DEAR FRIEND,

When lives are turned upside down by a storm, earthquake, or attack, Samaritan’s Purse stands prepared to spring into action. We know that every minute counts. We thank God that we are now able to respond faster than ever before, thanks to a DC-8 jet that we salvaged from an aviation boneyard in New Mexico and refurbished to become the workhorse of our global relief work. This is one of the fastest commercial jets ever made, and when it flew our Emergency Field Hospital to Ecuador and cholera clinics to Haiti, it became a lifesaver.

The same kind of life-or-death urgency compels all our work at Samaritan’s Purse as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those who are hurting or lost. Time is running out on this old world. As Jesus said, “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:4-5).

This past year, Samaritan’s Purse has helped well over 12 million people in 149 countries, and we praise God that we have seen over 1.5 million make life-changing decisions to give their hearts to Christ. On behalf of all of them, thank you for your faithful prayers and generous support. May God richly bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan’s Purse
BRINGING HOPE: DEDICATION OF OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL IN IRAQ.
“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.”

Luke 10:33-34

ALONG THE SAMARITAN ROAD

THE STREETS OF MOSUL ARE STAINED WITH BLOOD FROM THE VICTIMS OF ISIS SNIPERS, ROADSIDE BOMBS, AND BOOBY-TRAPPED HOUSES. EVERY DAY, DOZENS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS ARE MAIMED AND LEFT “HALF DEAD,” AS JESUS DESCRIBED THE ROBBERY VICTIM IN THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN. SINCE SAMARITAN’S PURSE ESTABLISHED OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF IRAQ’S SECOND LARGEST CITY, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SAVE MANY LIVES AS OUR MEDICAL TEAMS SHARE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST.
SAVING LIVES IN A WAR ZONE

SAMARITAN’S PURSE AIRLIFTED OUR EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL INTO IRAQ AND SET IT UP ON THE HISTORIC PLAINS OF NINEVEH JUST OUTSIDE THE BESIEGED CITY OF MOSUL IN AN UNPRECEDENTED MISSION TO SAVE LIVES, RELIEVE SUFFERING, AND SHARE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST WITH THE TERRORIZED VICTIMS OF ISIS.

Hiba (not her real name) feared that she would never make it out of Mosul alive. Outside her door, a war was raging, as government and coalition troops fought ISIS terrorists in the streets of Iraq’s second largest city.

Hiba kept her children inside, but one day her 6-year-old son was hit by shrapnel from a mortar blast. She bandaged him the best she could but soon realized his wounds were life-threatening. So she gathered him into her arms and made a run for the Iraqi army lines—only to be shot down by a cold-blooded ISIS sniper.

“I kept on going until I couldn’t breathe anymore,” Hiba said. “When I couldn’t run, I crawled.”

Somehow, she and her son made it to safety, where government troops put them into an ambulance and rushed them to our Emergency Field Hospital barely 10 miles from Mosul. There, a world-class medical team assembled by Samaritan’s Purse was able to save both their lives.

The Emergency Field Hospital arrived in Erbil, Iraq, on Christmas Day aboard a 747 cargo jet that Samaritan’s Purse had loaded two days earlier in Greensboro, N.C. Within days, the inflatable buildings were erected, two fully equipped operating rooms were open, and over 80 doctors, nurses, and staff were caring for wounded and sick patients in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Franklin Graham traveled to Iraq to dedicate the 50-bed hospital and commended the staff for how they show the compassion of Christ through their expert care and tireless work in the face of war and evil. “[They] pray for them, talk to them, hold their hands, and smile. For most of these people, it might be the only glimpse of Jesus Christ they will ever see, and I want them to leave here with that impression.”

Lise Grande, the United Nations’ humanitarian coordinator for Iraq, thanked Samaritan’s Purse for the swift response. “We’ve reached out to a number of organizations, asking, begging them to step forward,” she said. “Dr. Graham and Samaritan’s Purse answered that call. We can’t thank you enough. You built this hospital in record time. Most of all, we want to thank you for saving people. Because Samaritan’s Purse is here, thousands—tens of thousands—of people will survive.”

Over a thousand civilians were killed in the first six weeks of the fight to liberate Mosul, and many in the population of two million have had no access to healthcare in the two years since ISIS seized the

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS: Our medical staff work heroically to save lives, such as the day when ambulances brought in 11 people who had been blown up by an ISIS car bomb. “Because Samaritan’s Purse is here, thousands—tens of thousands—of people will survive,” said Lise Grande, the humanitarian coordinator for the United Nations in Iraq. As patients recover, God gives our staff opportunities to pray with them, encourage them with Scripture, and introduce them to our Lord and Savior.

{ Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you. } JONAH 3:2
city. Even in neighborhoods that have been liberated, returning families often find their homes booby-trapped, and many have been maimed by explosions.

For some Iraqis, the hospital is the first place they have ever witnessed the compassion of Christ. “Why are we fighting these people?” one patient was heard to say in Arabic. “They are so kind.”

The hospital is set up near sprawling refugee camps on the Plains of Nineveh. This is the same place that God sent the prophet Jonah thousands of years ago: “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me” (Jonah 1:2).

Jonah’s tomb was in Mosul until 2014, when ISIS blew it up and vowed to exterminate Christians. “They are the enemy of humanity and civilization,” said a man named Gilil who was among thousands of Christians in and around Mosul who had to flee for their lives. ISIS burned his church and devastated his neighborhood, but persecution has only made his faith stronger. “We are Christians,” he said. “We will be Christians until death. Never will we change our faith.”

The Emergency Field Hospital is at the forefront of an international LIFELINE: Samaritan’s Purse has handed out truckloads of food staples, cooking kits, and other essentials to meet emergency needs and show God’s love to thousands of displaced families in Iraq, Greece, and elsewhere.
effort by Samaritan’s Purse to show the love of Jesus to thousands of displaced families and individuals—whether they are Christian, Yazidi, or Muslim.

In northern Iraq, our teams have distributed 20,000 blankets, 5,000 tarps, infant hygiene kits, cooking kits, clean water, and more than 2,000 tons of food. Across the Middle East, we are providing similar assistance to uprooted families through our longtime partners in Jordan, Lebanon, and neighboring countries.

In Greece, Samaritan’s Purse has served over 700,000 meals and provided warm clothing to 14,000 refugees from places such as Syria and Afghanistan who are so desperate that they continue to cross the Mediterranean in small open boats. As they arrive in some of the places where the apostle Paul preached, God gives us opportunities to pray with them and share the Gospel with many who have never heard it.

In cities across Europe, we have partnered with evangelical churches to establish “Meeting Places” to reach out in the Name of Jesus to help refugees as they seek a place to live in peace. Many have come to Christ through these outreaches.
Lynda Fourcade lost all her personal belongings when Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans in 2005. Samaritan’s Purse helped clean out her home, but she was so afraid of another flood that she eventually moved north to Baton Rouge. “It’s an experience I never thought I’d go through again,” she said.

Then came the summer of 2016, and floodwaters found her again. Once again, Samaritan’s Purse came to her rescue, repairing her leaky roof, gutting the moldy rooms, and even building a wheelchair ramp to make it possible for Lynda to return to her home. “Without Samaritan’s Purse,” she said, “I don’t know what I would have done.”
SERVANT HEARTS: Volunteers in Greenbrier County, W.Va., (above) work tirelessly to gut a flooded house so it can be repaired. After each job is done, our teams present a signed Bible to the homeowners. In East Baton Rouge, La., volunteer Palmer Pisle was especially proud to be able to make the presentation to Bruce Simmons, a deputy who had been wounded while on duty four weeks before his home was flooded.
Major floods hit Louisiana twice in 2016. Samaritan’s Purse deployed Disaster Relief Units to West Monroe and Bossier City following a spring storm described as “Little Katrina,” then responded to widespread flooding in August by sending teams to East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Ascension Parish. Across Louisiana, our teams helped clean and repair 1,435 houses, and 391 men, women, and children gave their hearts to Jesus through the witness of our volunteers, staff, and chaplains from the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team.

Among them was a couple named Steven and Tammy Carizalez who were living in a shelter because their home was flooded. After Steven rededicated his life to Jesus, he and Tammy spent several days working alongside our volunteers. They had been struggling in their marriage, and serving helped bring them together. “We repented and we’re back on track,” Steven said.

During 2016, Samaritan’s Purse also responded to major flooding along the coast of Texas, where we helped 429 families in four locations; and in the valleys and hollows of West Virginia, working on 338 houses in two counties.

Likewise, the worst damage from Hurricane Matthew was a result of inland flooding rather than winds. We deployed teams to Beaufort and Horry County, S.C., as well as Edgecombe County, N.C., to help 708 families.

The historic town of Princeville, N.C., was inundated for the second time in 17 years, and it was two weeks before the waters receded enough for families to return and cleanup to begin. Meanwhile, chaplains who work alongside our disaster relief teams took the time to share the hope of the Gospel with the evacuees, including an 8-year-old boy named Xyquevious who prayed with them to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior.

A few days later when our volunteers began cleaning mud and debris out of the house where Xyquevious lived, his mother Verna May Jones met chaplains who explained the hope of the Gospel and the way of salvation. She recognized their message—because it was exactly what Xyquevious had been telling her since he was saved. Standing in front of her damaged home, she bowed her head in prayer and surrendered her life to Jesus.

Now she and her son can walk together in faith as they restart their lives. “I want God to walk before every step I take,” she said. “As long as He’s there with me, I know I can face the future.”


Throughout the year, 14,647 volunteers worked 367,170 hours—the most ever for our North American Ministries projects.
MEETING THE CHALLENGE: Donald Trump and Mike Pence (left) took time during the presidential race in August to join Franklin Graham and Samaritan’s Purse to bring national attention to the needs of flood victims in Baton Rouge, La. Our volunteers install tarps (right) to seal storm-shredded roofs so that families can return home as soon as possible. Even when houses are a complete loss, as in the aftermath of the wildfires in Gatlinburg, Tenn. (above), God gives us opportunities to minister to survivors by helping them recover priceless keepsakes as we share the hope of the Gospel.
UTTER DEVASTATION: Hurricane Matthew’s 145-mph winds ripped roofs off houses in the coastal town of Jeremie, Haiti. Samaritan’s Purse used everything from cargo jets to pack burros to bring help to those who needed it most.

{ then they cry out to the lord in their trouble, and he brings them out of their distresses.}
ISLAND BATTERED BY WAVES OF MISERY

HURRICANE MATTHEW WAS THE DEADLIEST ATLANTIC STORM IN MORE THAN A DECADE, KILLING MORE THAN 1,600 PEOPLE AS IT PINBALED ACROSS THE CARIBBEAN AND SCOURRED THE COAST OF FOUR SOUTHEASTERN STATES. SAMARITAN’S PURSE ORGANIZED DAILY AIRLIFTS ON OUR DC-8 CARGO JET TO DELIVER MORE THAN 200 TONS OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO THE CARIBBEAN AND BATLED AN OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA THAT FOLLOWED THE STORM.
As Pastor Carl Dimanche looked across the coastal town of Jeremie, all he saw was destruction. His church and the homes of his family and congregation lay in ruins, and the gardens and livestock that once fed the town were gone.

Hurricane Matthew had just swept over the Tiburon peninsula as the strongest storm to hit Haiti in over 50 years. “We have no roofs, no clothes, no food, no water,” Pastor Carl said. “No shoes because they got blown away by the wind. But at least we are still alive.”

Matthew killed over a thousand people in Haiti and left multitudes at risk. The toll would have been even worse if not for swift action by Samaritan’s Purse medical teams in response to an outbreak of cholera. Thousands developed the deadly infection by drinking water that was contaminated by the storm. Without treatment, half of them might have died.

Samaritan’s Purse deployed more than a dozen doctors and nurses to remote villages to battle the outbreak. Roads and bridges were washed out, so the medical teams walked into the mountains and used pack burros to deliver life-saving supplies. Dehydrated patients were carried in on makeshift stretchers made of sticks and scraps of cloth.

As fluids and medication were administered, within hours seemingly-lifeless bodies were revived from what could have been a death sentence. “If you had not been here, I would not be alive,” said Jean Saintil, who was among 400 cholera patients treated by Samaritan’s Purse.

Matthew packed Category 4 winds when it made landfall in Haiti on Oct. 4. Just two days later, while the storm was still churning off the coast of Florida, Samaritan’s Purse made the first of nine relief flights to deliver a total of 200 tons of emergency supplies to the island. We also sent one flight to the Bahamas, where Matthew struck Oct. 6. (See Page 13 to read about our Hurricane Matthew relief work in the U.S.)

In Haiti, Samaritan’s Purse distributed 8,000 blankets, 8,000 hygiene kits, 31,756 shelter tarps, and 11,375 water filtration systems to help storm survivors rebuild their lives. “These people don’t have bank accounts,” said Pastor Carl in Jeremie. “The crops and these animals were their bank accounts. We are going to be hungry and grieving for a long time.”

Thankfully, the storm bypassed the Greta Home and Academy and other ongoing Samaritan’s Purse projects in Haiti, which is still struggling to recover from the 2010 earthquake.
FIGHTING CHOLERA: Following Hurricane Matthew, Haiti feared another cholera epidemic like the one that killed thousands following the 2010 earthquake. Samaritan’s Purse staff worked relentlessly to make sure that didn’t happen again. We set up treatment centers in places like Chardonneries and distributed thousands of water filtration kits so that storm survivors would not have to drink contaminated water.
THE FIRST FLIGHT OF SAMARITAN’S PURSE’S DC-8 CARGO JET ARRIVES IN ECUADOR CARRYING A SELF-CONTAINED EMERGENCY FIELD HOSPITAL TO TREAT SURVIVORS OF A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE.
“WHAT’S IN OUR HEART IS TO GET THERE AS FAST AS WE CAN”
Monica and Freddy Leones were fortunate to survive the 7.8-magnitude earthquake April 16 in Ecuador that killed 673 people and injured tens of thousands. Freddy immediately went to work delivering food and water to victims—and then came home to find his wife clutching her abdomen and crying in pain.

Monica needed to get to a hospital, but Freddy knew that all the medical facilities in the region had been destroyed. An ambulance took them on a harrowing two-hour ride, maneuvering through debris, bypassing collapsed bridges, and bringing them to what had been a vacant field near the town of Chone.

There was the hospital they desperately needed—set up in
a matter of hours by Samaritan’s Purse. Our doctors quickly diagnosed appendicitis and rushed her into a fully equipped operating room that had been packed into our DC-8 cargo jet just a few days earlier.

The surgery was a success—and just in time. Otherwise, in a few hours, Monica might have died of a ruptured appendix.

Saving lives like Monica’s has been our priority as Samaritan’s Purse developed our Emergency Field Hospital, trained our medical response teams, and refurbished a 48-year-old DC-8 cargo jet salvaged from an aviation boneyard in New Mexico.

Thanks to months of preparation and prepackaging, it

PREPARING FOR TAKEOFF:
Ecuador was the first destination for our DC-8 cargo jet. The 48-year-old plane was refurbished by Samaritan’s Purse and can fly 5,000 miles at 530 mph, carrying 30 emergency workers and up to 40 tons of supplies. The DC-8 flew 135,000 miles in 2016, including five missions to Ecuador, four to Liberia, one to Alaska, and 10 to Haiti.
took only a matter of hours to load the entire hospital onto the
DC-8, airlift it to Ecuador, identify the best location, set up the
tents, and install all the supplies and equipment. We praise God
that we were able to open the hospital in Ecuador on April 21–
just five days after the earthquake struck. The emergency room
was up and running just 11 hours after the initial shipment
arrived in Chone.

“Getting on site and operating as quickly as possible is
the most important thing we do in disasters,” said Dr. Elliott
Tenpenny, emergency medicine specialist with Samaritan’s
Purse.

The hospital includes operating rooms, patient wards, a
pharmacy, a generator, and everything needed to provide expert
care in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Many of the patients were injured when buildings collapsed
during the earthquake. A 7-year-old girl named Marielena
suffered a broken leg when a concrete wall fell on her. Dr.
Leland McCluskey, an orthopedic surgeon who has served with
Samaritan’s Purse around the world, performed surgery and
placed pins in Marielena’s femur to ensure it healed properly.

While Marielena was in surgery, her mother, Eugenia,
became ill. Medical staff rushed her to the emergency room to
treat her for malnutrition, bilateral pneumonia, and a chronic
lung disease. Meanwhile, Chaplain Edgar Straube provided
emotional and spiritual support while spoon-feeding soup to
her.

Edgar shared the Gospel and explained how we can have
eternal life in Christ. In the middle of a busy emergency room,
Eugenia accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. “It’s almost like I
felt [Jesus] say, ‘Come and receive me’,,” she said.

During the two months of disaster response in Ecuador, our
medical staff treated 1,285 patients and performed 287 surgeries.
Eugenia was one of 60 patients, family members, and local
medical professionals who made decisions to follow Jesus.

We praise God for how He worked through the compassion,
dedication, and expertise of our medical teams to make an
eternal impact in Ecuador.

In addition to providing emergency medical care, Samaritan’s
Purse provided clean water to 50,000 earthquake victims and
met the shelter needs of 5,000 families. The DC-8 made five
flights from North Carolina to Ecuador transporting relief
supplies and personnel as well as the field hospital.

Staff and local partners distributed more than 9,000 tarps,
6,500 hygiene kits, and 4,400 bucket-sized filtration kits so that
families would have safe water to drink. Our teams also installed
a large water filter to provide water for a hospital in the town
of Jama, and we built latrines to improve sanitation at a camp
housing families displaced in the quake.

The emergency hospital in Chone has been turned over to
the Ecuadorian Ministry of Health and remains a center for
trusted healthcare while the town hospital is being rebuilt.
FINDING HOPE: The earthquake left entire towns with no access to clean drinking water. Samaritan’s Purse delivered thousands of water filtration kits (above left) and trained earthquake survivors how to properly use them. At the Emergency Field Hospital (above and left) we cared for dozens of patients every day, praying with them even in the midst of medical procedures.
CHOUK CHEY, CAMBODIA

BRIGHTER FUTURE: Franklin Graham, Greta Van Susteren, and John Coale visited a Cambodian family who benefit from our food and livelihood assistance project. As families become able to support themselves by raising chickens and pigs or other enterprises, they no longer have to seek work in Thailand, where they are vulnerable to human trafficking.
INVESTING IN THEIR COMMUNITY: Samaritan’s Purse helped schoolchildren in Kenya who raised over 14,000 seedlings to plant groves of fruit trees and help re-establish forests.
“WE GO THROUGH EVERYTHING TOGETHER. OUR LIVES ARE SO INTERTWINED, AND WHAT AFFECTS ONE OF US IMPACTS US ALL. I’M SO GLAD WE HAVE EACH OTHER FOR SUPPORT. WE ARE HERE TO HELP EACH OTHER.”

DR. MISSY SANDBERG, Former World Medical Mission Volunteer, now a missionary at Mukinge Hospital in Zambia
Suffering the ravages of dengue fever, “KP” went into complete respiratory failure with both lungs collapsing. The 12-year-old Honduran girl was placed on a ventilator for two weeks and received around-the-clock care.

Drs. Isaac and Anne Hofer Hotz were among the team at Hospital Loma de Luz who attended to KP’s needs and prayed with the child and her relatives. The couple are family medicine practitioners who came to Honduras in 2014 to serve a two-year assignment through World Medical Mission’s Post-Residency Program.

For brief intervals, KP (pictured with Dr. Hotz at left) was able to breathe on her own. During one of those nights, KP told Dr. Hotz and the nurses she wanted to accept Christ into her heart.

“She prayed a beautiful prayer to Jesus, confessing that she was a sinner, asking Him to forgive her sins, inviting Him to come into her heart and to take over her life, not just a part of it, but her whole life,” said Dr. Hotz. “I had to look away as I held her hand, because I was crying so much.”

KP’s parents did not want their daughter to suffer any longer and were prepared to remove her from the ventilator. They had already purchased her coffin. But KP surprised everyone when she survived into the next day, and the next week. In fact, her condition started to improve and she gradually regained lung functions. Six weeks after being admitted into the hospital, KP was able to return home to her family. Now she is walking and continuing to praise God for His healing work in her life.

The Hotzes are among 150 physicians since 2004 who have answered Christ’s call to serve overseas through our Post-Residency Program. Most of these doctors have now become career medical missionaries. In 2016, we commissioned 19 more young men and women for two-year assignments.

World Medical Mission specializes in arranging short-term trips overseas for doctors and other medical professionals who volunteer their time and service. In 2016, our staff coordinated more than 725 short-term trips for healthcare professionals who served at 38 mission hospitals in 34 countries.

We also sent our biomedical technicians to 12 hospitals and clinics to install and maintain equipment, and we shipped over 227 tons of medical supplies to 19 overseas facilities.
HEALING BODIES AND SOULS: World Medical Mission sent more than 725 healthcare professionals to serve at dozens of Christian hospitals and clinics in 2016, including Chitokoloki Mission Hospital (top) in Zambia. Dr. Leona O’Keefe (left) came to Tansen Hospital in Nepal through our Post-Residency Program. Dr. Kevin Kerrigan (above), a surgeon from Spokane, Washington, has made several short-term volunteer trips since 2007 to hospitals in Africa and Papua New Guinea.
‘A MONUMENT OF GOD’S LOVE FOR LIBERIA’

Celebrating a new era for healthcare in Liberia, President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf welcomed Franklin Graham on October 22, 2016, to dedicate the new ELWA hospital built by Samaritan’s Purse. The new 46,000-square-foot facility is twice as large as the 50-year-old campus where Samaritan’s Purse treated Ebola victims during the 2014 epidemic. The new hospital includes operating rooms, labor and delivery rooms, an emergency room, male and female wards, pediatric and obstetric wards, outpatient and infectious disease departments, and a full lab and imaging department. ELWA stands for Eternal Love Winning Africa, and President Sirleaf described the hospital as a “monument of God’s love for Liberia.”
“WHY WOULD SOMEONE WHO DOESN’T KNOW US SEND US SUCH WONDERFUL GIFTS?”
ALONG THE SAMARITAN ROAD

A DONKEY CART DELIVERS SHOEBOX GIFTS TO CHILDREN IN A DESERT SETTLEMENT CALLED SPITZKOPPE IN THE SPARSELY POPULATED AFRICAN NATION OF NAMIBIA.

“WHY WOULD SOMEONE WHO DOESN’T KNOW US SEND US SUCH WONDERFUL GIFTS?”
11.5 MILLION REASONS TO SMILE
EVERY SHOEBOX GIFT IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE GOSPEL. WE THANK GOD FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR SAMARITAN’S PURSE TO REACH NEARLY 11.5 MILLION CHILDREN IN 104 COUNTRIES THROUGH OUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT IN 2016.

Operation Christmas Child is a gift that keeps on giving. That’s because God is using our shoebox gift project to make a lasting impact in the lives of children who are growing up to become church leaders and church planters.

In the past four years, brothers Jamber, 22, and José, 19, have helped their pastor start two churches in Cajamarca, Peru. Both brothers received Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes while attending a church called Gateway to Bethlehem. José received his box full of towels, toys, and crayons at age 5. Jamber was already a believer and a Sunday School teacher when he received his at 14.

The brothers helped start a church in a ramshackle building called the House of Wood. Members of the new church distributed Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and began teaching The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program Samaritan’s Purse developed for shoebox recipients. Family members began coming to church with their children, and four years later the House of Wood is growing so fast that it has been expanded to three times its original size.

“We need to keep going,” Pastor Cueva said. “Parts of the city still haven’t heard about Jesus.”

Samaritan’s Purse has been sending shoeboxes to Peru for nearly 20 years, and our Christian partners often use the gifts as a way to share God’s love with children who are not in churches. At one outreach event in Cajamarca, more than a dozen individuals gave their hearts to Christ, and a new church was planted in that neighborhood.

In other corners of the world, God is using Operation Christmas Child to open doors in places and cultures where it has been challenging to share the Gospel. For example, 2016 was the first time we have been able to have large-scale outreach events in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma—a predominantly Buddhist nation that was under military rule until recently. This was a tremendous encouragement to the Christians there.

“Through Operation Christmas Child, we can plant more seeds of the Gospel in children’s hearts,” said Charity Nyunt, a Burmese Christian. “Children will experience the love of God—and not only them, but their friends, family, and community.”

Every shoebox represents an opportunity to share the Gospel. In 2016, Samaritan’s Purse collected a record 11,486,773 gifts in 11 countries, including 9,122,910 from the United States. Since 1993, Samaritan’s Purse has distributed 146.8 million gift boxes worldwide.

JOY TO THE WORLD: Children in Peru (above) and Zambia (right) rejoice over the gifts in their shoeboxes. Operation Christmas Child has been working in both of these Southern Hemisphere countries for more than 20 years.

PROVERBS 22:6  { TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT. }
REACHING MILLIONS FOR JESUS

WE PRAISE GOD FOR HOW HE IS USING THE GREATEST JOURNEY TO RAISE UP A NEW GENERATION OF DISCIPLES AMONG OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT RECIPIENTS. IN 2016, MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION CHILDREN MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST THROUGH THESE CLASSES, BRINGING THE SEVEN-YEAR TOTAL TO MORE THAN FIVE MILLION NEW BELIEVERS.

In a Cambodian village, children crowd around a 13-year-old girl named Thida to hear her read the wonderful stories of Jesus. You would never guess that it has only been a few months since she gave her heart to Christ and began reading the Bible.

Not long after Thida received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift, she was invited to participate in The Greatest Journey, the 12-lesson Samaritan’s Purse discipleship program for children who receive shoebox gifts.

At first, Thida was disrespectful to her teacher, talked back, and refused to participate in class. She showed little if any interest in God or the Bible. She also had a strained relationship with her parents and did not appreciate how hard they worked. Her mother works long, hard days in a garment factory for little pay, and her father is a day laborer.

Thida’s attitude in The Greatest Journey classes changed in the fifth lesson, when she read about Zacchaeus in Luke 19. “Zacchaeus was not a good man,” Thida said. “But when he met Jesus, he repented.”

Thida realized that Jesus could also change her life, so she prayed to repent of her sins and trusted Him as her Lord and Savior.

Then she made her mother’s birthday one to remember. “I told my mother I loved her,” Thida said. “She cried because she had never heard those words from me.”

Now, Thida isn’t shy about sharing the Gospel and telling friends and family what she learned during The Greatest Journey. “I want to be a person who respects my parents, follows Jesus, and follows the plan God prepared for me,” she said.

Thida is also helping make disciples. She is among six graduates from her class who go with their teacher to a nearby village to lead The Greatest Journey classes for another group of children.

In ways like this, God uses The Greatest Journey to expand the impact of the Gospel far beyond the churches and classrooms. Not only are millions of children around the world coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but they are getting the New Testament in their own language and learning how important it is to share their faith with family and friends. More than 5.5 million graduates have made a commitment to pray for opportunities to share the Good News of Christ with their loved ones.

Samaritan’s Purse offers The Greatest Journey in more than 70 languages and reached nearly 100 countries in 2016. Since 2010, almost 11 million children have enrolled, with another 4.4 million expected in 2017.
SPREADING THE GOSPEL: This teacher in Namibia (above) is among 520,000 volunteers who have been trained by Samaritan’s Purse through our global church network to lead The Greatest Journey classes. When students graduate, we present them with their very own copies of the New Testament. These girls in the Philippines (left) read in English, but we also offer Bibles in more than 70 languages.
CLEFT LIP & PALATE SURGERY:
Samaritan’s Purse sent medical teams to Liberia and South Sudan in 2016 to provide cleft lip and palate surgery in the Name of Jesus for more than 100 children as well as adults.

CHILDREN’S HEART PROJECT:
Anu was one of 50 children from around the world who received lifesaving heart surgery in 2016 through our Children’s Heart Project. Her heart defect was discovered during routine vaccinations, and the operation she desperately needed was not available in her native Mongolia. Samaritan’s Purse flew Anu and her mother Saraa to Minnesota for the surgery that will make it possible for her to grow up strong and healthy. Saraa was among 17 individuals who accepted Christ as Savior through the Children’s Heart Project in 2016.
FRONTIER OF THE GOSPEL

Franklin Graham met with the native Yupik community of Togiak, Alaska, to celebrate the building of a new facility for Togiak Moravian Church. This was the 26th construction project completed by Samaritan’s Purse in “the Last Frontier” of Alaska’s remote towns and villages—most of them accessible only by air. Teams of volunteers embarked into the tundra weekly to work on the sanctuary—which is visible to the whole village as well as surrounding communities along Bristol Bay. “Most of Alaska is very remote, and doing a construction project up here can be very difficult,” Graham told church members. “We look for a project every year to help local churches here, and this is going to be a tremendous facility for the people of Togiak.”
“WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS, I SIGNED UP BEFORE I EVEN TOLD HER ABOUT IT, BECAUSE I SAW A PICTURE OF A COUPLE RENEWING THEIR VOWS. TO ME, THAT WAS A CHANCE FOR ME TO SHOW HER WHAT SHE MEANS TO ME. NOW I FEEL LIKE WE’VE HAD A SECOND CHANCE TO RENEW EVERYTHING—OUR MARRIAGE, OUR FAMILY—TO GOD.”

MARINE SERGEANT GABE MARTINEZ
BAPTIZED ALONG WITH HIS WIFE KAYLA IN ALASKA’S LAKE CLARK
MENDING WAR’S Deepest WOUNDS

IN THE FIFTH YEAR SINCE SAMARITAN’S PURSE LAUNCHED OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS, 160 MILITARY COUPLES WERE OUR GUESTS IN ALASKA, 79 REDEDICATED THEIR MARRIAGES, AND 67 INDIVIDUALS MADE COMMITMENTS TO CHRIST.

All that Shawn Young ever wanted to do was to be a Marine. But multiple deployments to Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan took such a toll on his body that he had to retire early. “I’ve been close to a lot of blasts,” he said. “I don’t know what all it’s done to me.”

At the same time his 18-year career was on the brink, so was his 13-year marriage. When Samaritan’s Purse invited Shawn and Mary to go to Alaska for Operation Heal Our Patriots, they were considering separation.

Their week in Alaska changed everything. Mary prayed to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior, Shawn rededicated his life to Christ, and they renewed their wedding vows. Instead of fighting, they now work together as they face major life changes, including his retirement and his new career as a physical therapist helping other wounded Marines.

“Operation Heal Our Patriots put me back in touch with the Lord, and that has literally saved my life,” Mary said, describing how prayers, Christian friends, and Samaritan’s Purse chaplains helped her deal with the death of her mother.

The Youngs were among 160 military couples who participated in Operation Heal Our Patriots in the summer of 2016. Samaritan’s Purse offers this ministry to give wounded veterans and their spouses a unique opportunity for spiritual refreshment, physical renewal, and marriage enrichment. Couples participate in Biblically based seminars led by retired military chaplains to help strengthen their relationships with God and with each other. They also enjoy wilderness activities in a national park that showcases the awesome power of God’s creation.

In the past five years, 686 couples have participated in Operation Heal Our Patriots, 306 of them have rededicated their marriages, and 310 individuals have made commitments to Christ. We are committed to serving these veterans as long as they need our help, through follow-up activities that include an annual reunion, Fortify Your Marriage weekends, a variety of outings, and the ministry of our chaplains.

RENEWING THEIR STRENGTH: Marine Sergeant Patrick Myers and his wife Mindy (above) get a hero’s welcome from local schoolchildren and staff. Grace Bosch (right) has a fish story to share with her husband, Marine Sergeant Robert Bosch. Chaplain Jim Fisher and his wife Lori (far right) lead couples in daily workshops to strengthen their marriages and draw them closer to God.

ISAIAH 40:31 { BUT THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH WINGS LIKE EAGLES. }
ALONG THE SAMARITAN ROAD

The Baptist Harobanda Church was the first of 16 sanctuaries in Niger rebuilt by Samaritan’s Purse in 2016 after they were destroyed the previous year in a rampage by Muslim mobs. Construction is underway on another 15 churches. As Nigerien Christians have forgiven those who persecuted them, God is giving them opportunities to share the gospel with their neighbors.
ON THE EDGE OF THE SAHARA DESERT, SAMARITAN’S PURSE BUILT THIS COMMUNITY WELL TO SERVE THE VILLAGE OF GALBA, NIGER. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SENT A CHRISTIAN COUPLE TO LIVE IN GALBA TO TEACH NEIGHBORS HOW TO IMPROVE SANITATION AND MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR PRECIOUS WATER. THROUGH THE WITNESS OF THIS COUPLE, SEVERAL VILLAGERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR HEARTS TO CHRIST. AROUND THE WORLD IN 2016, SAMARITAN’S PURSE PROVIDED CLEAN WATER FOR MORE THAN 120,000 PEOPLE AND INSTALLED 8,000 WATER FILTERS AND 6,000 LATRINES.
SHARING THE BURDEN: Just as South Sudan was preparing to celebrate five years of independence, fighting broke out in the capital city of Juba and soon spread across the countryside. Nearly a half million refugees poured south into Uganda, and many who remained were unable to harvest the crops they need for the coming year. The tensions forced Samaritan’s Purse to temporarily relocate some staff, but we thank God that we have been able to continue feeding 274,000 people, sustain four refugee camps with over a million gallons of water per week, and operate the only surgical hospital in Maban County. In neighboring Uganda, Samaritan’s Purse is distributing food to another 218,000 displaced people. In a part of the world where many have lost hope, we are also feeding the soul by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, teaching people how to read the Bible, training churches to be engaged in the ministry of reconciliation, discipling new believers, and equipping the next generation of evangelists.
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
DECEMBER 31, 2016 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)

Assets

Current assets:
Cash and cash equivalents:
- Available for ministries $8,210,854 $6,559,793
- Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes 154,627,367 121,693,162
Investments:
- Available for ministries 100,794,123 83,291,778
- Held for donor-restricted ministry purposes 3,726,867 19,161,933
- Planned giving program 6,896,349 6,568,849
Grants receivable 9,551,975 9,582,703
Other current assets 13,137,188 9,132,924
Inventories 36,532,601 34,864,840
Total current assets 333,477,324 290,855,982

Noncurrent assets:
Planned giving program investments 27,705,159 24,113,754
Endowment investments 1,007,009 —
Other noncurrent assets 677,063 647,736
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation 127,120,175 112,084,775
Total noncurrent assets 156,509,406 136,846,265
Total assets $489,986,730 $427,702,247

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:
Accounts payable - suppliers $18,302,737 $16,494,931
Accrued expenses 10,203,136 5,225,039
Current portion of planned giving program obligations 6,896,349 6,568,849
Total current liabilities 35,402,222 28,288,819

Noncurrent liabilities:
Planned giving program obligations 17,003,690 12,836,642
Total noncurrent liabilities 17,003,690 12,836,642
Total liabilities 52,405,912 41,125,461

Net assets:
Unrestricted:
- Designated by governing board 8,210,854 6,559,793
- Represented by property and equipment 127,120,175 112,084,775
- General 112,672,287 98,175,376
Total unrestricted 248,003,316 216,819,944
Temporarily restricted 188,570,493 169,756,842
Permanently restricted 1,007,009 —
Total net assets 437,580,818 386,576,786
Total liabilities and net assets $489,986,730 $427,702,247

2016 REVENUES
- 60.8 % Contributions
- 38.9 % Contributed goods/services
- 0.3 % Other income

2016 EXPENSES
- 88.1 % Ministry
- 73 % Fund raising
- 4.6 % General and administrative

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

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2015)**

### Support and revenue:

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<td><strong>Contributions</strong></td>
<td>$206,952,328</td>
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<td><strong>Contributed goods and services</strong></td>
<td>15,015,916</td>
<td>231,731,342</td>
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<td><strong>Investment income (loss)</strong></td>
<td>2,097,567</td>
<td>34,291</td>
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<td><strong>Change in value of annuities and trusts</strong></td>
<td>(2,625,745)</td>
<td>48,280</td>
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<td><strong>Other income</strong></td>
<td>1,970,293</td>
<td>178,445</td>
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<td><strong>Total support and revenue</strong></td>
<td>$223,410,359</td>
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### Reclassifications:

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<td>Assessment against restricted contributions</td>
<td>11,500,913</td>
<td>(11,500,913)</td>
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<td>Satisfaction of program and property restrictions</td>
<td>380,063,907</td>
<td>(380,063,907)</td>
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<td><strong>Total reclassifications</strong></td>
<td>391,564,820</td>
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### Expenses:

#### Ministry expenses:

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<td>Emergency relief</td>
<td>112,756,746</td>
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<td>Community development ministry</td>
<td>43,805,972</td>
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<td>Medical ministry</td>
<td>35,749,139</td>
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<td>Children's ministry: Operation Christmas Child</td>
<td>281,279,919</td>
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<tr>
<td>Children's ministry: other</td>
<td>6,960,897</td>
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<td>Christian education</td>
<td>30,854,466</td>
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<td>Other ministry services</td>
<td>2,892,734</td>
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<td><strong>Total ministry expenses</strong></td>
<td>514,299,873</td>
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#### Supporting activities:

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<td>Fund raising</td>
<td>42,567,892</td>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
<td>26,924,042</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td>583,791,807</td>
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### Increase in net assets:

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<td>31,183,372</td>
<td>18,813,651</td>
<td>1,007,009</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets at beginning of year</strong></td>
<td>216,819,944</td>
<td>169,756,842</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets at end of year</strong></td>
<td>$248,003,316</td>
<td>$188,570,493</td>
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Complete 2016 audited financial statements at [samaritanspurse.org/financial](http://samaritanspurse.org/financial).
“LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.”

MATTHEW 5:16

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