During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed compassion for people’s physical needs while urging them to turn from their sins and trust Him for eternal salvation. “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel” (Mark 1:15).

Samaritan’s Purse follows Christ’s model for ministry, meeting the needs of victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine, while sharing the Good News of salvation found only in Jesus. We worked in more than 100 countries last year to bring lifesaving aid and eternal hope to people in desperate situations.

With your support, we provided food, medicine, and other essentials for migrant families in Colombia, supported Christians persecuted by ISIS in Iraq, and offered a helping hand to our neighbors in the U.S. who were affected by natural disasters.

Our teams installed clean water filters, distributed tens of thousands of tons of emergency food, and loaded medical equipment on cargo planes bound for mission hospitals worldwide. Most of all, we boldly proclaimed the message of the Gospel, “for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). Praise God, more than 2 million people made decisions for Christ through our programs worldwide.

I am deeply grateful for your generous support and tireless prayers for this ministry. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

A Message From Franklin Graham

“Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation.”

—MARK 16:15, NASB

Franklin Graham visited with families whose homes were torn apart by Hurricane Florence, offering encouragement and prayer, and sharing the Gospel.
Glass shards were strewn across the floor, and ceiling insulation spilled across the living room. Sopping wet furniture, toys, and clothes were molding and ruined. “When I came home, it was raining in my house,” recalls Briton Wertz of Jacksonville, North Carolina. The single mother and EMT had been on shift for the past six days, while her two children stayed with a family friend. Hurricane Florence had settled in over eastern North Carolina, churning up seawater and pummeling the coast with torrential rains. While Briton worked to help storm-affected members of the community, she was wondering what had become of her own home.

When she finally returned to her house, Briton was overwhelmed by the amount of work that needed to be done. Debris covered the yard and powerful winds had ripped shingles from her home, causing the ceiling to saturate with rainwater and collapse. Briton knew she couldn’t clean up the wreckage on her own, but she didn’t know where to turn for help. “My whole life has been to take care of other people,” she said. “I’ve never had to ask anyone to take care of me.”

But when a crew of Samaritan’s Purse volunteers pulled into her driveway, Briton knew that she didn’t have to walk this path alone.

“MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.”
—PSALM 121:2
difficult road alone. They pulled waterlogged sheetrock and insulation from her home, dragged heavy tree limbs to the street, and helped sort the family’s possessions to determine what could be saved.

This team was among 7,000 hard-working Samaritan’s Purse volunteers that blanketed the Carolina coast in the aftermath of the massive storm, reaching out to hurting homeowners in Jesus’ Name.

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More than 200 people made that same decision to trust Christ as Savior through our disaster response in the Carolinas. Katie Martin’s husband had been deployed to Afghanistan for nearly a year when the hurricane struck, damaging their home and rental property. She had her hands full with four children, but Katie was determined to get things cleaned up quickly so that she could help others who were affected by the storm.

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Most of all, Katie was grateful for the way our teams demonstrated Christ’s love, making the way for her to continue ministering to her community. “Samaritan’s Purse has shown our neighbors the love of Jesus. I’m so grateful—that opens up doors for me, too.”

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During the storm, flying debris punctured the roof of his Florida home. Water ruined the ceiling, drywall, and insulation and powerful winds toppled a large tree. “It was like a war zone,” Christopher said. Our volunteers put a tarp on his roof, removed debris, and cleaned up the yard.

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The Martins have always welcomed military families, offering a place for them to live when they are in transition. Katie wanted that to continue, especially after Hurricane Florence displaced so many people. “I want people to have a place they can stay as long as they need. That’s my heart for our home. God has put us here to love others,” Katie said.

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When Love Whitfield’s home of 51 years was flooded by Hurricane Florence, the widow didn’t know what to do. Then our volunteer teams came to help. “I’m thankful to God for Samaritan’s Purse,” Love said.

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—NAHUM 1:7

525,000 MAN HOURS GIVEN BY FAITHFUL VOLUNTEERS

Over 300 people came to faith in Christ through our hurricane responses last year

OVER

U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

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TEXAS REBUILDS

LONG AFTER NEWS CAMERAS HAVE LEFT a disaster zone, Samaritan’s Purse remains, repairing and rebuilding homes that were severely damaged by hurricanes, floods, or other catastrophes. In Texas, we reached more than 3,000 homeowners through our cleanup efforts following Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Now, our teams are helping those whose houses need more extensive repairs. So far, we have made it possible for 139 families to return home. As we serve those who are still hurting, more than a year after the storm, we are showing these homeowners that God has not forgotten them.

FIRES & FLOODS

WHEN WILDFIRES TORE ACROSS CALIFORNIA, destroying everything in their path, Samaritan’s Purse came alongside homeowners, offering emotional support and practical help. Volunteers sifted through ash and rubble, helping families recover irreplaceable heirlooms and other valuables that had been spared by the blaze. Our teams also responded when record-setting rainfall caused widespread flooding and mudslides across the Hawaiian island of Kauai. As volunteers nailed tarps to storm-battered roofs and shoveled mud from homes, they had many opportunities to share the Gospel.
CLEAN WATER BRINGS SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

AS SAMARITAN’S PURSE PROVIDES CLEAN WATER, THE LORD TRANSFORMS HEARTS IN CAMBODIA.

Kuon and her husband are farmers in a remote, poverty-stricken village in Cambodia. The family lacks many basic necessities, but the shortage of clean drinking water was causing serious health issues.

Kuon developed kidney stones that required surgery, her husband struggled with intestinal pain, and her children frequently had diarrhea—a potentially life-threatening condition in their region where healthcare is inadequate.

Then Samaritan’s Purse came to Kuon’s village and installed a water filter in their house. Our team also taught the family about proper hygiene. “The health of our family is better,” she said. “I thank Samaritan’s Purse for all the support.”

Kuon has become an advocate in her community, promoting good hygiene and encouraging people to continue proper use of the water filters.

Around the world last year, we provided clean water for more than 440,000 people and built nearly 6,000 sanitation facilities. Access to clean water transformed Kuon’s health, but her spiritual rebirth was even more life changing. Like most everyone in the village, Kuon was Buddhist. But when our staff shared the Gospel with her, she decided to repent of her sins and commit her life to Christ.

Kuon’s husband and their teenage daughter also prayed to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. “I accepted Jesus inside my heart,” Kuon said. “Before, I felt afraid and worried. Now, I know God loves me.”

In another village, 21-year-old Sithreang also came to faith in Christ through a Samaritan’s Purse clean water and hygiene project. “Only Jesus can pay for my sins,” she confessed.

Sithreang said that her marriage has changed since she became a Christian. “I was quick to get angry and we would always argue,” she explained. “Jesus taught me patience. My husband and I have stopped fighting.”

Sithreang and her husband, who are rice and corn farmers, received a water filter and learned the importance of handwashing, and drinking and cooking with clean water—teaching they had never heard before.

“Before the Samaritan’s Purse project my son was always sick due to drinking dirty water,” Sithreang explained.

Through our clean water program in this village, nearly half of the population has heard the Gospel and decided to follow Jesus. Samaritan’s Purse has also started several small group Bible studies to help people like Sithreang draw closer to God.

“I want to grow in my faith,” she said. “I’m so excited because more and more people are becoming Christians.”

“Many children in impoverished villages—like this one in Liberia—die needlessly from waterborne disease. Our clean water programs are saving feet and transforming the health of communities.”

Household water filters provide a long-term source of clean water for impoverished families. They use locally-found materials to filter impurities from water and don’t require electricity.

In 2018, Samaritan’s Purse built 695 freshwater wells and other water systems, giving communities an ongoing source of fresh, life-giving water, and opening doors to share about the Living Water.

“He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.”

—PSALM 107:35, ESV
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“When He calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble.”
—Psalm 91:15, ESV

At the Center of Hope, migrants receive hygiene items, basic medicine, health care, and legal advice, as well as Christ-centered counseling from our chaplains.

42,500 people helped in Colombia

Samaritan’s Purse responded in the midst of disaster and crisis, offering physical relief and sharing the hope of the Gospel.

SAMARITAN’S PURSE

MEETING CRISIS NEEDS IN JESUS’ NAME

In Venezuela, migrants received backpacks—filled with clothing items, ponchos, water bottles, and hygiene supplies—to help them on their journey.

Like tens of thousands of other desperate migrants, Yudi Salazar and her 9-year-old son walked across the Simón Bolívar International Bridge into Colombia. They were fleeing the collapse of the Venezuelan economy, which has made survival more difficult than ever.

Hyperinflation has robbed the nation’s currency of almost all value, triggering an avalanche of poverty, hunger, and desperation. The healthcare system is crumbling, and violent crime and suicide rates are on the rise.

To escape the crisis, countless Venezuelans, like Yudi, are entering Colombia in hopes of finding food, work, and medical care. It’s the largest mass migration in the world today and the most significant in modern South American history.

Back home, Yudi’s husband is one of the few who has a job, but the money he earns as a bus driver is not nearly enough to feed their family. Even staple items, like a small bag of rice, can cost more than a month’s wages. “We barely have enough to eat,” Yudi said.

The busiest point of entry for migrants is the city of Cúcuta, Colombia, where Samaritan’s Purse has partnered with a local church to run the Center of Hope. At the center, migrants are welcomed in Jesus’ Name and offered medical care, legal services, crisis counseling, and personal care items.

“They come by the tens of thousands every day,” said Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan’s Purse. “Their money has no value. They’re coming here with whatever they can carry. It breaks your heart.”

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We offer them warm meals, a safe place to spend the night, and items like clothing and hygiene supplies. Jesús Paez, a local pastor, and other staff members share from God’s Word and encourage them that the Lord has not forgotten them. “We’re being Samaritans to help people along the road,” said Pastor Jesús. Many have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, including Jose Luis Ochoa, a 47-year-old grandfather who fled Venezuela with six family members. As our staff and partners demonstrated God’s love in word and deed, his heart was opened to the Gospel. “They’s treating us really well. They’re supporting us,” Jose Luis said of shelter staff. “They baptized me in the Christian faith, and I give thanks to God for that.”

Samaritan’s Purse also established two medical clinics in Puerto Santander and Maicao—both border towns where Venezuelans make day trips in search of work, healthcare, food, or medicine. These facilities are among the only options for hundreds of migrants in need. “We’ve had people travel four hours by bus because they heard a rumor that there might be a clinic,” said Melanie Wubs, our coordinator at Puerto Santander. “That’s how great the need for medical care is.”

Doctors are giving nutritional supplements to pregnant women, providing pediatric care, offering antiparasitic medicines, addressing skin problems, and helping those with chronic medical conditions. Freddy Morales, 41, walked to our clinic with his wife and children from their home in Venezuela. “There’s no food, there’s no medicine, nothing at all,” he said of his town. Between them, they were suffering from a toothache, the flu, rashes, pain, and parasites. They had no place else to turn for medical care.

Dr. Adriana Mareugo, a Colombian physician who works at the Puerto Santander clinic, feels passionately about treating patients’ physical needs, while sharing the eternal healing found only in the Gospel. “We can’t give them medicine all their lives,” she said. “But we present Jesus—He’s the Giver of health and the Savior of their souls.”

Every day, thousands of migrants cross the Simon Bolivar bridge from Venezuela into Colombia, in search of work, healthcare, and basic necessities. It’s impossible to find anything. Even if you do, money is not enough.”

A young mother named Orangeles came seeking diapers and medicine for her 1-year-old son’s rash. She left Venezuela and moved to Cúcuta, where she now works as a beautician and sleeps with her little boy on a mattress in a cleaned-up storage room.

Through the witness of our staff at Center of Hope, Orangeles rededicated her life to Jesus Christ. After years of prodigal living, she now wants to begin walking in faith.

Nearly 13,000 visitors came through the center’s doors in 2018. Thousands made first-time professions of faith in Jesus or—like Orangeles—recommitted their lives to Him.

“We preach the Gospel and pray for them,” said Liyineth Espinjo, a nurse and chaplain who works at Center of Hope. “We’re blown away by what God does in this place.”

Many Venezuelans are going back and forth between Colombia and their home country on a regular basis. But others journey farther into Colombia seeking employment in larger cities, or perhaps as far as Ecuador or Peru. They are often trying to reunite with relatives—husbands, wives, parents, siblings—who left Venezuela earlier.

As these migrant walkers—known as “caminantes”—make their uphill trek over the Andes, thousands come through the Samaritan’s Purse shelter, which is situated along the roadside in the town of La Don Juana.

Doctors and other medical professionals offer compassionate care in both Clinic. More than 14,000 people have been treated at the Samaritan’s Purse clinics in Colombia.

2,794 PEOPLE CAME TO FAITH IN JESUS
TYPHOON RELIEF

When Super Typhoon Yutu roared across the islands of Saipan and Tinian, thousands were stranded without electricity, shelter, food, and water. Samaritan’s Purse mobilized an immediate response, airlifting more than 80 tons of relief supplies to the tiny Pacific islands, including heavy-duty plastic shelter tarps, generators and solar lights, and water filtration systems. We provided aid to more than 6,000 hurting families, and distributed Bibles in five languages. As our teams showed the residents that God had not forgotten them, we had many opportunities to share the Gospel.

VOLCANO RELIEF

The deadly eruption of Fuego Volcano in Guatemala claimed dozens of lives and left thousands of people without shelter, food, and water. Our teams responded, working with our local church partners to provide clean drinking water, food, hygiene supplies, clothing, and other essentials. Most importantly, we listened to the stories of grieving survivors, praying with them and sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS 2018
NEW LIFE FROM THE RUINS

CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ CELEBRATED EASTER BY MOVING BACK TO THE LAND OF THEIR FOREFATHERS, INTO HOMES RESTORED BY SAMARITAN’S PURSE.

In 2018, Holy Week was even more meaningful than usual for believers in the town of Bartella, Iraq. For the first time in three years, these Christians who had been targeted by ISIS were able to return to the land where their families had lived for generations—just in time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Their joyful homecoming was possible because, through Project Nehemiah, Samaritan’s Purse has restored damaged homes in this region of Iraq. When ISIS ravaged Bartella and the surrounding towns, many houses were severely damaged and the families living there ran for their lives.

Ishaq* clearly remembers the day in 2014 that he fled from his beloved home. After staying for months in a school with many others who had escaped, his family ended up living in a tent in an informal camp outside the city of Dohuk. There they shivered in the rain and snow because all they had to wear were thin clothes.

Eventually they moved into a temporary home, but Ishaq’s health had begun to suffer. His heart problems were compounded by liver complications. After undergoing exploratory surgery, the doctors gave him little hope of survival. Ishaq prayed to God, “No one else can heal me. You’re the only One who can.”

And God did heal him. Soon after that prayer, a series of tests revealed that his health had remarkably improved. “I was dead, but now I am alive,” he rejoiced.

When ISIS was finally driven from the region, Christians longed to return, but their homes were uninhabitable. Ishaq and his family found the plumbing destroyed, walls damaged, floor tiles burned, and kitchen sink broken. But through the assistance of Project Nehemiah, their home is now completely repaired. Samaritan’s Purse restored flooring, patched walls, laid tile, and painted soot-stained ceilings so they—and hundreds of other families—could move back home.

“It’s the first time all of Bartella will be back,” said Ishaq. “Words can’t express how happy and excited we are to be celebrating here in our home again. We feel like we’re in Jerusalem celebrating with Christ!”

Since September 2017, 900 homes have been restored, giving Christian families on the Nineveh Plains a chance to rebuild their lives. A total of 682 of these were completed in 2018. These believers are shining the Light of Christ in the midst of a spiritually dark region, giving testimony to the victory and freedom found only in Jesus.

“So they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’”

—NEHEMIAH 2:18

*Name changed for security reasons
Children are delighted by the items in their shoeboxes, and these simple gifts open doors for us to share Jesus, the Greatest Gift of all.

Shoebox Gifts Open Doors for the Good News

The Gospel is going forth in more than 100 countries worldwide through Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey as young people become followers of Jesus Christ, grow in their faith, and share Him with others.

Each time Kwale was sent home from school because of his bare feet, the 13-year-old Tanzanian boy remembered his parents’ promise to buy him shoes: “When we have the money.” He considered begging or stealing to get money for shoes, because he didn’t believe God was responding to his mother’s prayers and fasting. Instead Kwale reluctantly accompanied her to church each week although he “had no heart for God.”

Then one Sunday he received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift and heard the Gospel. “When I opened that box, I found a pair of shoes and a pair of socks,” Kwale recalled. “And my heart toward God began to change. This was the first time I saw God answering my prayers.” That answered prayer led Kwale to repent of his sins and receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Through his testimony, several of his friends have also decided to follow Jesus.

Last year, more than 10.6 million shoeboxes were collected to be sent to children like Kwale. These simple gifts opened doors for the Gospel and touched the hearts of their families in more than 100 countries worldwide.

The Lord also used a shoebox gift to show His love to a boy named Alex in the Philippines. In addition to toys, hygiene items, and school supplies, Alex’s shoebox contained a Bible written in Tagalog—the national language of the Philippines. It touched his heart that, out of all the languages in the world, the Bible was written in the language he could understand.

Alex is a member of the Iraya tribe, which is considered unreached because less than 2 percent are Christian. His parents,
In Kopegan, Togo, what started as a small group of children studying The Greatest Journey is now a thriving congregation. It all began with Pastor Ransome Kwami Tomety and a small team of leaders equipped with shoeboxes and full of faith that God would do something miraculous. Fifteen children came to the first gathering, huddled together under the shade between two large mango trees, brimming with curiosity about the shoebox gifts. They returned to that same spot each Sunday during the following weeks to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program. With each lesson, the number of kids in attendance grew as they invited friends and family to hear about Jesus. “Soon we were the size of a small church, so we decided we should start a regular congregation,” Pastor Ransome said. “And that was what happened.”

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It was that Sunday, between those two mango trees, that he understood the Good News that Jesus died so he could be forgiven, then was raised to life again. During one of the lessons Bernard made a decision to receive Christ. “I started worshipping God that day,” he said. Bernard and the other children began seeing the Lord work through them to change the lives of their parents and families. His father, mother, and sister are now attending church with him. And Pastor Ransome is amazed by what the Savior is doing through Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey. “New things are happening every day,” he said. “God is transforming every aspect of people’s lives. There are things happening in this church and in this community that I never expected.”

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ANIMALS, AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

A GIFT OF SOME SEEDLINGS, BABY CHICKS, OR A GOAT can transform the health of an impoverished family. In Cambodia, Bolivia, and Niger, Samaritan’s Purse is working in poor communities to improve the standard of living and empower people to earn an income. As we offer livelihood training, teach families improved farming techniques, and provide resources, we have opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

FEEDING PROGRAMS

THE SURVIVAL OF MORE THAN 400,000 SOUTH SUDANESE DEPENDS largely on the emergency food rations distributed by Samaritan’s Purse each month. Many of these people have been displaced by war, or are victims of the food shortages that plague the country. In South Sudan and other countries worldwide, our feeding programs sustain refugee families and help save the lives of undernourished children. As we meet these needs in Jesus’ Name, we are obeying His command to “go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37).
CARING FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES

FAMILIES ARE TRANSFORMED THROUGH HEALTH EDUCATION AND THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL

Sopheak, a mother of two, never learned how to properly feed her babies and didn't know the basic hygiene practices that would help protect them from infection and disease. She and her husband are poor rice farmers living in a village in rural Cambodia, where there is little access to health education or medical care. Millions of mothers around the world, like Sopheak, are struggling to raise healthy families without knowledge of proper nutrition or good hygiene. Their children are at risk, and many perish needlessly simply because their mothers lack knowledge about how to keep them healthy.

Samaritan’s Purse is working in Jesus’ Name to help reduce the tragic deaths of women and babies from preventable causes related to pregnancy, childbirth, and postnatal care. We are at work in Sopheak’s village—and many others in Cambodia and around the world—training women to lead mother-to-mother meetings in their communities.

Through these groups, women learn about the best food for newborns and children and how to keep themselves healthy during and after pregnancy. Samaritan’s Purse is also training local midwives and traditional birth attendants and setting up birthing centers in remote villages.

Sopheak gained valuable knowledge from the mother-to-mother groups. “I learned that I need to wash my hands before eating and I need to drink safe water.” she said. “I have transferred what I learned to my family.” Sopheak also learned how to prepare a healthy porridge for her children, which includes different food groups and not just rice and water, as is customary in rural Cambodia.

But the most important truth Sopheak learned from our staff was how Jesus Christ could transform her family spiritually as well as physically. “I had many problems in my heart,” she explained. “I was not patient with my family and I always argued with my husband.”

When Sopheak heard the Gospel, she turned from Buddhism and trusted in Jesus. Her marriage that was once marked by domestic violence is now peaceful, and her husband’s life has also been changed. “I shared about Jesus with my husband, and I started praying for him,” Sopheak said. “He became a Christian a few months after I did.”

Sokjae is another mother who participated in the Samaritan’s Purse mother-to-mother groups. She was so encouraged by the knowledge she received that she volunteered to become a leader in the program and is now teaching other women.

“Before Samaritan’s Purse provided the training, I didn’t know how to cook the porridge for my children,” she said. “It is full of nutrition. My children are stronger and have gained more weight.”

Our staff also taught Sokjae how to grow a small garden so that she can use those vegetables in her porridge. “I’m excited to have Samaritan’s Purse in the community—our community is better,” she said. “I want all women to know how to take care of their babies.”

Women like Sopheak and Sokjae learn to cook with nutritious vegetables, infusing meals with vitamins and minerals that boost immunity and improve the well-being of their families.

“When you are afraid, trust in me. I am your refuge and strength; I am your help when the storm rages.”

—PSALM 59:11

Women like Sopheak and Sokjae learn to cook with nutritious vegetables, infusing meals with vitamins and minerals that boost immunity and improve the well-being of their families.
Greg was hoping to find physical rest and renewal, but God had something greater in mind.

Through Operation Heal Our Patriots, the Lord is working to bring healing to the hearts and marriages of military couples like Greg and Krystal. This project of Samaritan’s Purse offers a week of wilderness excursions, marriage enrichment training, and Gospel-centered counseling for veterans and their spouses.

Greg’s traumatic experiences didn’t begin on the battlefield, but years before. He had grown up in a home that was filled with hate and condemnation rather than love. When he was 17, Greg turned to paganism. Eventually he became a practicing Wiccan.

“I was searching for family. That’s why I began worshipping with...”

“I feel like I am whole for the first time in 10 years,” said Army Staff Sergeant Kyle Welch, who accepted Christ and was baptized in Lake Clark.

The attack that changed Army Sergeant Greg Butacan’s life also took the lives of five of his fellow soldiers. On April 10, 2009, Greg’s convoy was preparing to leave for a mission outside of Mosul, Iraq, when the blast hit.

A suicide bomber had plowed through security checkpoints in a dump truck packed with 2,000 pounds of explosives. The detonation shook buildings and created a powerful shockwave that struck Greg’s body and launched him into a row of oil drums.

“I didn’t think I was hurt,” Greg recalled. “My ears were ringing, and I was definitely shaken up—but I seemed OK.”

But he was not OK. Daily speech difficulty, memory problems, and nervous ticks revealed the severity of Greg’s injuries, and forced him into medical retirement. “I remember everything before the blast, but after that I have a hard time remembering anything,” Greg said.

In addition to post-traumatic stress disorder, he also has major neurocognitive disorder. Greg struggles with balance and has severe headaches, as well as debilitating back pain that sometimes forces him to use a walker or a wheelchair.

Greg and his wife, Krystal, arrived at Samaritan Lodge Alaska, weary from years spent coping with these injuries.

WOUNDED VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES COME TO SAMARITAN LODGE ALASKA for a week of physical rest, Christ-centered counseling, and spiritual renewal through Operation Heal Our Patriots.

“THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.”

—ISAIAH 40:31

Army Staff Sergeant John Ricketts and his wife, Christina, recommitted their marriage to Christ last year in Alaska.
Greg and Krystal rededicated their marriage to God, and were both baptized in Lake Clark. We praise God that during the 2018 season, 70 people received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, 35 rededicated their lives to Him, 88 were baptized, and 83 couples publicly renewed their marriage vows.

Army Sergeant Jesse Watkins also placed his faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized in Alaska. He and his wife, Army Specialist Shawna Watkins, were encouraged and renewed during their time at Samaritan Lodge. The fellowship, Biblically based counsel, and marriage resiliency classes made a profound impact—and the Gospel transformed Jesse’s heart. “It was groundbreaking,” he said. “I learned you can repent and you can be forgiven and the first step is asking to be saved and asking for that forgiveness.”

Military couples often arrive at Samaritan Lodge in crisis and desperation. We praise God that many of them return home transformed by Jesus Christ.

Against the backdrop of the Alaskan wilderness, military couples recommitted their marriages to God and strengthened their commitment to each other.

Franklin Graham has a passion for seeing wounded veterans and their spouses experience spiritual healing and stronger marriages through the power of the Gospel.

70 PEOPLE RECEIVED CHRIST IN 2018

“He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul.”
—Psalm 23:2-3

83 COUPLES RENEWED THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS

pagans,” Greg recalled. “It’s also why I joined the military. I was searching for a family I never had.”

After leaving the Army and marrying Krystal, who was a believer in Christ, his heart began to open to the truth. But he was still haunted by the actions he had taken to fulfill his duties as a soldier. “One thing my family would say to me is there can be no forgiveness for the things I had done in battle,” Greg said. “They told me I was going to be punished.”

All this weighed heavily on Greg when he and Krystal reached Alaska. But it was there at Samaritan Lodge that he understood for the first time what it means to be a Christian. Through the love of volunteers and staff, connections with other couples, and Biblically based marriage resilience classes, he felt his heart opening to God.

Krystal said she finally realized they weren’t alone in their struggles. “We felt the love of God through the people there,” she said. “It was overwhelming. It’s hard to put into words.”

During a conversation with Dan Stephens, one of our retired military chaplains, Greg was able to release the hatred and unforgiveness he had harbored for so long toward his family—and toward himself.

“What I realized was that I was blaming something on God that had been done to me by mortal men,” he said. As Chaplain Dan shared the Gospel and prayed with him, Greg made the decision to follow Christ, embracing healing for the wounds of his dark, painful past. “The greatest thing I experienced is that God loves me. I have a Heavenly Father who doesn’t condemn me.”
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FOR 100 YEARS, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE CHURCH HAS BEEN A BEACON FOR THE GOSPEL in its drug and alcohol-ravaged community in southwestern Alaska. But after enduring many harsh Alaskan winters, the sanctuary had fallen into disrepair. Though believers were faithfully ministering to their neighbors, they desperately needed a facility for worship and outreach. Samaritan’s Purse came alongside these brothers and sisters in Christ, flying in materials and volunteers, and spearheading the construction of a new sanctuary. Pastor Marc Murchison was deeply grateful. “This is a tool that God will use for the next 100 years to bless the people of the village, to honor God, and hopefully to use as an outpost to reach out to other villages that are close by,” he said.

MISSION AVIATION

SAMARITAN’S PURSE OPERATES A FLEET OF 16 AIRCRAFT—based in Africa, Alaska, and North Carolina—that equip us to transport relief supplies, staff, medical equipment, and shoebox gifts to disaster zones and impoverished villages around the world. Last year, our pilots flew these aircraft, loaded with more than 210 tons of cargo, bringing help to hurting people in Liberia, Ecuador, Saipan, and many other countries.
I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.”
—PSALM 57:2, ESV

MENDING HEARTS AND CHANGING LIVES

THROUGH CHILDREN’S HEART PROJECT, BOYS AND GIRLS RECEIVE LIFESAVING SURGERY AND EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

When Diane and Brian Pauls heard the medical diagnosis of a baby girl from Mongolia, they knew immediately that God was calling them to help make it possible for her to have the surgery she desperately needed.

Little Sarana was born with a hole between the lower chambers of her heart called ventricular septal defect (VSD). “That’s the one medical term I know,” said Diane Pauls—because her daughter Kristen once had the very same condition.

Kristen’s defect healed naturally, as many do, but the hole in Sarana’s heart was much larger and would require open-heart surgery. No hospital or surgeon in Mongolia can perform this intricate procedure on such a small child. Sarana’s parents considered options in South Korea but there was no way they could afford the trip, much less the cost of the surgery, that was needed to save their daughter’s life.

When Samaritan’s Purse staff in Mongolia heard about Sarana’s condition, we brought her to Colorado, where she received cardiac surgery through our Children’s Heart Project. The surgeon and hospital donated their services, while the Pauls family opened their home to Sarana, her mother, and a translator. Their church, neighbors, and friends all pitched in and embraced Sarana and her mom with the love of Christ.

The surgery was a success, and in just a few weeks, Samaritan’s Purse flew Sarana and her mother back home to Mongolia. Soon after, her family celebrated her first birthday and rejoiced that she has the opportunity to grow up healthy.

Sarana was among 70 children who had lifesaving surgery in 2018 through our Children’s Heart Project. Since 1997, Samaritan’s Purse has provided world-class care for 1,316 boys and girls with life-threatening heart defects.

Through the witness of our host families, host churches, translators, medical staff, and former patients who have become Christians, we have seen over 500 individuals make decisions to trust Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through Children’s Heart Project.

When Franklin Graham visited Mongolia in October, he met dozens of our former patients from years past. One boy has grown up to become a youth pastor and has led over 100 young people to faith in Christ. Two girls are now in medical school and hope to become heart specialists that Mongolia so desperately needs. As Graham told the Pauls when they decided to host Sarana, “You never know what that little girl will grow up to be.”

Little Sarana will have the chance to live a long and healthy life because of the generosity of the Pauls family, one of our partnering hospitals, and the work of Children’s Heart Project.

“Sarana and her family live just outside of the capital city in a traditional Mongolian ger—a one-room tent made of felt, with no running water or indoor plumbing.”
When Aya came to Hospital of Hope, she was desperate for help. Suffering from painful ulcers, she had turned to the village witch doctor, but he was unable to heal her.

The Christian physicians at Hospital of Hope in Togo—one of many mission hospitals supported by Samaritan’s Purse around the world—treated Aya’s condition. Most importantly, they shared the Gospel with her.

During her stay at the hospital, Aya watched the JESUS film in her own language and asked many questions of the chaplains. Deeply moved by Jesus’ suffering for her sins, she prayed to receive Him as her Savior.

Aya could not keep this wonderful news to herself. When her health improved and she was released from the hospital, Aya asked one of the chaplains to come to her village, which is about an hour’s journey away.

The chaplain, who was born in the village, gladly accompanied her. As he spent time in the community, the chaplain found a handful of people who were interested in learning about Jesus. He initiated a Bible study and began leading worship services there.

Meanwhile, the village chief’s son became seriously ill and was brought to Hospital of Hope, where he also received compassionate care from the doctors and was healed by the grace of God. After seeing her son’s recovery, the chief’s wife decided to...

“I WILL RESTORE HEALTH TO YOU AND HEAL YOU OF YOUR WOUNDS,’ SAYS THE LORD.”

—JEREMIAH 30:17
Samaritan’s Purse is also working through our Post-Residency Program to equip and prepare a new generation of missionary doctors to serve in Christian hospitals worldwide. Last year, we welcomed 14 young physicians into this program for two years of training and mentorship that will prepare them for long-term service as medical missionaries.

These doctors fill a critical need for staffing in these mission hospitals, while gaining valuable experience working in the context of the developing world.

Dr. Julian Swanson, an internist and pediatrician, is one of these Post-Resident doctors. He serves at Diospi Suyana Hospital in Peru, where he is learning from veteran missionary doctors while meeting the need for a physician with his medical specialties.

Dr. Swanson is grateful for the opportunity to provide medical care to the Quechua people in the Andes Mountains, but he knows the best medicine he can prescribe for them can only come from the Great Physician—Jesus Christ.

“One of my patients asked me how she could be closer to God,” he shared. “It was so awesome to share about the love of God with someone who knew that there was something different about the way we take care of our patients. People are thirsty for the love of Jesus, and I can share the Good News with them right here in the hospital.”

After their stint as Post-Resident doctors, many of these physicians return to the field for a lifetime of serving patients in Jesus’ Name.
CLEFT LIP & PALATE PROGRAM

In many parts of the world, a cleft lip is seen as a curse, and people born with the disfigurement are ostracized from their communities. They are often prevented from attending school or conducting business, and many are verbally or physically abused. In 2018, Samaritan’s Purse worked in Bolivia, Liberia, and South Sudan to provide cleft lip and palate surgery for over 100 patients, showing them that God loves them enough to send His Son.

GRETA HOME & ACADEMY

Two hundred fifty future Christian leaders are being raised up at the Greta Home and Academy in Haiti. Named for Greta Van Susteren for her advocacy following the 2010 earthquake that devastated the island nation, the Greta Home is a school and orphanage where boys and girls receive a Christian education, a loving home, and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Franklin Graham has a passion for the children at the Greta Home, and visited them last Christmas to bring special gifts and an eternal message: “God loves you,” he said. “Don’t ever forget it.”
Abuk had always been poor, but after a fire destroyed her home and all her belongings, she was truly destitute. With no support system, she and her children were homeless. They had to beg for food to survive.

This wasn’t the first time Abuk, who lives in South Sudan, had to endure hardship. When she was young, a disease left her right leg permanently disabled. Her father died in war, and her mother passed away soon after that. When she was just 23, Abuk was forced to marry a man nearly 30 years older than her. He died shortly after she gave birth to their first child, and common diseases took many of her other family members.

But the Christians in Abuk’s community saw her pain after the fire and took action. Pastor John Athuai and his congregation had participated in the Samaritan’s Purse Church-based Discipleship Initiatives (CBDI) program, which encouraged and equipped them to reach out in Jesus’ Name to their neighbors in need. “Samaritan’s Purse helped us see the church as the hands and feet of Jesus,” said Pastor John.

The church raised money to help Abuk—not just temporarily—but by offering sustainable support. The gift allowed her to open a small roadside shop where she now sells peanut butter, fruits, and vegetables to support her family. The Christians also collected enough funds to build Abuk and her children a new home.

The compassion they demonstrated made a tremendous impact on Abuk. “Who told you to rescue me?” she asked the church members. When they shared that the love they showed her is a reflection of Jesus’ love, she put her faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior. Now, Abuk and her four children attend church every Sunday. She even invites her neighbors to join them.

Through the CBDI program, we are equipping churches in South Sudan, like Pastor Athuai’s, to identify and respond to the needs in their communities. More than 650 Christians in South Sudan have received training through the program. “Thanks to these trainings from Samaritan’s Purse, we will not stop with this one need,” said Pastor John. “We are looking ahead at how we can address problems in our communities ourselves.”

In addition, our Biblical Literacy and Discipleship program teaches South Sudanese how to read the Bible in their own language and trains church and government officials in servant leadership. These programs support and strengthen the church in South Sudan by teaching Biblical values of love and mercy, which is helping to change the dynamics of a country that has only known war.

Abuk has a new home and a thriving business because of the support she received from the local church in her village. Most importantly, she is now a follower of Jesus Christ.

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

—MATTHEW 5:16, ESV
# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2018  (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

## ASSETS

### Current assets:
- **Cash and cash equivalents:**
  - Available for ministries $10,854,974  $8,539,982
  - Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes 206,035,042  221,498,205
- **Investments:**
  - Available for ministries 186,339,736  159,287,835
  - Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes 14,076,384  38,252,450
  - Planned giving program 7,133,780   7,252,146
  - Grants receivable  9,073,607  9,961,363
  - Other current assets 21,334,122  19,262,149
  - Inventories   56,364,752  47,742,141
- **Total current assets** 511,212,397  511,796,271

### Noncurrent assets:
- **Planned giving program investments** 32,813,589  31,746,942
- **Endowment investments** 1,110,796  1,106,559
- **Other noncurrent assets** 760,601 711,927
- **Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation** 162,405,195  132,848,630
- **Total noncurrent assets** 197,090,181  166,414,058

**Total assets** $708,302,578  $678,210,329

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### Current liabilities:
- **Accounts payable - suppliers $20,110,979  $17,786,062
- **Accrued expenses** 11,786,978  7,321,336
- **Current portion of planned giving program obligations** 7,133,780  7,252,146
- **Total current liabilities** 39,031,737  32,359,544

### Noncurrent liabilities:
- **Planned giving program obligations** 19,574,666  18,365,900
- **Total noncurrent liabilities** 19,574,666  18,365,900

**Total liabilities** 58,606,403  50,726,034

### Net assets:
- **Without donor restrictions:**
  - Designated by governing board $60,628,356  57,286,883
  - Represented by property and equipment 162,405,195  132,848,630
  - General  165,018,209  137,060,595
  - Total without donor restrictions 388,051,760  327,196,108
- **With donor restrictions:**
  - Ministry purpose restrictions 269,637,406  299,281,178
  - Projected in action 1,007,009 1,007,009
  - Total with donor restrictions 270,644,415  300,288,187
  - Total net assets 658,696,175 627,484,295

**Total liabilities and net assets** $708,302,578  $678,210,329

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## Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2018  (With Comparative Totals for 2017)

### 2018 REVENUES

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### 2018 EXPENSES

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**Increase (decrease) in net assets** | 22,211,880 | 189,903,477 |

**Net assets at beginning of year** | 327,196,108 | 437,580,818 |

**Net assets at end of year** | **649,696,175** | **627,484,295** |

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The Ministry receives significant contributions at year-end due to program activity from projects such as Operation Christmas Child and normal year-end giving from donors. As a result, cash and investment balances are normally at their highest levels at year-end. The cash and investment balances are used as quickly as possible in support Ministry activity. If you would like a complete audit report, please contact us.

Complete 2018 audited financial statements at samaritanspurse.org/financial
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.