







Dear Send Relief Family,

We are so thankful for your support in 2022. Your faithful generosity helped make it possible for Send Relief to meet needs and see God change lives all around the world.

In a time of big challenges, we watched as God removed obstacles, answered prayers and reached many hearts through compassion ministry. Last year alone, 89,670 professions of faith were made to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Throughout this year's Ministry Report, you'll discover all the ways your prayers and gifts change lives. Partners like you help Send Relief carry forward Christ's Great Commission as we serve through ministries of compassion.

Send Relief's global ministry, jointly supported by the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board, only began in March 2020. Together, let's celebrate all that God has and is accomplishing. We know He has miraculous plans for 2023!

In Christ,

Bryant Wright  
Send Relief President



Caring for the vulnerable and responding to moments of crisis, Send Relief is the Southern Baptist compassion ministry that meets physical and spiritual needs around the world. A cooperative ministry of the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board, we engage life-altering moments with the life-giving gospel of Jesus – connecting people in need with people who care.

## 2022 by the *Numbers*

**2.56 MILLION**  
PEOPLE SERVED

**51,089**  
VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZED

**89,670**  
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

**897,000+**  
GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS

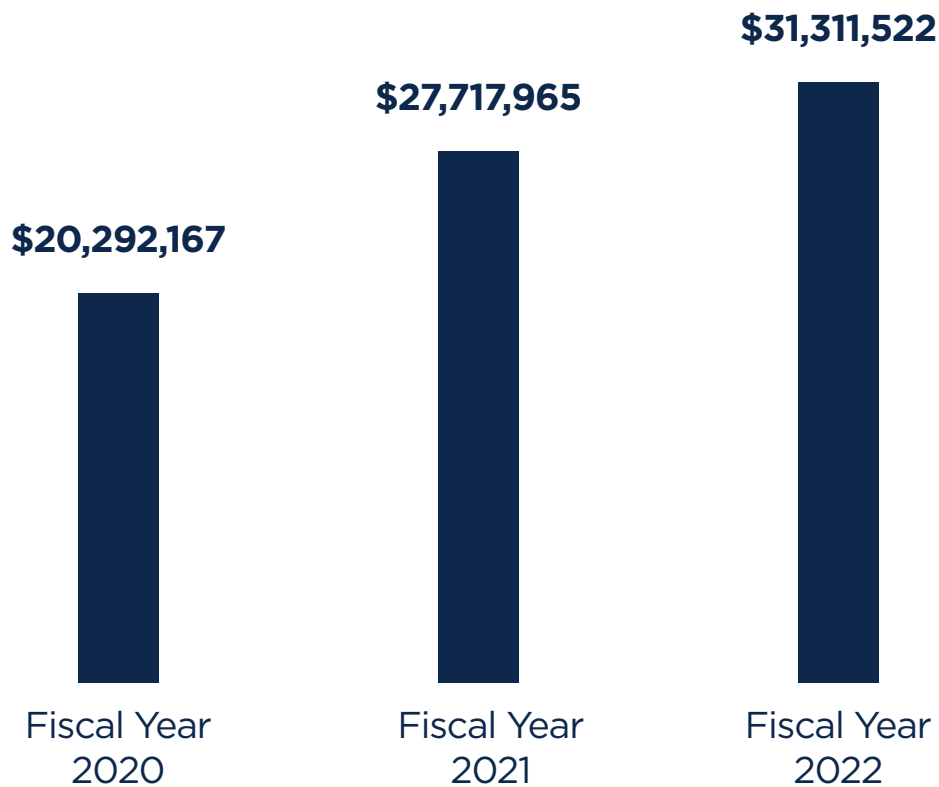


# Financial Report

## 100%

Because of the cooperative ministry between the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB), 100% of your gifts are used for ministry projects around the world. Operational expenses, such as salaries, marketing and fundraising, are covered by NAMB and IMB. Your gifts to Send Relief go further because of the generosity of Southern Baptists!

## Contributions to Send Relief





# Your gifts make a *difference*

100% of your gifts to Send Relief are used for ministry projects in North America and internationally.

A photograph showing two women and a young child in a room filled with white sacks, likely rice or flour. One woman is carrying the child on her back in a colorful patterned carrier. They are both smiling. The room has a window with corrugated metal bars and a large water dispenser in the background.

## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

Globally, your gifts fund gospel-centered relief and development projects. From providing clean water to assisting refugees to responding to disasters, you bring lasting hope.

With a passion to help the underprivileged and impoverished, we have hundreds of partners overseas who have committed to reach hurting people at the ends of the earth and stay in the community until the job is done.

A photograph of a group of people, mostly men and women, wearing blue t-shirts with the Send Relief logo. They are standing outdoors, possibly at a training session or a community event. Some are wearing backpacks, and one man is wearing a baseball cap.

## NORTH AMERICAN MINISTRY

In North America, your gifts equip twenty Send Relief ministry centers to reach their communities and train future ministry leaders in compassion ministry.

Working alongside a comprehensive network of churches and believers, we bring tangible and eternal change to hurting communities through practical, long-term solutions.



## Bringing Gospel Hope One Project at a Time

Every project we do at Send Relief is intentionally gospel-centered. Whether we are responding to a crisis in Mississippi or caring for human trafficking survivors in Southeast Asia, every program funded by Send Relief points back to Christ. As a result of Send Relief's compassion projects, **more than 897,000 people** heard the gospel in 2022.

During one project in rural Cambodia, our team knew they had their work cut out for them when they arrived at a village in which nearly every family was battling pervasive alcoholism, illiteracy and digestive diseases. Your gifts empowered team members to get to work immediately, teaching the villagers how to use their new ceramic water filters, practice daily hygiene and employ new farming techniques to keep their crops healthy.

One villager, Saray, attended training in the hopes of helping her sick daughter. After class, she shared her husband wanted to learn more about the man called Jesus, so several partners packed into a car to drive to her rural homestead. Upon arriving, Saray's husband, Sumin, peppered our team with questions. After several hours of interrogation, Sumin suddenly jumped to his feet and grabbed an ax.

Sprinting into his home, Sumin began cutting down their altars to idols and asked to receive prayer as he committed his life to Christ. The joy on both Samir and Saray's faces brought our partners to tears. Saray told them, "If I had known about Jesus a month ago, I wouldn't have sacrificed my pig and chickens to the spirits to heal my daughter. I would have prayed and just trusted Jesus!" Your gifts are delivering people who have been trapped in darkness for decades!





## Responding to the War in Ukraine

With the violent invasion of Ukraine in 2022, millions were forced to flee the emerging war zones. Because of your record-breaking generosity, Send Relief was able to show up for these families in their time of grief. With your help, **over half a million** Ukrainian refugees, mostly women and children, received food boxes and hot meals to keep them healthy and strong on their journeys. **Nearly 50,000** heard the story of Jesus and witnessed His love in action through the **467 local churches** that mobilized in response to this ongoing invasion. With many projects still underway, it is estimated that at least **1.8 million Ukrainians** have been or will be helped by Send Relief projects.

One of the evacuees, Iaroslav, was moved to tears at the sight of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief and Send Relief teams waiting to serve weary families along the border. The coffee, snacks and Bible distributions you made possible moved him deeply as he shared, “I can’t believe you’ve come all this way to do this.”

In Bucha, Ukraine, Iaroslav had welcomed his neighbors into his basement to take shelter during the raids. Some Ukrainian residents were living with the dead bodies of their family members, unable to bury them and unable to leave their homes. On their way out, they saw corpses and severed limbs laying in the streets and rubble of bombed homes. His neighbors sent word of Russian soldiers looting houses, taking everything of value inside before haphazardly tossing grenades. Iaroslav shared that Russian troops kept residents in the city as collateral, knowing that the minute civilians were gone, the Ukrainian artillery would drive them from the city.

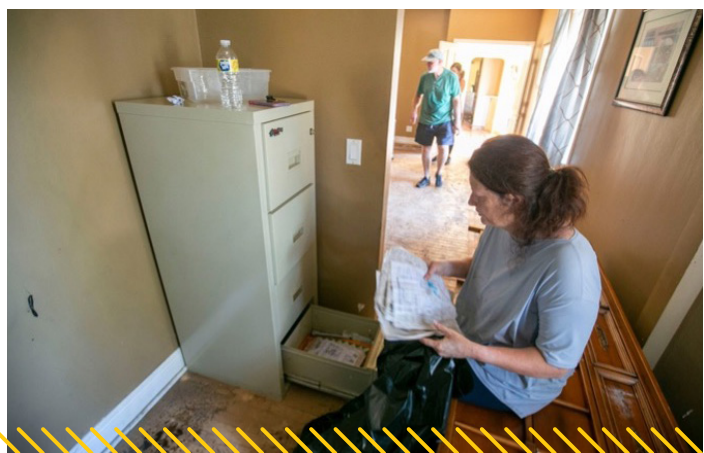
“The international support, your support, people like you, really inspire us,” Iaroslav told Send Relief partners. Thank you for your ongoing support of survivors of the Russian invasion—**many are hearing the name of Jesus for the first time because of your loyal support!**

# Hurricane Ian Relief

With wind speeds over 155 mph, Hurricane Ian made landfall on the Florida coast as a devastating category 4 storm in September. Confronted with sudden storm surges and 15 feet of raging floodwaters, more than 100 people were killed. As rescue and mud-out efforts unfolded, it is estimated that the hurricane caused \$67 billion+ in damages, making Ian one of the top five most destructive storms in United States' history and Florida's deadliest natural disaster in nearly a century.

In response, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) teams from seventeen state conventions utilized Send Relief's emergency resources—including flood recovery supplies, protective suits, gloves, masks and other construction materials—to care for the region's most impacted families. Two grateful homeowners, Stan and Amy Wiggins, were particularly blessed by Southern Baptist volunteer teams' service. "The day of the storm, I got a text from a girl in our neighborhood who said they were on their counters watching their stuff floating by," Amy said. "We knew when we got home; it would be bad." Indeed, it was.

After teams conducted a mud-out of the home, safely removed their possessions, deconstructed the impacted drywall and insulation and sprayed for mold, the Wiggins were finally able to live in their house again and prepare for reconstruction efforts. Stan exclaimed, "It's overwhelming as far as the sense of gratitude and just not knowing where to begin as far as expressing how thankful we are and how unexpected this is. It was daunting to see what was before us and not even knowing where to begin and then to have so many people come in and just lend hands and want to help out." You helped SBDR and Send Relief distribute **more than 385,000 meals** and repair **more than 500 homes**, including Stan and Amy's—this is the love of Southern Baptists in action! And, as a result of this response, **225 people came to know Christ**.







## Fighting a Historic Global Hunger Crisis

Between multiple international refugee crises, the invasion of Ukraine and ongoing pandemic recovery efforts, 2022 was an unprecedented year for increasing global hunger rates. Across the world, more than 2.3 billion people still go to bed hungry every night. More than 30 million of those are right here in the United States. Sadly, 9 million members of that statistic are children. Your gifts made it possible for **nearly a million people** living with constant food insecurity to gain access to nourishing, filling meals this year.

One of the recipients of these emergency rations was Anmar, a 14-year-old boy who fled war-torn Syria at the height of the conflict. Joined later by his brother Mohammad, Anwar got a last-minute spot on a Greek death boat—makeshift rafts well-known for sinking mid-journey and often the only remaining choice for refugees with little money. Tens of thousands of refugees have died attempting to escape their countries via death boats.

Traumatized by war and saddened at losing their family and home, Anmar and Mohammad reached their destination. Anmar felt his entire destiny would mean living among the mud, destitution and disease of refugee camps, but after enduring several hate-fueled, arson-set fires in the camp and mass deportations back to Turkey, Ammar and his brother came into contact with some Send Relief partners you helped to distribute food, water, medicine, shoes, clothes and hygiene items to survivors.

After attending several Send Relief gospel-centered trauma healing workshops and counseling sessions, Ammar felt confident and hopeful for his future again! Working tirelessly with our partners to find sustainable housing and employment, Ammar now thrives as a local butcher and can pay rent for a safe, clean apartment for Mohammad and himself. Your gifts made it possible for Anmar and many others fleeing war and poverty to receive hope, help and healing this year!



# Clean Water Changes Everything

Universal access to clean water could change everything—a life, a community, a country, the world. Safe drinking water impacts everything from women's and children's ability to stay safe in sub-Saharan Africa to agricultural communities' ability to provide education in South America. Unfortunately, more than 750 million people still live their day-to-day lives without clean water.

You helped Send Relief lower that number in 2022 by helping **nearly 59,000 people** around the globe gain access to safe drinking water—some for the very first time!

In one of these communities in South Asia, a man named Mr. Viraj was notorious for being hostile to Christians in the region, convinced that no follower of Jesus had his people's best interests at heart. Because of your giving, we were able to bring clean water to Mr. Viraj's town, changing his mind about Christianity. Mr. Viraj was shocked when a local church planter explained that there were no costs or hidden loopholes for them to receive access to a clean water well—it was joyfully given! As a result, eight villagers—including Mr. Viraj—have responded to Jesus' calling on their lives and are now attending weekly prayer meetings to ask for God to save even more in the community.





## Meeting Needs Across North America

Your support in 2022 allowed our national ministry center operations to expand greatly, empowering even more marginalized communities to find help and hope amid their difficult circumstances. In Las Vegas, our partners have been able to grow programs and serve thousands in their surrounding neighborhoods: they now provide valuable resources to foster families, support anti-human trafficking efforts, empower their neighbors experiencing homelessness, cultivate safe environments through education initiatives and encourage racial reconciliation among diverse community members.

One of the main ways that staff address many of these initiatives at once is through consistent motel outreach. Because many individuals battling houselessness are often sexually exploited or at risk of losing their children, our teams are able to help multiple communities by canvassing some of Las Vegas' more unsafe motels. One resident, Keisha, was fighting generational poverty and a domestic abuse case while trying to keep custody of her daughters when our volunteers met her. As they stayed in contact over the coming months, Keisha navigated the extra difficulties of suddenly falling ill and requiring immediate surgery, further complicating her attempts to get her children back. After volunteers prayed over her one afternoon, Keisha tearfully shared that the darkness she had felt penetrating her life seemed to dissipate whenever our teams came over.

Finally, in February of this year, Keisha surprised ministry center staff by showing up to an event with both of her daughters in tow—after using some parenting resources and consistently working on her case plan with a social worker, Keisha was able to maintain custody! Ministry Center Director Kathleen Khal said, “The Lord has shown up in mighty ways and it’s been so encouraging. He truly is establishing the work of our hands. We couldn’t be more grateful and excited for all He is doing in the city of Las Vegas.”

