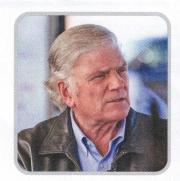
Medical Mission of Mercy



DESPERATE NEED: A Samaritan's Purse medical team is working to help displaced mothers and children in Sudan.



DEAR FRIEND,

TERRIBLE CIVIL WAR CONTINUES TO RIP SUDAN APART. Rival factions, armed and supported by foreign powers, are committing horrible crimes against the people as they wrestle for control of the country. In some areas, people are starving. In other areas—where there is relative peace—basic services are overwhelmed by the influx of desperate people who have fled their homes.

To help bring relief and hope into this dire situation, Samaritan's Purse airlifted an Emergency Field Hospital and staff members to southeast Sudan in mid-December to

a city called Gedaref. Two to three million fleeing people have encamped in the region. Our medical team found just one overcrowded maternity hospital there to serve this massive population. Fifteen to 20 women were in labor in one room of just seven beds.

We quickly partnered with this facility and set up our tents right outside the back door. Our team began seeing patients on Christmas Day, and we now have a 12-bed labor/delivery area—with one woman per bed—as well as an operating room for emergencies. We've already delivered dozens of babies, including several by cesarean section.

We are also running an outpatient clinic at the same location, where a long line of women and children forms each morning even as temperatures climb into triple digits. Our medical team, working through the heat and the dust and the insects, usually sees about 100 people per day. Two inpatient wards—one for women and one for children—accommodate those who need additional treatment. Many are sick with parasitic diseases, dengue fever, malaria, chronic illnesses, and malnutrition.

Several things set our facility apart. Though the local hospital has excellent personnel, they lack both space and equipment. We are able to provide the space, catheters, IVs, beds, medications, and monitors that are needed. Even more important, our team has the freedom and ability to offer compassionate, one-on-one care to our patients, extending to them the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. In our labor and delivery room, there is a calm environment where doctors, nurses, and other staff members comfort and sincerely love on each patient. New mothers—and their mothers who often accompany them—are amazed and grateful. There are many smiles and tears of joy. One woman even gave our team a big high-five as she left. The patients all become part of our family in such a short time. We thank God for every opportunity to minister to them.

This is what Samaritan's Purse does. We bring relief to people in great need in Jesus' Name. As John writes, "Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18).

Continuing Recovery in Carolina

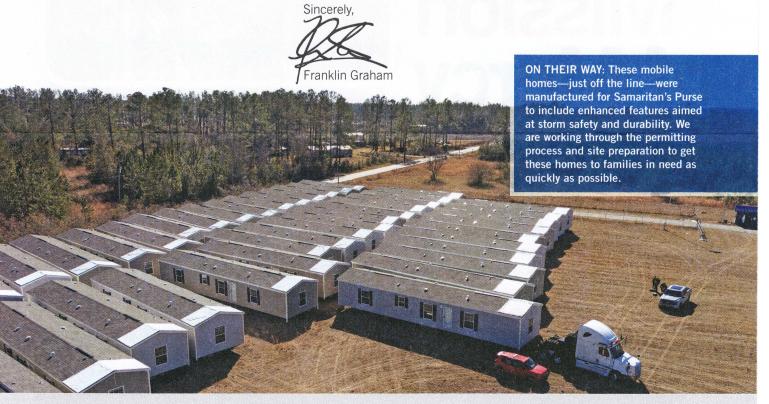
Our teams are continuing to work hard to help those affected by Hurricane Helene. During the past few months, we have been joined by tens of thousands of volunteers who have been able to help over 6,000 homeowners in addition to providing food, water, and other basic necessities for thousands more. Most importantly, we praise God for the nearly 350 men and women who received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

However, there is still so much to do in the hills and hollers of North Carolina and Tennessee as residents are just beginning what will surely be years of recovery. This month Samaritan's Purse is jump-starting a program that will rebuild and repair stick-built houses to help families who lost their primary residence in the storm. We will also be replacing hundreds of mobile homes lost in the flooding. This is a slow process with many hurdles, so we would be grateful for your prayers.

Across the area, we also continue to find ways to meet immediate needs. To help bridge the gap for some homeowners who lost everything, we are providing campers as a temporary place to live. We recently delivered one of the first units to Howard Ray, a firefighter near Burnsville, North Carolina. Howard and his wife, Lisa, were in their family's mobile home when it was swept away by the Cane River. After floating hundreds of yards, they miraculously escaped through a hole in the structure, grabbed onto some barbed wire, and eventually crawled up a nearby riverbank. The couple and their children were grateful to receive the camper on New Year's Eve, thanking God for His faithfulness through this ordeal.

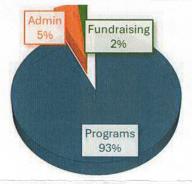
We will be busy rebuilding houses in many counties across the Blue Ridge of North Carolina and Tennessee for years to come. We need volunteers who can help with this work; please prayerfully consider responding. You'll have plenty of time to plan ahead, because we will be scheduling far in advance.

Please continue to pray for our response and new opportunities to minister as we help this region recover. May God bless you in this new year!





Rapidly Winning Communities for Christ through Indigenous Disciple Makers



HBM Expenditure		Year 2024
Programs	93%	\$1,033,679
Admin	5%	\$55,574
Fundraising	2%	\$22,230
Total Expenditures		\$1,111,483

Hope Builders Ministries ANNUAL REPORT

Emergency Fund

As 2024 drew to a close HBM faced a drought resulting in a famine in Southern Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe, while Mozambique was hit by a devastating Cyclone and floods. In each case people were dying and needed urgent help.

HBM was able to provide corn seed and fertilizer to the famine stricken areas as soon as the early rains started falling. In Mozambique restoration projects on (particularly) roofs of homes and churches are ongoing. More needs exist.

Heartfelt thanks from them to you!



By God's grace He has again provided for His children through your faithful support, making this Annual Report possible.

HBM fulfills it's calling to Make Disciples through the 1-on-3 (Jesus—Peter, James and John) Indigenous leadership Equipping, Empowering, Encouraging strategy. The Apostle Paul instructed his disciple, Timothy, to do so to the 4th generation (2 Tim 2:2) multiplying Disciples that can evangelize their own communities.

In each of the over 100 districts (5 African Countries) leaders have presented multiples of Training Sessions inspiring the local Tutors to diligently serve their students and helping them to find their next generation trainees.

By providing the "TOOLS" to Tutors (Bibles, Training Modules, Bicycles and Motorcycles), as well as presenting Seminars to top leaders) HBM has grown a huge footprint in Africa—nearly 20,000 Training Modules, 12,000 Bibles, 50 bicycles and 8 motorcycles were deployed.

Most importantly, however is the impact the Disciple Maker Program is having on the lives of Tutors/students. Many testimonies are given regularly but one stands out about the Prison Ministry in Mozambique: "The Cyclone blew the roof off a very large facility in Maputo and also damaged walls and security gates. The DMP students did not join the 2,500 inmates who escaped but rather worked with the prison personnel to ensure the safety of trapped inmates. When asked why they acted so radically different their response shocked authorities—'we have leaned to follow Jesus and to do what He did, obey the authorities and not fight them.'

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HERE-TO-THERE MOVEMENT

Looking back, it is amazing to see all that God has done. We want you to celebrate with us. For 2024, we asked you to spend the year praying for our leaders working with Unreached People Groups—and those prayers are being answered.

Through our teams and trainings HT commissioned more than 18 missionaries, 10 of which have embedded themselves into some of the least reached people on the planet:

Rohingya- 0.089% Christian

Rakhine- 0.02% Christian

Burman- 0.17% Christian

Malay - 0.08% Christian

Bangali - 0.42% Christian

Mon - 0.82% Christian

Biao - 1.5% Christian

Yaw - 0.08% Christian

That is not to mention the short-term trips and teams working with dozens of others that are far from Jesus. Thank you for being a part of taking Christ to the Nations!

Going into 2025 we are asking you to pray with us for the 12 most strategic UPGs that HT is currently working with. Join us in daily praying for the kingdom to expand to those furthest from God.

Again, thank you for making this year such a tremendous success, we could not do it without your partnership!

Submitted by LJ Evers

HBM Asia Report

It is with a humble heart and great praise to God that I can report on His mighty work through HBM partners in South Asia—representing three countries with a total population of two billion people. This past year, five Indigenous missionary families conducted more than one

thousand Disciple Maker conferences, reaching over 30,000 pastors, church leaders, Bible teachers, evangelists, Sunday School teachers, and youth leaders with the Gospel of Grace. They personally baptized over 2,000 new believers. Nearly 30 different Christian denominations benefited from this Holy Spirit-empowered ministry.



One of the prolific DMP families

Despite much opposition from both unbelievers and established "Christian" churches and organizations, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and others heard the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As indicated above, many Christians were equipped with the true message of the Gospel, empowered by the Holy Spirit to carry out the Great Commission to make disciples and encourage them to GO into their own communities to share this Good News. HBM USA was privileged to spend many hours online with these missionaries, training, praying, and fellowshipping with the Lord. Because of faithful partners in the Gospel, these mission families received regular monthly support. Over 1,000 Bibles were purchased and distributed to disciples, and thousands of DMP manuals were printed and distributed. More than a dozen bicycles and one scooter were bought and given to mission pastors. In addition, a Christian orphanage with 82 children was supported monthly, and many widows and poor pastors received food and clothing distributions. We are grateful to God for His work in saving souls and equipping the saints for ministry in South Asia. Thank you for partnering with HBM in Asia.

Submitted by Jeff Hawkins, Asia Director

From the Hope Builders Leadership Team:

We remember with sadness a growing number of our aging associates who have passed away during 2024. We thank God for the years that they have productively served with us.

An announcement that we are excited about is the appointment of Lawrence Gunnells as our new CFO. He is slated to be a close collaborator to Johan who is undergoing Cancer treatment. Johan and Lawrence are scheduled to travel to Zambia in April so that Lawrence can be introduced to all the executive leaders from all the countries HBM works in.

Looking forward to 2025, we need to expand our Prayer Partner and Donor bases. Please sign up for our monthly Prayer Letter by emailing Lida@hbmin.org and/or inviting an Associate to come and speak at your church, small group or missions committee meeting.

Thanks to our Lord for partners who have supported HBM and have made this Annual Report possible.

Johan Gous & the HBM Team.

SET FREE MINISTRIES

Dear Friends,

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers: we continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1: 2, and 3 NIV

First, thank you for your faithfulness. I pray for you often as my memory can vividly recall each one of your faces when I first met you when this ministry was just beginning. What beautiful times we had in the presence of the Lord! He is great and beautiful and I know you love Him. I've seen it in each of your eyes. I have been greatly blessed by every one of you. I love you.

We are striving to have this ministry keep on track with the goal of setting prisoners free.

Recently, I travelled to Arkansas and Missouri in the Midwest to continue ministering to those in rehab facilities. As I drove through the country hills I finally arrived at a little white chapel where 50-60 people had gathered to hear my story of a former drug addicted thief, robber and prison inmate. I proceed to describe the genesis of my drug use while in the US marines serving in the jungles of Vietnam.

I spoke and testified of His transforming power from a lost soul to being plucked from hell and then to realize that I needed to accept Jesus' offer of a new life in Him. After my talk, many of those attendees gave their hearts to the Lord! Amen! This is what I have been called to do for my Savior and Lord Jesus.

Dear friends, thank you for your faithful support. From the bottom of my heart I hope you realize what it has meant to me personally for you to stand with me in this ministry during these trying times in our individual lives and in our nation's life.

Fortunately, we live in a country which we love fighting for what's right in the sight of Almighty God.

May our Lord continue to pour His blessing on you all!

Thank you my friend for partnering to help spread the message of the cross.

Greetings from Caring Families' Executive Director!

2024 seemed to have flown by, but not before we had the chance to see some great things happen in this ministry. Some of our 2024 highlights include our Mobile Vanreaching more women facing an unexpected pregnancy, returning to UCONN and visiting Yale for the first time, and also getting back in Manchester. Compared to 2023, 2024 saw a 25% increase in new clients, 36% increase in visits, and a 51% increase in Ultrasounds! In September, we had some of our staff make their way to Colorado to attend the annual Care-Net Conference, where they were connected with valuable training and resources to help them prepare for this upcoming year. Later in November, our Board of Directors developed some clear goals from their strategic planning sessions that will help Caring Families continue to make an impact in the year to come.

One of the strategic goals that came out of that meeting was plans for us to expand some of our medical services and staff. This includes our continued plans to look at Manchester as a satellite location, as well as adding some medical personnel to our organization. We are currently searching for a Medical Doctor or APRN that would be interested in assisting our volunteer Medical Director, as well as hiring two positions: an APRN or RN and also an RDMS. These positions will help with us expand our services to include STD/STI testing and provide additional support for our Mobile Care van! We also provide didactic training for qualified APRN or RN's to

develop the skills necessary to perform ultrasounds for our clients. Feel free to look over the job listing on <u>OUR WEB SITE</u>, or contact me directly! I would love to have a cup of coffee and discuss how you could use your medical skills to advance the work of our ministry!

You will find additional highlights and important upcoming events below in our quarterly newsletter. Take some time to read and catch up and don't forget to pray for us too! As always, we are here to host a tour of our center, answer any questions about our ministry as well as speak at your local church, parish, youth or small group gathering!

Thankful for all you do advocating and giving the Gift of Life!

Jeremy Bradley
Executive Director

End-of-Year Giving Update

We would like to thank all those who gave generously towards our End of Year campaign. Your contributions to the ministry allow us to provide hope, healing, and help to those we interact with throughout the state. It allows us to remove obstacles, create support and live out the love of Christ. We exceeded our 2024 goal by \$12,000 and raised over **\$42,000**! Thank you again and we are thankful and blessed to have your continued support for this upcoming year!



Client Testimonials:

In December one of our parenting support clients stopped in for supplies from our baby boutique. When she came in, she shared with us that she had recently been hit with a surge of postpartum depression and didn't know how she was going to make it through the holidays with her three young children. She expressed her confusion that the postpartum seemed to be delayed and hit when things were seemingly fine, her frustration that her partner did not understand it or even believe her, and her discouragement that she couldn't just 'get over it' and move forward.

We spent time listening to her and helped her to recognize that what she was feeling was real and common among new moms. We provided her some additional resources on postpartum depression to help her learn more about what she was experiencing and to share with her partner so that he could better understand and support her.

Not long after, the client sent a message to us saying 'Thank you for talking with me today. I needed that.' What could have been just a simple stop to pick up some diapers turned into an opportunity to do so much more. We were able to show the love and compassion of Christ to a woman in a difficult time, and also provide for a few physical needs at the same time. This is the gift given to us over and over again with our parenting support

clients. Establishing a safe space that they can come to not just before the baby comes but throughout their mothering journey gives us countless opportunities to minister to clients at different stages of need.

Another client that we will call 'Jennifer' came to our mobile van for an ultrasound to date her pregnancy. She was determined to get an abortion, and wanted to know what type of abortion options were available to her. Jennifer shared that she felt it wasn't 'the right time' for her to have a baby. She was moving forward in her career and just couldn't see how a baby would fit into her plans at this stage. However, all that changed when she saw the ultrasound.

The ultrasound revealed that she was 12 weeks along in her pregnancy, further than she thought, and the baby was easily visible on the screen for her to see. She could see the heartbeat, the arms and legs, the profile of the face, and the movements of her baby on the screen and she was 'blown away' at how developed her baby was. We spoke with her at length about all her options, including information about abortion procedures at her stage in her pregnancy. Jennifer was stunned to learn exactly what an abortion entails and she was so grateful that someone had shown her the truth about both her baby's development and the reality of a surgical abortion. With all this new information, Jennifer began rethinking her options.

A week passed and Jennifer returned with her mother and sister for a follow-up ultrasound and shared with us that she had firmly decided; she is going to parent this baby. We rejoice with Jennifer and her family that by providing her with *all* the information, she changed her story from one of death and loss to one of life and hope. We are thankful for the support Jennifer's mother and sister are also providing knowing that it makes such a huge difference in the lives of our clients when people they love really care and step up to help!

Ministry Highlight: Mobile Van (go everywhere)!

We are continually grateful for the incredible resource God has provided to us in our Mobile Care Van. The past few months has seen the mobile unit traveling to 5 separate locations, including two universities. We had the opportunity to meet with 36 different women and provide 35 pregnancy tests and 30 ultrasounds. These numbers mean so much to us as every interaction is an opportunity to impact the culture for life. One of the highlights of this season was taking our mobile care van to the local university, where we had the opportunity to meet with a group of college students and talk to them about sexual integrity. Our knowledgeable and trained staff members were able to answer all of their questions about reproductive health, the risk of being sexually active before marriage, and even offer them insight into healthy relationships and their own self worth. Every pregnancy test, ultrasound and conversation is a gift and we are so grateful for the opportunities God has placed before us through our Mobile Care van.

Caring Families Compassion for Our Community

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