



Send Relief



2023 MINISTRY REPORT



Dear Send Relief Family,

In 2023, God moved in miraculous ways through your generosity. Our field partners, funded by your gifts, had countless opportunities to share the hope of the gospel while meeting physical needs. Last year alone, over 162,000 professions of faith were made to follow Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Amid war and tragedy, your gifts allowed Send Relief to be a light in the darkness. Your prayers sustained us as we worked tirelessly to bring relief and restoration.

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

Send Relief's global ministry is jointly supported by the International Mission Board and the North American Mission Board. Together, we can do more to meet needs and change lives. I hope you'll join us in celebrating God's provision in 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.

2023 by the *Numbers*

4.09 MILLION
PEOPLE SERVED

1.81 MILLION
GOSPEL CONVERSATIONS

162,000+
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

1,304
NEW AREAS OPENED
FOR GOSPEL WORK

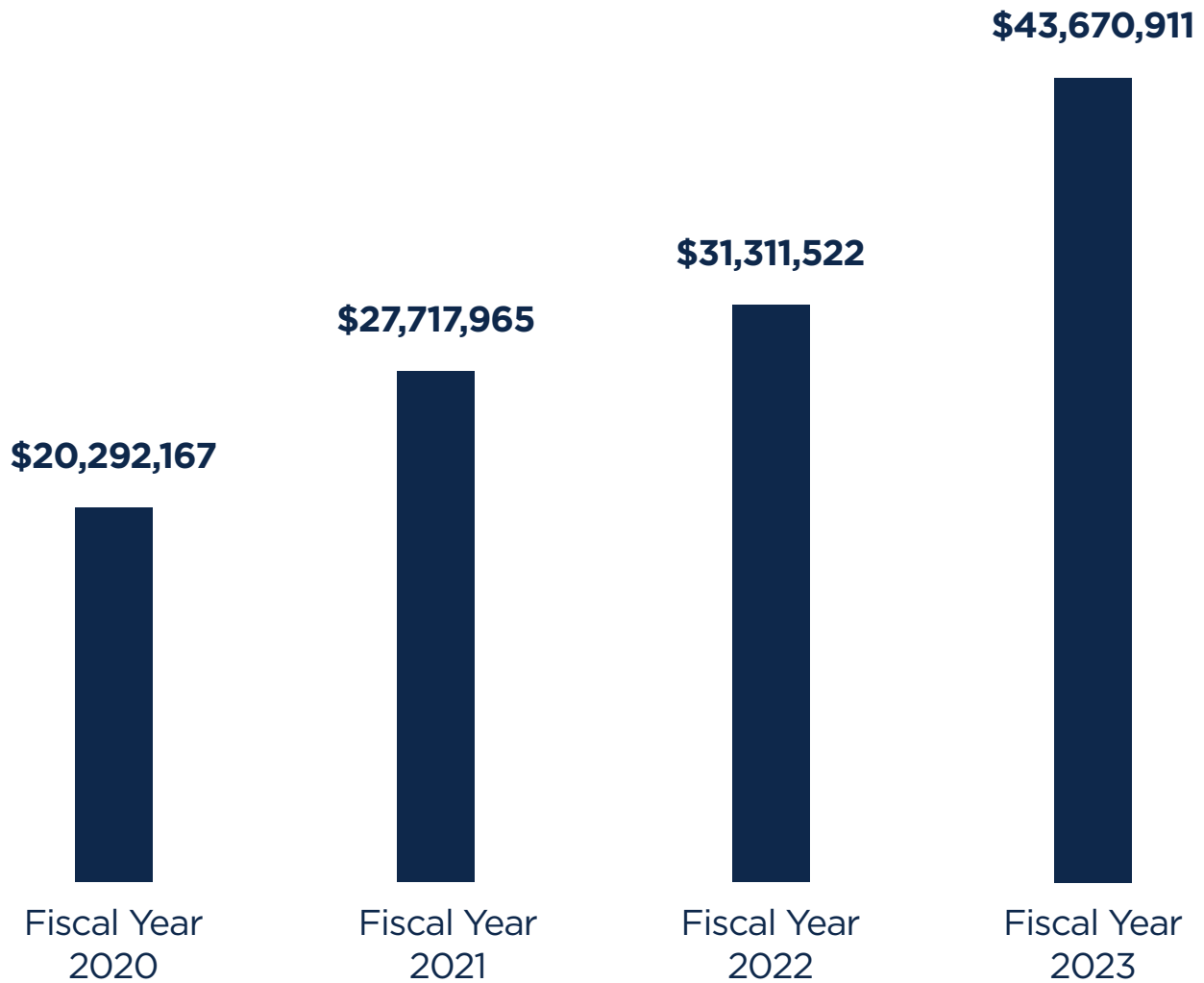


Financial Report

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 in North America and 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*

From Appalachia to Zimbabwe, your generosity is at work around the world.

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 go to the ends of the earth to reach hurting people and stay in the community until the job is done.

NORTH AMERICAN MINISTRY

In North America, your gifts equip 19 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.



Mobilizing for the Mission

Living on mission means putting faith into action. Send Relief trains churches and volunteers to minister to their communities through mission trips, Serve Tour and Backpack Day. In 2023, Send Relief volunteers served around the world from Bangkok, Thailand to Kentucky to Philadelphia to Athens, Greece. Where will God take you in 2024?

48,914

VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZED

8

SERVE TOUR STOPS

80,000

BACKPACKS DISTRIBUTED

900+

CHURCH PARTICIPANTS
FOR BACKPACK DAY



Building a Boutique

Your gifts to Send Relief create opportunities for refugee families in North America and around the world. Last summer, as part of the Beloved Initiative at Send Relief's Boston Ministry Center, our team had the opportunity to connect with an Afghan refugee family over dinner. In one of the initial meetings to establish a friendship, Farkhia prepared homemade naan, rice and chicken. During these visits, the team learned of Farkhia's talent in sewing when they saw the curtains she made for her family's apartment.

The idea for a micro business was birthed out of the thought that many refugee women are stay-at-home moms who don't have access to jobs. Starting with something creative made the most sense.

The project began with a donation of sheer organza fabric from a local church. For materials to set up shop, she was given a sewing machine by another partnering church, and Send Relief gave her an extra machine so that she and her daughter could sew together. The family received further supplies, including scissors, thread and seam rippers.

Farkhia's first sale was to a newlywed couple. It was a milestone celebrated with trips to craft stores and local shops in Boston, giving her a sense of delight and freedom. Choices are so empowering for women who have been through so much.

Last year, the Boston Ministry Center served over 600 individuals, welcomed 232 volunteers and shared the life-saving faith in Christ with 104 people. Your support of this micro business and this Afghan family will have a lasting kingdom impact for generations to come.





Fighting Human Trafficking in Southeast Asia

In the bustling heart of a city Southeast Asia, where the shadows cast by the red-light district loom large, a beacon of hope shines brightly through your gifts to Send Relief. Amidst this challenging backdrop, lives are being transformed, one story at a time — a testament to the power of faith, community and the promise of a new beginning.

Your gifts fund an outreach ministry for victims of human trafficking and marginalized women in this city. Nearly 2,000 prostitutes and countless others are at risk due to poverty, lack of education and absence of employable skills. This employment center offers on-the-job training in sewing and jewelry-making, empowering up to 8 women with the skills, fair wages and the supportive environment they need to rewrite their stories. In addition, each woman has the opportunity to learn about Jesus and enter into a personal relationship with Him.

Tanya lives in a modest wooden structure that doubles as a coffee stall. Her coffee business often serves trafficked women, and Tanya has referred many of them to our program. Although she is not a believer, she has expressed an interest in the Truth.

Recently, a Send Relief partner invited Tanya out for coffee to ask her whether she wanted to place her faith in Jesus because it was clear that the Holy Spirit had been at work in her heart. She said she believed that Jesus is the only one who can forgive her sins, but she was counting the cost. “She is this close,” said our partner.

Another woman, Tammy, heard the gospel at a special Christmas event. At the end of the evening, our partner asked the women, one-by-one, who they say Jesus is. All of these Muslim women answered that Jesus is a prophet, until they got to Tammy. In front of all the other women, she answered, “Jesus is God who came to earth as a man to save us.” Our team’s hearts rejoiced at her courage and her bold, clear confession of faith in Jesus!

Food for the Vulnerable in Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe, HIV-related illness remains the largest cause of death among adults of reproductive age and children.

While many villagers are learning to live with the disease, several communities have lost family members who were the sole breadwinners, leaving behind orphans who are also struggling with HIV.

The region is drought-prone and doesn't yield many crops. Those living with HIV are hit the hardest by the droughts and famines because they need healthy, consistent diets to balance their drug regimens.

After the Baptist churches of Zimbabwe reached out about the ongoing healthcare and food emergency, Send Relief partners identified 50 HIV-positive children who were in immediate need of emergency assistance.

These vulnerable children and caregivers received soap, sugar, rice, beef, fish and other necessities thanks to your generosity!

Our partners shared the gospel with each child through games and short Bible lessons that were tailored to their age groups.

"The feeding project was crucial this year because of the pandemic. It made a big difference in the children's lives, as food shortages have heightened in the community recently," a distributor commented. "Now, all the children are currently in good health! Many of them now attend [Bible studies] every Saturday morning and are learning Scripture."

Thank you for caring for children facing hardship all over the world!





War in the Holy Land

In October 2023, war came to the Holy Land. Following a brutal attack by Hamas that killed and injured thousands of people, Israel officially declared war against the militant group. While the conflict continues into 2024, Send Relief is still working with partners in Israel, West Bank and Gaza to quickly respond to the needs of people reeling from the effects of war and displacement.

Your generosity provided urgently needed refuge and resources for vulnerable and displaced people during the war. Send Relief partnered with Baptist Village, a non-profit organization near Tel Aviv, to set up bomb shelters and temporary housing to those fleeing violence. Your gifts funded trauma counseling from licensed professionals for individuals navigating grief and shock.

An estimated 33,800 people in the Holy Land will receive help because of your generosity. Each person represents a mother, father, son or daughter deeply loved by God. During a time of chaos, your gifts are not just providing food, water, shelter and safety; they are sharing the good news of the Prince of Peace to all peoples devastated by this conflict.

Wildfires in Hawaii

Fast-moving wildfires swept across Maui, resulting in the tragic loss of 114 lives, making it one of the deadliest wildfires in modern U.S. history. Survivors described their harrowing escapes from the devastating inferno that left the historic town of Lahaina in ruins.

The fires consumed homes, businesses and churches, forcing thousands to evacuate for safety and shelter. In response, Send Relief givers stepped up to address the immediate needs of affected families and provide the hope of the gospel to those in distress. Your gifts helped Send Relief mount a response in partnership with Hawaii Pacific Baptist Disaster Relief and local churches.

Although search and rescue efforts are complete, the devastating impact lingers. Send Relief and Southern Baptist churches have been providing essential items and shelter to the displaced. Still, the journey to recovery will be long and challenging, requiring continued prayers and support.

Your gifts are supporting several Hawaiian churches that have been meeting needs for survivors displaced by the fire. In addition, your gifts funded a shipment of fire recovery supplies to Maui to assist Southern Baptist Disaster Relief teams as they serve families who have lost everything. This shipment was packed with protective gear, including Tyvek suits, N95 masks, goggles and more. In addition to resources and supplies, your generosity allowed Send Relief and its partners the opportunity to serve 574 families impacted by the Maui fires and see 17 people profess faith in Christ.

Your gifts to Send Relief have been vital to these relief efforts. Thank you for praying for families impacted by this disaster and our local partners and volunteers meeting needs on the ground.



