

Eye-Opening Eye Doctor Appointment

When she went to the eye doctor a few months ago, **Candy Surret** (Peru) gave the receptionist a gospel tract. The receptionist was very thankful and said that she had been asking God if He was real and if He had sent her the tract.

Another believer followed up more with her. The receptionist trusted in Christ and she is now being discipled, all because of receiving a gospel tract at the eye doctor appointment...

"Can I Talk About Church?"



A woman entered the coffee shop and asked, "Can I talk about church?" Her husband's job relocation had previously taken her from Japan to Texas for one year. She was lonely there until believers welcomed her at a church. She attended Bible studies and a lady also did Bible studies with her. Upon their return to Japan, she continued to be a part of the Bible studies online, but for two years she was unable to find a church in Japan.

Josiah & Noeru Henderson (Japan) lead a church in Takasaki in addition to running the coffee shop ministry. After meeting together a few times, the lady told the Hendersons she wanted to be baptized, but she didn't seem to fully understand the gospel: salvation through Jesus and His death for our sins. The Spirit was at work. A week later, she clearly understood that she was a sinner, trusted in Jesus, and she was joyfully baptized before the church, her unsaved husband and children!

From Nahuatl Words to God's Word!

Besides Spanish, different Aztec languages are spoken by indigenous peoples of Mexico. **Arturo & Silvia Tomé** are not fluent in Nahuatl, but at a produce market, Silvia said something to Arturo in that language. A young man overheard them and asked, "Are you from God? I want to know about Christ." Right then and there, he trusted in Christ. That Sunday, he came to church with members of his family-- twelve adults and five children.

Under Construction

It seemed like a great opportunity: teaching "Introduction to Construction" for six weeks to 17 young men from poor neighborhoods--men who had not finished high school or who had been to prison...the type of guys **Wayne & Janel Wager** (USA) seek to reach for Christ. To motivate the students, they were paid \$13 per hour. Wayne's Christian faith was on full display in the classroom and workshop.

Most of the students were good guys, but some came to the classroom on drugs, slept during class, were constantly on their phones, were uncooperative, and cussed Wayne out. At one point, he had to call campus police. It was tough. Yet, upon finishing the course, Wayne provided each young man with a set of tools.

What was accomplished? One student wrote: "You were a big help and had an impact on my life going forward. I can't thank you enough. I was giving up before I took that class and you gave me the fire I needed to keep going as a single father. So, I thank you."

Saved by the Risen Lord!

His was a life characterized by alcohol and brokenness. Then a co-worker invited the man to the church started by **Craig & Debbie**

Borgard (Germany). As he began asking questions about his broken past, the man learned that he was a sinner, that he needed to repent and trust in Jesus for salvation. He turned to Christ and is still learning. He attends every service and has gone through the membership course. When Easter rolled around, for the first time in his life, he was amazed to discover that Jesus had risen from the dead!

A Divine Appointment

Toward the end of a recent serving day at the ministry to Spanish-speaking clients, two client folders were still in the file, waiting for an available mentor. Lonnie was surprised that he was handed one of the folders.

The client was anxious and afraid because he was facing upcoming heart valve replacement surgery. Lonnie smiled. This was no coincidence. It was a divine appointment! Just three months earlier, Lonnie had undergone the same surgery, with the same surgeon! God worked through Lonnie's story to calm the frightened woman's heart. **Lonnie & Ruth Hodge** serve in the US after having ministered for decades in Bolivia.

Growing in Christ

He first came to The King's Kids program at age 8, learned of God's love and trusted in Christ. His joy and enthusiasm were heartwarming. **Robin Sweitzer** (Dominican Republic) says how inspiring it is to see God's work in this now 17-year-old! He's pursuing the Lord, is an example to peers, helps in the after school program, and is eager to make a meaningful impact on the lives of his friends.



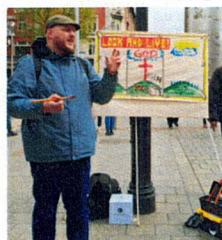
He graduated from high school at the top of his class-- a huge accomplishment in that country. US ministry partners are purchasing a laptop and have offered to pay for his online college education! (Photo: when the boy first came to King's Kids.)

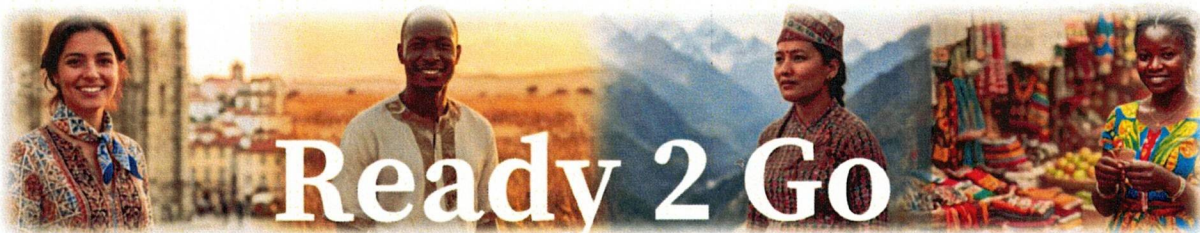
Juggling with Afghans

FIM requires missionaries to have 100% of their financial support before going to the field. When arriving on the field, their first task is to learn the language and the culture. All of that becomes more blended when the cross-cultural ministry is in the U.S. **T & R** are doing support discovery while dipping their toes into Afghan ministry and learning the Dari language. They are making good connections, while helping with English, picnics, and camps for Afghan children and teens. It's a lot to juggle!

A Turning Point

The man stood motionless, listening intently, as **Jeff (& Phoebe) Welch** (Germany) preached the gospel on Berlin streets. Afterward, he approached Jeff. "That was the most beautiful message I've ever heard. I've been away from the Lord for 20 years, drinking and using drugs. After losing my parents and a sibling recently, your message caused me to want to return to my Savior." The Welch's were able to connect him with a local pastor to meet with him. (Photo: Jeff street preaching.)





Ready 2 Go

Dear Friends at First Congregational Church of Pomfret,

God is at work and moving in the hearts of his children! The following missionary candidates have experienced a call to the mission field. Each of them belongs to a biblically centered, gospel-preaching church that has affirmed their call. They have been interviewed and approved by FIM's leadership and Board of Directors, and have completed candidate training. **They are ready to go to the mission field, but need additional support.** By partnering with one of these missionaries, your church can help launch new gospel ministries in the following locations:

FIM's Newly Appointed Missionaries

Missionary Name	Country	% Raised	Ministry Focus
Ben and Laura James	Portugal	37%	Evangelism
Dwayne and Sherae Cannon	USA	12%	Children's ministry
Cody Britts	Japan	42%	College ministry
Josué and Lucero Cardenas	Peru	0%	Church planting
Lorenzo and Ann Padolina	Philippines	0%	Church planting
Peter and Stephanie Cerling	Kenya	2%	Church leader training and clean water
Daniel and Juvy Lee	Philippines	17%	Church planting
T and R	Refugees in USA	58%	Relational evangelism
Reed and Sarah	Greece	93%	Refugee care and evangelism
Robert Martin	Japan	82%	Relational evangelism
Josué and Sarah Orellana	France	52%	Church planting
Richard and Kazumi Nix	Japan	50%	Church planting

The need for the gospel is great. **Please consider adding one of these missionaries as part of your missionary outreach at First Congregational Church of Pomfret.** Information for each missionary can be found at www.fim.org/give. I would also be glad to speak with you about any of these missionaries. Thank you for your consideration!

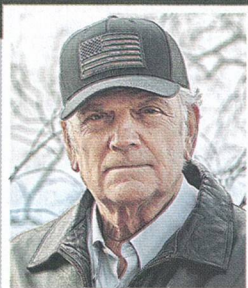
Serving Him Together,



Paul Barreca

Dr. Paul Barreca
Executive Director
Fellowship International Mission

FIGHTING EBOLA IN CONGO



DEAR FRIEND,

Ebola has once again made world headlines, and, once again, Samaritan's Purse is on the frontlines of the fight against this deadly and terrifying disease.

As I write this, we have just airlifted an Ebola Treatment Center to Africa along with tons of personal protective gear, including gloves, face shields, masks, boots, and more. The center is a version of our Emergency Field Hospital, specially adapted to care for Ebola patients and to protect those treating them.

We are headed to the epicenter of this latest outbreak—the war-torn, northeast corner of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Ituri Province is a volatile, sometimes lawless, region plagued by warlords and well-armed militias. Hospitals there are truly desperate for the equipment and help we are bringing.

We have a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) of doctors, nurses, medical personnel, and other relief specialists on the ground to treat gravely ill patients and work alongside the Congolese to implement infection prevention and control measures. Our experts in clean water, sanitation, and hygiene will also work to help stop the spread of the virus.

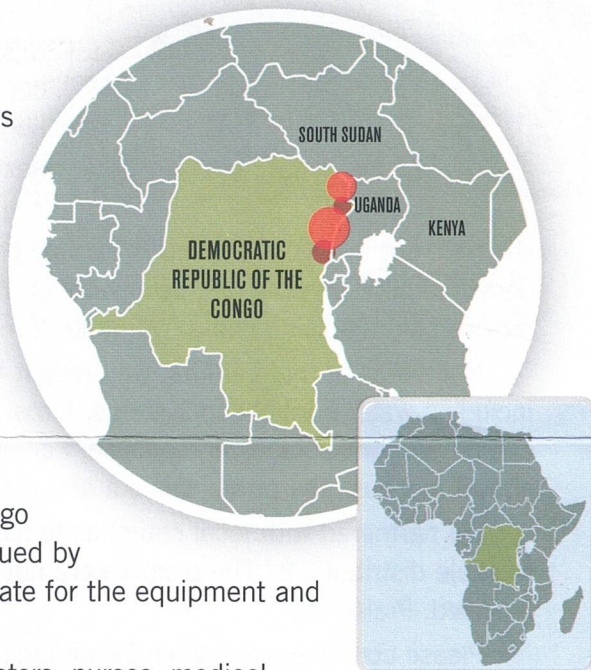
We are going to do everything we can to help save lives. We want people to know that God loves them and they are not alone.

The current epidemic is caused by the Bundibugyo strain of the Ebola virus and has a mortality rate of 25-50 percent. It has already killed more than 100 people. Pray for God's hand to prevent more suffering from this disease.

Local churches are our best partners. We are working with pastors to educate people about Ebola, to support infection prevention, and to provide a welcoming place for Ebola survivors and their families. Both our in-country staff members—we have hundreds on the team—and our DART are ready to share the Gospel with those who feel hopeless and helpless.

As this deadly Ebola virus spreads, so do people's fear and uncertainty. Like in previous outbreaks, local communities can be very resistant to outside help. Many do not believe Ebola is real. Some say the West has made it up. Treatment centers have been attacked and burned.

Missionary medicine has always been a dangerous calling. Dr. Peter Stafford, a former World Medical Mission post-resident who now works at Nyankunde Hospital, one of our



BOLD FAITH: Samaritan's Purse airlifted more than 39 tons of relief to help stop the spread of Ebola. Dr. Peter Stafford, who is recovering from the virus, and his wife, Rebekah, previously served as World Medical Mission post-residents.

partner facilities in the DRC, was struck with Ebola in mid-May. Before being evacuated to Berlin, Germany, he was so weak he could no longer walk. He did not think he would live, but with great care and many people praying around the world, he is now expected to recover. Praise God!

I spoke with his wife, Dr. Rebekah Stafford, who also formerly served with Samaritan's Purse, and prayed with her over the phone shortly after Peter's evacuation. The couple has four children, and I am always impressed by families who are willing to serve for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's keep praying for the Staffords, other missionary doctors, and all those impacted by this deadly virus. Also pray for our Samaritan's Purse teams who are there to help in Jesus' Name. *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart"* (Galatians 6:9).

Rushing Relief to the Islands



Earlier this spring, Samaritan's Purse returned to the Northern Mariana Islands after Typhoon Sinlaku devastated Saipan and Tinian. We had previously brought relief to this remote U.S. territory in the Pacific after another large storm in 2018.

My family has a lot of history with Saipan. My father-in-law was wounded in action there as a Marine during World War II. In 2020, right before the COVID-19 pandemic was declared, I went to Saipan to hold an evangelistic festival and also hand out Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. One of my granddaughters recently went to serve there as a nurse with Samaritan's Purse during our latest deployment. She worked at our emergency outpatient clinic, where hundreds of people were treated. We set up the medical station right next to the island's damaged hospital.

Gavina, one storm-weary resident of Saipan, prayed Psalm 91 as she rode out the typhoon. She is battling cancer and came to our clinic with intense back pain and extreme dehydration. Her home had been without power or running water for nearly two weeks. Not only did Gavina receive pain medicine and a hydrating IV from us but our team comforted her and prayed with her.

In a series of three airlifts, we brought the islands more than 250,000 pounds of relief supplies, including water purification systems, tarps, blankets, solar lights, and generators, as well as all the equipment for our medical response. People were desperate for clean water, especially on Saipan (pictured above), because the power was out and many wells had also been damaged or fouled by flooding.

We partnered with local churches to hand out the materials, and chaplains shared the Gospel at multiple distributions. The people were hungry to hear the Good News, and more than 70 salvations were reported. Praise God!

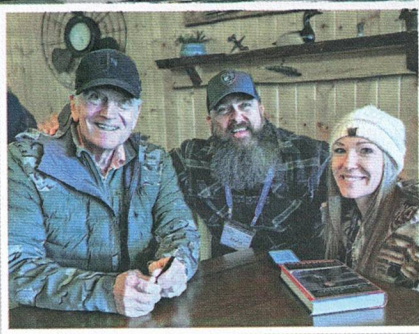
Please continue praying for Samaritan's Purse as we work alongside churches around the world. Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham

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DEAR FRIEND,

WAS IN ALASKA FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS,

and I can't believe this summer marks our 15th season in America's Last Frontier ministering to military couples. I am grateful for how God has blessed this work, as we now have welcomed more than 2,000

families into our program since 2012. Hundreds of men and women have turned from their sins and placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, with many marriages restored. All glory to God!

Each week for 17 weeks a new group of up to 10 couples is warmly greeted by our staff and volunteers as well as town residents. Everyone lines up along the gravel runway waving flags and cheering on the planes as they arrive. Our heroic military couples find it among the most meaningful moments of their trip.

"It made us feel overwhelmed with thankfulness," said Marine Corporal Jason Bush who attended the retreat with his wife, Julia (both pictured above at the table). I was glad to be the first one to welcome them and shake their hands as they stepped down from the plane.

The Georgia couple has been married 11 years, but this was the first marriage training event they'd ever attended. "Being able to reconnect with one another—we needed this so badly," Jason said.

They both rededicated their lives to Christ during the week and were grateful for the care and support they received. "The way the staff pours into us is really a blessing. It's so obvious that it's completely ordained by God," he said.

On the very first evening, Chad and Tamara Kleist asked to meet with one of our retired military chaplains and his wife. Chad, an Army staff sergeant, was nearly at his breaking point after an 18-year military career—which included deployments to Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan—had left him with post-traumatic stress and other injuries. Tamara was suffering with grief after a miscarriage and also dealing with general anxiety and disappointment in life. Both faced challenges with blending their families from previous marriages. They also have an autistic, nonverbal son.

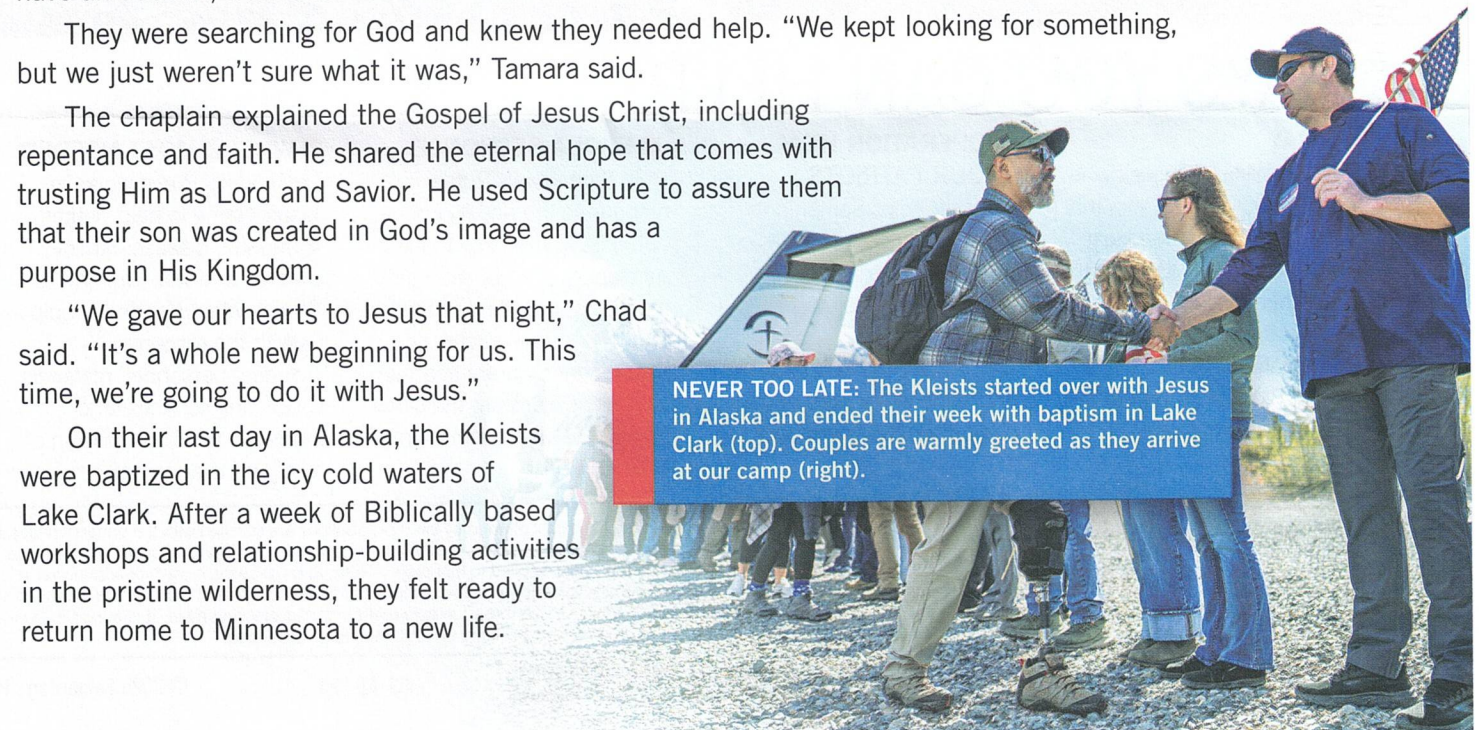
They were searching for God and knew they needed help. "We kept looking for something, but we just weren't sure what it was," Tamara said.

The chaplain explained the Gospel of Jesus Christ, including repentance and faith. He shared the eternal hope that comes with trusting Him as Lord and Savior. He used Scripture to assure them that their son was created in God's image and has a purpose in His Kingdom.

"We gave our hearts to Jesus that night," Chad said. "It's a whole new beginning for us. This time, we're going to do it with Jesus."

On their last day in Alaska, the Kleists were baptized in the icy cold waters of Lake Clark. After a week of Biblically based workshops and relationship-building activities in the pristine wilderness, they felt ready to return home to Minnesota to a new life.

NEVER TOO LATE: The Kleists started over with Jesus in Alaska and ended their week with baptism in Lake Clark (top). Couples are warmly greeted as they arrive at our camp (right).



"Sometimes it feels too late to start something new—but it's never too late. I know that now," Tamara said. "When we go home, God will be our focus."

Our Family Care team will follow up with the Kleists and all of our Operation Heal Our Patriots couples over the long term, providing spiritual encouragement, discipleship, and resources. The Bible tells us: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). We rejoice with all those who are coming to the Lord this summer in Alaska!

The Fight Against Ebola

Ebola infections continue to rise in the northeastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Following our first 767 airlift to Uganda, we made dozens of additional flights from that neighboring nation to Congo to transport staff; personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, boots, masks, and suits; and materials for an Ebola Treatment Center. The 40-bed center opened in mid-June in Bunia, the epicenter of the outbreak.

"Our facility is set up both to isolate patients to prevent transmission in the community, but also to provide high-quality care and dignity to those who are suffering from this disease," said emergency medicine physician assistant Shannon Hamilton, our team lead on the ground. "Every patient has a window in their room where the family can safely come and see the patient without being exposed to Ebola."

Samaritan's Purse is also working with a Christian mission hospital in nearby Nyankunde. This longtime partner has been hit especially hard by the virus. We've opened a 31-bed center there too and are providing infection prevention training as well as PPE.

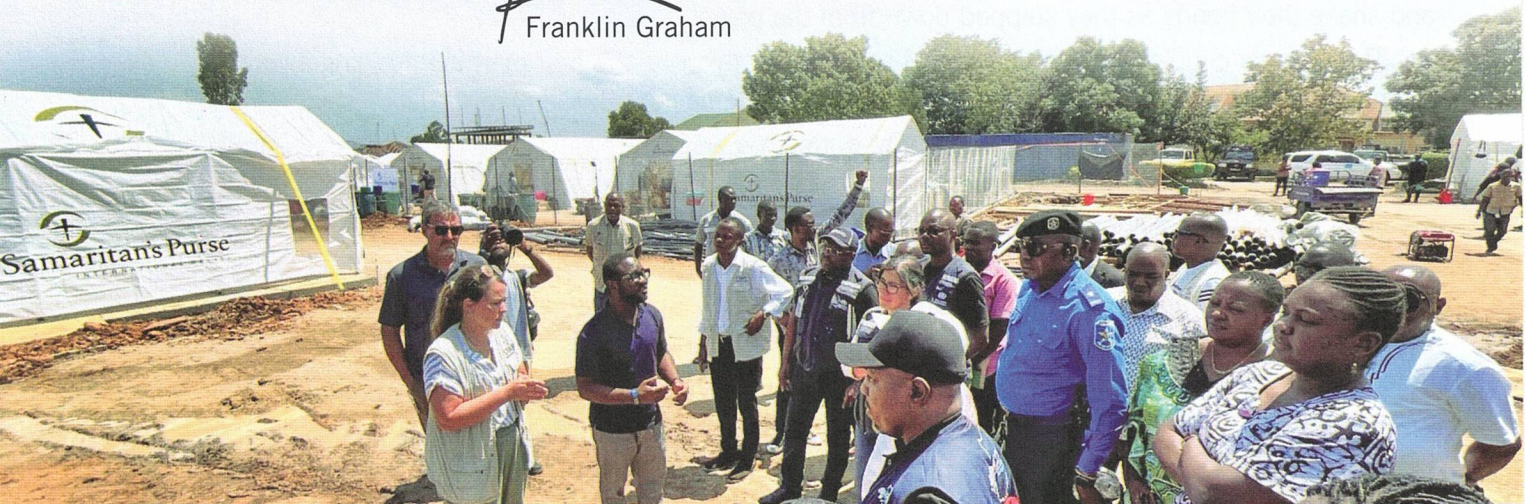
We have installed more than 100 hand-washing stations around the area, trained hundreds of healthcare workers, and provided life-saving information to thousands of people on how to prevent the spread of this deadly disease. As I write this, a second 767 flight is scheduled to deliver many additional tons of desperately needed PPE.

We pray these treatment centers will bring hope to families and communities that are scared and hurting. We want them to know God loves them. We ask for your prayers for our medical teams as they provide care to very sick people. Please continue to pray for all those affected and for an end to this outbreak. Thank you, and may God bless you.

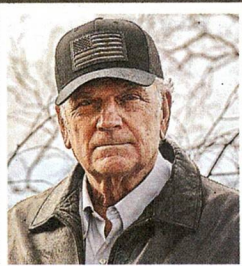
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DEAR FRIEND,

BACK-TO-BACK EARTHQUAKES ROCKED NORTHERN VENEZUELA ON JUNE 24,

with the second quake recorded as the strongest to hit the country in over a

century. Already strained hospitals were damaged, roads were split wide open, and hundreds of buildings collapsed. More than 3,000 people are confirmed dead, and over 16,000 are reported injured. Thousands more are displaced, and many are still missing. They need our prayers.

Samaritan's Purse rushed to put staff members on the ground and began a series of five cargo airlifts on June 27. Our planes were the first nonmilitary aircraft to arrive and, in total, took in close to 500,000 pounds of relief.

Our Emergency Field Hospital opened on June 30 in the coastal city of La Guaira, the hardest-hit area. Our doctors, nurses, and medical team can care for more than 100 patients a day at the new hospital, which is equipped with 56 patient beds, a critical care unit, pharmacy, laboratory, and two operating rooms. We are providing life-saving surgical care, treating wounds, and reminding families that God loves them.

"Immediately upon opening our emergency department, we were flooded with patients—so many people needed medical care but weren't able to receive it," said one of our doctors. "Most of the people we've seen had trauma when the earthquake happened last week, and they should have been treated at the time, but the system was just overwhelmed."

Mariana was one of the first patients through the door. She was enjoying a quiet afternoon in her apartment when the building started swaying back and forth. Before she could find cover, a concrete wall collapsed on her. She escaped—with injuries—but had no place to go for care, so her wounds did not heal.

When she arrived at our field hospital, the team welcomed her with open arms, tending to infections, performing an X-ray on her foot, and prescribing antibiotics.

"I am truly grateful for the attention," she said, referring to both her medical treatment and our prayers. "I understand that the Lord brought you to this place to help our people."

A young girl, who was in a coma because she didn't have medication to treat her diabetes, was also brought to our hospital right after it opened. She was near death but is now recovering after receiving extensive treatment from our medical staff.



SERVING CRITICAL NEEDS: When hospitals collapsed or were overwhelmed with patients, many people had no place to turn for medical care before our Emergency Field Hospital opened.



PROVIDING NECESSITIES: We transported the entire hospital and medical supplies via a 767 cargo plane to Venezuela. Additional flights carried water desalination units and other urgently needed essentials.



WORKING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE: Serving in Jesus' Name alongside a network of local churches, our teams distribute tarps, water, solar lights, blankets, and other items.



Peter Holz, our hospital director in La Guaira, knows the mission is twofold. “We’re here not only to help heal the physical,” he said, “but we also want to share with them the love of Jesus through our work.”

In addition to our field hospital, our teams are partnering with local churches to distribute clean water, blankets, solar lights, and more. One congregation is led by Pastor Eusebio. He and his family are living in a tent in the church’s parking lot because their apartment building collapsed in the quake. Yet his heart was broken by seeing so many others, especially children, living on the streets. He and his congregation worshipped God in song—through tears—after receiving tarps, lights, and blankets from Samaritan’s Purse.

“We felt like there wasn’t going to be help from anywhere, from anyone,” he said. “And then all of a sudden, you show up and you bring an answer on behalf of God, and that fills us with joy.”

Samaritan’s Purse already had been working in Venezuela for many years. As the country’s economy went into freefall, we began serving hot meals and providing medical care in cooperation with hundreds of local churches and 15 Christian medical partners. We’ve served over 10 million hot meals to people in need in Venezuela since 2017. Through this outreach, churches have reported more than 70,000 decisions for Christ. In the same timeframe, Samaritan’s Purse has also met many urgent needs—medical, food, education, and shelter—among the millions of Venezuelan migrants flowing into neighboring Colombia. I preached the Gospel at a festival in Cucuta, northeastern Colombia, in 2019, just at the border of the two nations.

We plan to be in Venezuela for some time to come. We want to do all that we can to help in Jesus’ Name. As Scripture commands us, “*Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*” (Galatians 6:2).

Serving Homeowners After Floods and Tornadoes

In addition to continuing our rebuild efforts in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene and in Texas after July 2025 floods, our teams quickly responded after Tropical Storm Arthur damaged hundreds of homes along the Gulf Coast. We deployed our Disaster Relief Units to Harrison County, Mississippi, and Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, areas where nearly two feet of rain fell in 48 hours.

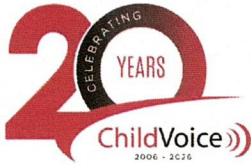
Henrietta and her niece Joyce were struggling after the storm flooded their Louisiana home and farmlands. Our volunteers were a welcome relief as they cleared debris and removed waterlogged belongings. Henrietta, a long-time believer, clearly saw the Lord’s hand of provision. “In the midst of a storm, you’re never alone. God is with you,” Henrietta told our team. “He’s going to send the help to get you through it.” Henrietta and her niece are among the many families we have helped so far.

We thank God for almost a dozen people who have placed their faith in the Lord through our response to this storm. Several people also made decisions to follow Jesus Christ as their Savior during our response to tornadoes in Coles County, Illinois. As hurricane season ramps up, we will continue to need more volunteers. Check spvolunteer.org for the latest updates.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham



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July 20, 2026

Pastor Tom Crumb
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Dear Pastor Tom,

Thank you for choosing to partner with us in faithful service as we work everyday to bring hope and healing to more kids in some of the hardest places in the world. Your support will have a very sustainable and transformative impact on so many lives and communities! Through our Girl and Youth Empowerment Centers, your support helps us continue to serve hundreds of displaced and traumatized youth living in IDP camps in Nigeria, and in the Imvepi Refugee Settlement in Uganda. Together, we are witnessing God's presence in their lives every single day.

Again, we are so grateful that you walk alongside us as we celebrate our 20th year of service to children whose voices have been silenced by war and exploitation.

Yours in Christ,

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Nathan Mandsager
ChildVoice CEO

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