jesus Christ came to this earth to rescue souls from a fate far worse than any typhoon or tornado. 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 other tragedy, 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 deeply grateful for your prayers and support for our work—and especially for your heart for those who are hurting or lost. May God richly bless you.

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan’s Purse
International Disaster Relief

Hope for the Philippines

Samaritan’s Purse ministered to tens of thousands of survivors of Typhoon Haiyan by providing clean water, medical care, shelter, and a special delivery of Christmas gifts.

On November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan slammed into the Philippines with sustained winds of 195 miles per hour and gusts up to 235. Storm surges nearly 20 feet high killed thousands and destroyed or damaged 1.1 million homes. Haiyan was the world’s strongest typhoon in 2013 and one of the fiercest storms ever recorded.

Samaritan’s Purse responded with one of the largest international relief efforts in our history, providing thousands of survivors with emergency shelter, clean water, medical care, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus.

In the six weeks following the typhoon, we chartered three jumbo jets to deliver tons of emergency supplies, including a field hospital, community water filters, a helicopter for medical brigades, and enough heavy-duty tarp to shelter 20,000 families. The third 747 was loaded with shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child for 65,000 children who lost almost everything in the storm.

Pastor John Pagliawan and his family survived Typhoon Haiyan by climbing into the rafters of his office in the town of Tanauan on Leyte Island. “We were praying that God would deliver us,” he said. “Had it not been for God’s grace, all of us would have perished.”

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 tin-roofed houses, using lumber milled from trees felled by the typhoon.

“Twill say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.’” Psalm 91:2
The winds and storm surge destroyed the church building and ruined all the Bibles, hymnals, and other books. When Franklin Graham arrived in Tanauan, Pastor Paglawan was trying to dry a copy of “The Billy Graham Christian Worker’s Handbook.” As Graham walked through the shell of the church, he committed to replace all the books, which we shipped on the same flight with the shoebox gifts.

“WITH YOUR HELP WE SURVIVED”

Samaritan’s Purse distributed nearly 1,700 metric tons of food to people such as Divina, a mother of three. Haiyan hit Divina’s village before dawn. Even after they survived the storm, the days following were just as hard.

“We were hungry,” Divina said. “The storm ruined what little rice she had stored and destroyed the rice fields. “Our chickens and most of our animals died, so there was nothing to eat, just whatever was left over.” Her family scavenged until Samaritan’s Purse brought food. “We’re so glad you came to our place to help us,” Divina said. “With your help we survived.”

As our teams handed out food, cooking pots, and an assortment of other kitchen needs, we also shared the hope of the Gospel.

“Everything we received from Samaritan’s Purse is such a blessing,” Divina said 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 with no source of safe drinking water. Samaritan’s Purse installed six water filtration systems that together pump out enough water to meet the daily needs of 20,000 people.

We deployed doctors and nurses to set up a field hospital and work alongside local staff in the town of Palo to provide emergency health care. Mobile medical teams are treating people in remote areas and providing vaccinations against a growing number of cases of measles and the threat of polio.

To help prevent the spread of disease, Samaritan’s Purse distributed hygiene kits with soap and personal items for 26,000 families.

Rebuilding will take years. In the meantime, Samaritan’s Purse is helping 10,000 families with materials to build transitional housing, including tin roofs, tools, and lumber milled from coconut trees that were toppled by the storm. We have been able to provide jobs for a number of workers who had lost their livelihoods.

SPECIAL DELIVERY OF GOD’S LOVE

The typhoon struck during the height of preparations for the Christmas season, which is celebrated for months in the Philippines. Families who lost everything could not hope to give Christmas gifts to their children.

To remind these children how much God loves them, Samaritan’s Purse arranged a special airlift of shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child, including 60,000 shoeboxes packed by Hurricane Sandy survivors in the New York area, with another 5,000 from Canada. The flight arrived just in time for the gifts to be handed out by hundreds of churches in the days before Christmas.

Dr. David Gettle and nurse Mary Lou Fisher served on an international team that worked alongside the staff at a storm-damaged hospital to provide emergency medical care in Palo. Our medical team also operates a mobile clinic that has treated over 5,000 patients.
Pastor John Pagliawan guides Franklin Graham through the devastation on Leyte Island. Samaritan’s Purse is helping 10,000 families build transitional housing, using lumber milled from fallen trees, and filtering water for 20,000 people.

Life for Rian Abenjar and his family changed forever the moment they emerged from the safety of their neighbor’s house. They had hidden under a table for hours as Typhoon Haiyan and its 235-mph gusts pummeled the island of Leyte.

Now that the storm was gone, Rian’s house was a pile of mangled debris, and the rice paddies he helped farm were completely flooded out. “I felt shocked and afraid,” Rian said. “Everything was completely wiped out.”

The Abenjars were among the first of 10,000 families receiving kits from Samaritan’s Purse with everything they need to build transitional housing—lumber, corrugated tin roofing, sheets of blue plastic for the walls, and even all the tools and nails.

This gives Rian’s family a sheltered place to live for now, along with a framework that he can eventually build into a permanent home.

The blessing of shelter could not have come at a better time for Rian. His wife gave birth to a baby boy, their second child, just one week after the typhoon.

Yet Rian knows “if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” (2 Corinthians 5:1). “God is watching over us and protecting us,” Rian said. “I am so grateful to Samaritan’s Purse for helping us stand again. This will give us much room to grow.”

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.”

“Thanks be to God, to Samaritan’s Purse, and to all those who contributed to help victims of the typhoon.”

—PASTOR JOHN PAGLIAWAN

A new house for a newborn
Bringing God’s Peace Amid War

As thousands of families flee fighting in Syria, Samaritan’s Purse works to meet their needs in the Name of Jesus.

Living in a tent is difficult for Hedyah Ahmad and her 92-year-old mother, Ameena. Ameena cannot walk. She needs a wheelchair, which is difficult to push on the rough and muddy “streets” that crisscross the Kawergosk refugee camp, a makeshift settlement for thousands of families who have fled to northern Iraq to escape the civil war in Syria.

Hedyah lies awake at night, worrying about how to get Ameena to the camp’s clinic to obtain medicine. She is concerned that their tent might flood or even catch fire, as some of the other tents in the camp have.

The tent contains all they own, which isn’t much. Several sleeping pads, a few clothes, and some meager kitchen supplies line the fabric walls. The clothes were all they were able to carry when they fled Syria last August.

Samaritan’s Purse was quick to send aid to the desperate people who arrived at Kawergosk camp near Erbil and four other locations in northern Iraq.

“Samaritan’s Purse has helped thousands of Syrian refugees in five desolate camps like this one in northern Iraq.

"The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." Psalm 9:9
Life in the camps is hard, especially in the winter. But it is even worse back in Syria, where the conflict has cost 100,000 lives, including 11,000 children. Most of the people in the camps are women and children, because men were not allowed to leave.

One woman, a Syrian Christian, described the conditions they left. “Destruction was all around us,” she said. “Shops were closed. We stood in line for hours for a loaf of bread. We could not afford fruits and vegetables. Our only hope is in the Lord, Jesus Christ. We need your prayers to keep us safe.”

Before the war, Hedya and Ameena lived a decent life in Syria. Hedya earned a living by sewing and harvesting crops. Then, fighting erupted near their village in northeastern Syria, on the border with Turkey. Two of Hedya’s nephews were killed as they visited a shop in town. Hedya and Ameena fled. They have heard that rebel forces took over the home they rented, along with everything inside.

“The war came to our village, in front of our door, so we were so afraid. That’s why we ran away,” Hedya said. “During the war, it was so cold, we were burning our own clothes for heat. We ran out of fuel, even wood, so we were burning our clothes.”

In early January, the women received a gift that helped them endure the freezing nights in the tent. They were among 2,000 families who received kerosene heaters from Samaritan’s Purse. When they arrived in Kawergosk, the women did not own a heater. They were able to borrow one from a neighbor, but they could only keep it for two hours per day. Now, they have a heater whenever they need it, and kerosene is provided as well.

“The heater is very good, we thank you very much,” Hedya said.

Samaritan’s Purse has worked in the Kurdish region of Iraq for several years, partnering with local churches to support a community center by teaching English, literacy, sewing, health education, and computer courses. In the camps, we continue to distribute food, mattresses, blankets, baby supplies, shoes, and warm winter coats to people who faced the winter cold with little more protection from the elements than the cloth and tarp of their tents.

In Arbat camp, Samaritan’s Purse sponsors a sewing project that trains and equips people to earn a livelihood and help support their families. We also built a playground and soccer field in Arbat, so children will have at least a small sliver of normalcy in their temporary homes.

In January, we airlifted nearly 70,000 shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child to Iraq to be distributed to children in all nine refugee camps in the Kurdish region.
Don and Cindy Dressler were terrified when they heard that a massive EF-5 tornado was headed for their neighborhood in Moore, Oklahoma. The elderly couple sought shelter in their neighbor’s storm cellar, but it was already nearly double the intended capacity and there was no room. They had to take refuge in their hallway. Don lay on top of his frail wife to help keep her from blowing away. By God’s grace, a door landed over them, shielding the couple as the shrieking winds ripped their house to pieces.

When it was over, the only walls left standing were the hallway where they had hid. While they were thankful to be alive, the stress of the devastation was difficult to bear. It was the fourth time in 14 years that tornadoes have struck their hometown. Samaritan’s Purse responded immediately and deployed Disaster Relief Units to Moore and Shawnee, Oklahoma, which had been hit by an EF-4 tornado the day before.

Staff and volunteers working out of bases at Emmaus Baptist Church in Moore and Family of Faith Church in Shawnee assisted by cleaning up debris, salvaging personal belongings, cutting up and removing downed trees, and tarping damaged roofs. We helped more than 600 homeowners—including the Dresslers—by working in the Name of Christ, praying with Don and Cindy before and after the job, and presenting them with a Bible signed by everyone who helped, our volunteers assured them that God was with them.

An army of 15,000 volunteers joined Samaritan’s Purse to help thousands of families across the United States recover from devastating storms and other disasters.
“Thank you to Samaritan’s Purse and all of your volunteers,” Cindy said. “You have no idea how much of a blessing you are to each and every one of us. You show God’s love. You are His hands and His feet.”

Last year, our North American Ministry teams brought physical help and spiritual comfort to people like the Dresslers in 34 locations across 12 states. Staff members worked alongside 15,521 volunteers from across the country to help victims of tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, and even a chemical explosion in Texas. Our crews gutted flooded houses in Colorado, Texas, North Carolina, and even Canada, so the owners could rebuild. We sifted through ashes to help families salvage priceless keepsakes after wildfires in New Mexico and Colorado. Samaritan’s Purse also responded to tornadoes in Texas, Georgia, Illinois, and Mississippi. Whatever the nature of the disaster, each volunteer worked to make an eternal difference in the lives of homeowners by bringing help and hope in Jesus’ Name.

Cindy and Don said that receiving help from our volunteers strengthened their faith at a time when it was tested. During our work in Oklahoma, more than 80 residents in Moore and Shawnee trusted Christ as their Lord and Savior.

“We were much more effective with Samaritan’s Purse here than what we could do on our own,” said Mike Booth, pastor at Emmaus Baptist, our host church in Moore. “This was just a better way for us to be able to help our community.”

Tornado relief volunteers take the time to pray together in Granbury, Texas (far left), and comfort survivors like Shirley Pressley in Moore, Oklahoma (near left). As our volunteers sift through the ashes left by a wildfire in New Mexico (bottom left) or build new houses in places like Joplin, Missouri (below), God gives them opportunities to share His love. “You can’t tell me God didn’t send them here,” Pressley said. “I love all of them.”
What Pastor Harvey Fiskeaux likes most about the new Nome Covenant Church is the steeple that brightly lights up the Alaskan nights.

“Our church is surrounded by bars,” he said. “This gives a beacon of hope to those in the darkness who are there. Now, our church has a presence.”

The church stands in the heart of Nome at the finish line of the famous Iditarod sled dog race. But after decades of Alaskan winters, the sanctuary didn’t look much better than the bars across the street. The floor was rotten, the roof sagged, and the walls were held together by cables. Last year, the church tore down its old building, and Samaritan’s Purse built a sparkling new sanctuary and youth center on the site. The new facility is a place where the congregation can be strengthened and encouraged in their faith, and equipped to reach out to their neighbors with the light of Christ.

“The greatest impact to be made in our community is through prayer and preaching of the Gospel,” Pastor Fiskeaux said. “This new facility gives us new confidence to do that.”

The church used to only have a capacity for 100 people. After the new building was completed, the congregation quickly grew to 150.

REBUILDING HOUSES

Whether it’s a church in Alaska or a new house for a storm victim, Samaritan’s Purse construction projects in the United States are focused on more than just providing buildings. We work in the name of Jesus Christ, and through God’s grace we have seen many come to saving faith.

Last year, Samaritan’s Purse wrapped up home construction projects in Joplin, Missouri, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, that began following 2011 tornadoes. We rebuilt or repaired a total of 31 houses in Tuscaloosa and 22 in Joplin. We also launched projects in New Jersey and New York, where 840 volunteers completed rebuilds so 33 families could return home for the first time since Hurricane Sandy.

“I was crying like a little girl when Samaritan’s Purse said they could help me and my daughter,” said Nancy Price Birnbaum of East Rockaway, New York.

Her home of 20 years was severely damaged by Sandy, and she felt completely alone when facing the aftermath. She realized that God was with her during and after the storm when Samaritan’s Purse rebuilt her house, free of charge.

“Samaritan’s Purse is the first to say what they were going to do and actually do it,” she said.

Samaritan’s Purse built two churches last year in Alaska, including this one in the weathered town of Nome, less than 60 miles from Russia across the Bering Sea.
Standing with America’s Heroes

Samaritan’s Purse brings wounded military personnel and their spouses to Samaritan Lodge Alaska to help them draw closer to God and each other.

Marine Master Sergeant Shawn Demenkow was baptized in Lake Clark by Marine Gunnery Sergeant Brien Kirkpatrick and Chaplain Dan Stephens.

It was supposed to be a routine mission for seven American soldiers charged with supplying a remote Army base along the Pakistani border of Afghanistan. But as soon as their Chinook helicopter landed, they were greeted by rocket-propelled grenades from Taliban fighters who had overrun the area. Enemy fire killed an Afghan interpreter and sliced through Ken Patterson’s lower legs. Ken’s fellow soldiers pulled him to safety in a mountainside crevice, waiting desperately for air support.

“I kept saying I just want to lay down, but they [his fellow soldiers] knew if I lay down, I wasn’t going to wake back up.”

Within moments, another chopper arrived and transported him to a forward operating base where he was given morphine. The next thing Ken remembers is waking up in Germany, with no right leg below the knee and a left foot that would eventually be taken off as well.

Army Staff Sergeant Patterson, now retired, and his wife, Jessica, were among nearly 150 couples who participated in the 2013 season of Operation Heal Our Patriots.

“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.” Jeremiah 17:14
“My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13,” Jessica said, referring to Paul’s statement, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (NKJV). “But it wasn’t until [Ken] got injured that I felt like it related to me.”

Couples challenged themselves with kayaking, fishing, hiking, and other activities in a majestic setting framed by two national parks. They also participated in daily marriage enrichment activities based on Psalm 23 and led by staff chaplains Jim Fisher and Dan Stephens, both retired Navy officers.

Over the course of the summer, 36 couples rededicated their wedding vows, 51 individuals prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and 56 participants were baptized beneath the cold waters of Lake Clark.

Retired Army Staff Sergeant Kevin Gabert accepted Christ during his week in Alaska, and he and his wife, Debbie, rededicated their marriage before he was baptized. “It was like a new beginning for us,” she said. Sergeant Gabert suffers with shoulder and neck injuries as well as severe post-traumatic stress disorder following his 2005-6 deployment to Iraq. Knowing his sins are now wiped clean has transformed the way he approaches life. “I no longer think just about myself,” he said. “I don’t have the anger I used to have.”

Another 20 individuals who participated in 2012 made decisions for Christ at the inaugural Operation Heal Our Patriots reunion, held in February 2013 at the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove near Asheville, N.C. Retired Army Lieutenant General Robert VanAntwerp and retired Marine First Lieutenant Clebe McClary—who lost an eye and an arm while serving in Vietnam—shared their testimonies.

The reunion was part of an expanded after-care outreach for couples who have participated in Operation Heal Our Patriots. Samaritan’s Purse is also offering support for caregivers, ongoing personal contacts, strategic prayer, and resource referral—all with the goal of connecting participants to vibrant local churches.

“We make the pledge—semper fidelis, always faithful,” said retired Marine Brigadier General Jim Walker, who serves as Operation Heal Our Patriots executive director. “We’re going to stick with these couples forever, not just for a week, not just for a month or for a year.”

230 COUPLES have had the opportunity to experience God’s healing love through Operation Heal Our Patriots since 2012.

Navy Chaplain Jim Fisher (left) teaches a marriage enrichment class at Samaritan Lodge Alaska. Todd Palin and his wife, Sarah, former governor of Alaska, greet couples arriving at Samaritan Lodge Alaska (top right). Retired Army Staff Sergeant Ken Patterson, a double amputee veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan, offers encouragement to Port Alsworth resident Samuel Smith (right).
“A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:30-37 NKJV

“Agriculture

Honeybees in Uganda, donkeys in Kenya, gardens in Vietnam orphanages, grains for Bolivian farmers—Samaritan’s Purse uses a variety of livestock, crops, and techniques to help hungry and impoverished people around the world in the Name of Jesus Christ. In 2013, an entire village in Niger was transformed after we provided livestock, seeds, and agriculture training, along with clean water and other assistance.

Then the earth shall yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.

Psalm 67:6
Water

Over a million people around the world get fresh water every day from wells and filters, or pumps installed or rehabilitated by Samaritan’s Purse. Proper sanitation and hygiene are instrumental in protecting water sources and preventing the spread of waterborne diseases. In 2013, Samaritan’s Purse provided water for refugees in South Sudan, flood victims in Mozambique, and typhoon survivors in the Philippines.

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”
Psalm 42:2

Women’s Projects

In Uganda, Cambodia, Haiti, and elsewhere, Samaritan’s Purse helps save lives of mothers and babies by teaching women about nutrition, pregnancy care, and hygiene. Samaritan’s Purse reaches out to vulnerable women around the world through church-centered projects including literacy classes, vocational training, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ.

“A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.”
Psalm 68:5
Persecution

We stand by our brothers and sisters in Christ who risk their lives to boldly share the Gospel and lift up the cross of Jesus Christ. We have been working for the release of Pastor Saeed Abedini, imprisoned since 2012 in Iran. Samaritan’s Purse wrapped up eight years of construction with 512 church buildings completed in Sudan and South Sudan.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

Psalm 33:20

Feeding

Samaritan’s Purse is working to feed the hungry in South Sudan, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and elsewhere, serving up to 1.5 million people with 20,000 tons of food monthly. We launched a program to use nutritional fish powder from Alaska to enrich protein-deficient diets in Haiti.

For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.

Psalm 107:9
Children

In addition to the millions of lives touched through Operation Christmas Child, Samaritan’s Purse provides ongoing support for orphanages and children’s ministries in places like Haiti, Lebanon, India, and Thailand. We even built a playground for Syrian children at a bleak refugee camp in Iraq.

One generation shall praise
Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
PSALM 145:4

Evangelism

When refugees see the “Jesus” film and hear Christ speaking their own language, they understand the Gospel like never before. Evangelistic presentations, Bible distributions, prayer meetings, and church partnerships are integral parts of Samaritan’s Purse relief projects in the U.S. and around the world.

My soul faints for Your salvation,
But I hope in Your word.
PSALM 119:81
The Light of the Gospel

Operation Christmas Child

When 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 big God, and understood what He wants for me through Jesus Christ," Denis said. "I prayed 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, 6-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.

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."

9.98 MILLION shoebox gifts collected in 2013 have been delivered to children in 112 countries.

This Mexican girl’s smile says “Thank you!” to everyone who packed shoebox gifts.

"Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!” Psalm 67:4
Operation Christmas Child celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2013. In the United States, families and individuals packed 25,414,468 shoeboxes, almost a million more than ever before. Praise God! More than 58,000 volunteers staffed almost 4,000 collection sites, and more than 56,000 volunteers worked in eight processing centers to inspect and prepare the gifts for shipping overseas. Almost 9,000 Connect volunteers worked year-round to promote and coordinate Operation Christmas Child.

As we collected shoeboxes, Samaritan’s Purse was meeting the emergency needs of Syrian refugees in Iraq and survivors of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

We filled two 747 jumbo jets 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.”

Among the 9.98 million children who received shoebox gifts were typhoon survivors at a Samaritan’s Purse clinic in the Philippines (below), children at a church in Cameroon (near right), and Syrian children at nine refugee camps in Iraq (far right). Many of the gifts for the Philippines were packed in New York and New Jersey by survivors of Hurricane Sandy and delivered by a 747 cargo jet from JFK International Airport (bottom right).
Karen 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-year-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 newfound 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.

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.

Lorena Lamilla, 18, 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. They wanted to pass on their 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. Jhonatan and Lorena feel 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.

“As we received a shoebox and 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, the follow-up discipleship program developed by Samaritan’s Purse.

We praise God that more than 1.1 million of these children have accepted Christ as Savior. The curriculum consists of 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.

The Greatest Journey

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.
When a young woman named Wislande first arrived at Samaritan’s Purse medical clinic in Haiti, our staff observed her bowed head and sad appearance. They learned that her boyfriend had beaten and publicly humiliated her. She had then ingested bleach in an attempted suicide.

Our clinic evangelists spent time with Wislande as she received treatment. They shared the Gospel, told her of Christ’s love and plans for her, and prayed over her. Before she was discharged, they also invited her to church on Sunday. As she left, staff noticed Wislande held her head a little higher. The following Sunday, she came to the church and accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Wislande now regularly attends church and participates in a class for new believers.

Four years after the earthquake that devastated Haiti, Samaritan’s Purse continues to minister to the spiritual and physical needs of the survivors. We thank and praise the Lord that more than 1,000 people made decisions for Christ through Samaritan’s Purse Haiti ministries in 2013, and over 10,000 since 2010.

At the Greta Home and Academy, 71 orphaned or abandoned children completed their first year of classes surrounded by a staff of caring believers. In addition, 50 needy children from the community were integrated into the school for the 2013-14 academic year.

We want to help them grow as Christian leaders,” said teacher Romain “Michael” Mickenson. “They might do activities in church, in government, or even become a lawyer, but always people who work to honor God and to praise the name of God.”

In 2013, over 12,000 patients received care in our clinics, while our maternal child health program trained 2,200 mothers in life-saving health and nutrition classes. After hearing the Gospel, many of these have renounced voodoo practices that are so common among the islanders.

We helped a pregnant 23-year-old mother, Jean, who recognized danger signs and went to the hospital, against her husband’s advice. The doctor said the baby was in fetal distress and could have died had she waited. Jean praised the Lord and thanked our staff for helping her have a healthy baby.

Our rubble removal project rehabilitated 18 roads and prepped dozens of sites so that homeowners could finally rebuild.

Since the 2010 earthquake, over 10,000 Haitians have made decisions for Christ through the work of Samaritan’s Purse and our church partners.
South Sudan had high hopes in 2011 after gaining independence from Sudan. But the world’s newest nation has had a difficult infancy. In December 2013, political and ethnic fighting spread throughout the country.

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, which meet the needs of more than 200,000 men, women, and children. Thousands of families fearing genocide in the Nuba Mountains of neighboring Sudan have crossed the border into the Yida refugee camp in South Sudan, where Samaritan’s Purse helps to feed them. Most of the refugees have been walking for many days, and many of the children are malnourished.

A mother named Maria arrived in Yida carrying her one-year-old son Mahajeir in one arm and meager belongings in the other. For most of their long and dangerous trip, they had nothing to eat but bugs and tree leaves. Maria was hungry, but Mahajeir was in much worse shape, suffering a high fever. After screening both mother and child, we immediately treated Mahajeir for severe malnourishment and dehydration. “I am so grateful for what Samaritan’s Purse is doing,” Maria said. “It is a good thing for the Nuba people to be shown the love of God.”

Trauma counseling is ongoing for many of these refugees. Every month, we train individuals to lead Sunday schools and Bible studies. Many have accepted Christ as their Savior as we have shown the “Jesus” film and distributed Bibles in English and Arabic.

At the Doro refugee camp, Samaritan’s Purse has helped provide food, shelter, clean water, and healthcare to more than 45,000 displaced by violence in Blue Nile state.

We continued to operate Buny Hospital, the only healthcare provider in all of Maban County to offer specialized surgical care and life-saving nutritional programs. “We are the only ones here to help these people and be a witness for Christ,” Dr. Evan Atar said.

Throughout Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Samaritan’s Purse drilled 46 boreholes to provide clean water for 23,000 people. We installed or rehabilitated 56 hand pumps and 150 latrines. Over 33,000 were trained in sanitation and hygiene.

Last spring, we concluded the Church Reconstruction Program that began in 2005. In partnership with local congregations, Samaritan’s Purse rebuilt 512 churches that had been destroyed during decades of civil war. The Christian church will need to serve as a strong voice for long-term peace moving forward.

Growing Pains for Troubled Nation

In spite of violence, Samaritan’s Purse continues to work in South Sudan, where Christians are asking God to restore hope.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Romans 8:35
When Mary’s leg was crushed in a terrible car accident in Kenya, she was rushed to Kijabe Hospital. Even as she received world-class care, Mary 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!”

Kijabe is among 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. World Medical Mission coordinated 966 international trips for Christian physicians and other volunteers in 2013. In addition to the traditional short-term assignments at mission hospitals, our volunteers also staffed a field hospital and mobile clinics in the Philippines, provided medical care for participants in Operation Heal Our Patriots in Alaska, repaired cleft lips in South Sudan, and provided heart surgery at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, where the motto is, “We Treat, Jesus Heals.”

World Medical Mission includes the Post-Residency Program, which provides two-year assignments for young Christian physicians who feel called to a lifetime of overseas service. Since this program began in 2004, the Lord has called 95 Christian physicians to serve in 26 hospitals around the world. Another 25 physicians were accepted into the Post-Residency Program in 2013.

Dr. Dan Galat, an orthopedic surgeon from Arizona, served for two years at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya through the Post-Residency Program. He and his family remained at Tenwek as career medical missionaries. Dr. Galat helped develop a residency program for African orthopedic surgeons at Tenwek that received full accreditation in 2013. “Tenwek will have the first-ever accredited orthopedic residency program in Africa,” he said. “Glory to God!”
A baby born with a cleft lip in South Sudan may face an entire lifetime as an outcast. Neighbors falsely believe this facial deformity is the result of a curse. Children are abused, prevented from going to school, and made to feel worthless. Many young women never marry. With limited access to medical care they have no idea the “curse” can be lifted through a surgical procedure that can take less than two hours to complete.

Over the past three years, Samaritan’s Purse has flown more than 200 patients from all over the country to the capital city of Juba. They have ranged in age from two months to 65 years, and nearly all have come with tragic tales of abuse because of their condition. Today, their futures are as bright as their new smiles.

Samaritan’s Purse assembles a multinational team of volunteer nurses and surgeons each year. We supply everything needed for a week of cleft lip surgeries—medical equipment, instruments, and even gauze. Juba Teaching Hospital provides an operating room with three tables along with a handful of beds in their recovery room.

This past year, our medical team performed 90 surgeries—an average of 15 patients each day. Samaritan’s Purse aircraft flew over 7,000 miles transporting the patients from places virtually inaccessible by road.

“God designed this opportunity for us to be able to reach people from so many different parts of South Sudan,” said Justin Diwiri, a local pastor who partners with us.

Justin helped lead 40 people as they prayed to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. He even held a ceremony where the charms and idols collected from former non-believers were burned to signify that their faith was now in Christ and not in superstitious beliefs.

Egbe Hospital is strategically located in Nigeria, the most populous country in Africa. It is the only medical facility in a 100-mile radius that has a residency program for doctors as well as a school of nursing and midwifery. After 60 years of service, however, the facility was worn out, and the hospital was on the verge of closing. To ensure ongoing medical care and Christian witness, a team from Samaritan’s Purse has been working since 2011 to rebuild the hospital. Over 180 Christian volunteers from the U.S. have traveled to Nigeria to work on the project.

By the end of 2013, the new outpatient department was nearly completed, and the pharmacy was underway.

Egbe is among several hospitals being renovated by Samaritan’s Purse. Last year, we provided $2.3 million for hospital construction projects in nine countries.

Meanwhile, World Medical Mission’s warehouse shipped nearly $5 million in donated equipment and supplies to 33 hospitals in 18 countries, and sent biomedical technicians around the world to help hospitals install and maintain life-saving equipment.

In Liberia, Samaritan’s Purse is assisting with the rebuilding and expansion of ELWA Hospital, which was looted and temporarily closed during the Liberian civil war in 1996. A new 100-bed hospital is nearing completion.

Since 1966, Memorial Christian Hospital in Bangladesh has been providing surgical care to a population that has grown to more than 10 million people. Samaritan’s Purse is partnering with the hospital to build a new facility that will include more than 150 beds, a seven-room operating suite, intensive care unit, and other facilities.

Dr. Stephen Kelley, an American surgeon who serves as the medical director of Memorial Christian Hospital, explained the importance of keeping mission hospitals alive into the future. “Thousands and thousands of people are dying from preventable diseases, from surgical illnesses we can readily treat,” he said. “Moreover, these people are dying without Christ. They are going to a Christless eternity unless we hold out the hope of physical healing and the hope of the Gospel.”

Nigerian workers do the heavy work by hand (below), reinforcing the new Egbe Hospital to serve their community for generations to come. Just a few days after having his cleft lip repaired, this boy (top right) will soon be smiling like the Sudanese nurses (bottom right) who cared for him.

Cleft Lip Surgery: Lifting a Curse in the Operating Room

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When Batchimeg was a teenager in Mongolia, doctors told her that she would never be able to have children. Then Children’s Heart Project brought her to Fargo, North Dakota, for life-saving cardiac surgery. Twelve years later, God blessed Batchimeg and her husband (planted with her father) with a baby girl. In Bolivia (below), Emibal and his mom are excited about his prospects for a full life now since he had surgery last year in Texas.

I used to just go to the church, but now I know Him. Now what I feel that I must do is testify and share with other people about what God did with Emibal.”

Since Adela and Emibal have returned home, the family has become more involved in church. Children’s Heart Project staff visited the family after Emibal’s surgery and brought Bibles, which Adela placed by her teenage children’s bedside. She and Reynaldo pray for and witness to them and other family and friends. Emibal is one of 68 children in 2013 who traveled to North America to receive surgery through Children’s Heart Project. From 1997 through 2013, Children’s Heart Project provided critical medical care for 972 children.

In 2011, Children’s Heart Project started Heart Camps to provide a week of discipleship and fellowship for our former patients. This year, at least nine children accepted Christ while at camp in Honduras, Mongolia, and Uganda. They now have the opportunity to share their Good News with their family, friends, and other heart patients.

When Batchimeg was a little girl, she could never have dreamed what God had in store for her life. Batchimeg grew up in a remote part of eastern Mongolia around the time that communism fell. In 1997, when Batchimeg was just 11, her mother was killed in a car accident.

Batchimeg was so feeble that by 2000, she could no longer walk on her own. Finally, her family took her to a hospital in Ulaanbaatar, where she was diagnosed with a heart defect. The doctor said she needed surgery that was not available in Mongolia. The family didn’t have any money to send Batchimeg elsewhere. The doctor told her that she would have to give up most activities and that she would never be able to have children.

“My father was shocked,” she said. “He prayed with me to the Most High God for salvation from this unbearable situation, even though we did not know who this God was at that time.”

Then, a doctor told her family about Children’s Heart Project. Her father prayed that she would be accepted by the project. In July 2001, when Batchimeg was 15, the family received the news that she would travel to the U.S. for surgery.

“It was the most exciting moment to hear this good news,” she said. “I could not move my body in bed, but inside my heart, I believed that I could recover. Before the surgery, I was so weak. But after, I could run and improved quickly. The doctor who did the surgery told me that I am fully healthy now, and I can swim and I can have a baby.”

While spending time with her host mother and the doctor in the U.S., Batchimeg heard about Jesus Christ for the first time. They read her stories from the Bible.

“I understood that the Most High God we prayed to in Mongolia was God of the Bible,” she said. “I received a lifesaving surgery from these people as well as a soul-saving message from them.”

Before leaving the U.S., Batchimeg and her aunt, who had accompanied her as her guardian, were baptized. Upon her return to Mongolia, she shared Jesus’ love with others and lived his message. She has watched many Christian churches form in Mongolia, and she has seen many of her own dreams come true. The biggest one was on October 30, 2013, when Batchimeg gave birth to her first child, a precious little girl named Ankhtsetseg, which means “First Flower.”

“I am so blessed,” she said. “I am grateful, and I love my life.”

Children’s Heart Project

Warming a Mother’s Heart

In 2013, Children’s Heart Project made it possible for 68 children to receive life-saving surgery not available in their own countries.

I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart.” Psalm 9:1
## Consolided Statement of Financial Position

**December 31, 2013** (with comparative totals for 2012)

### 2013

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### 2013 Audited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2013 (with comparative totals for 2012)

**Consolidated Statement of Activities**

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“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:6

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Our Mission

Samaritan’s Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan’s Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God’s love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.