

# Gratitude Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Strengthening the persecuted church



# Thank You!

Thank you for your partnership throughout 2020-21!

International ministry partners share that because of you, they know they are not alone as they face many obstacles. Despite being located around the world, we are all united in Christ!

The persecuted church exemplifies faithfulness in adversity as many thousands of people are transformed in Christ and experience His love. This past year has been a difficult one – ministry leaders experienced war, food scarcity, the pandemic, and so much more. By investing in ministry leaders, communities are empowered and the church is strengthened. Even in times of hardship, we can celebrate because God is at work!

You are a part of transforming communities for Christ!



# Because of You ...

“ Though they were being persecuted every time they went to church, **they remained strong with your support.** They hold on to a God that is unchanging, the hope of what Jesus has done is amazing news! ”

“ The pandemic overwhelmed our country. But **thank God that people like you perform miracles!** Because of COVID, many people died from a lack of oxygen. But now you've gifted us with oxygenators and medications to help the needy! ”

“ I don't have to worry about how to access clean water, eat, or go to school anymore. God faithfully provides us with all our needs. Here, **I have hope for my future!** ”

“ We gave a little boy his own Bible. He stared at it for a long time and expressed **he never dreamed of owning something so beautiful!** Thank you for giving such a precious gift! ”

# About WorldServe

WorldServe exists to connect people together to strengthen the persecuted church. By giving through WorldServe, you are directly linked to life-changing efforts around the world. Because of you, ministry leaders are empowered and encouraged daily!

WorldServe has worked to strengthen the persecuted church and transform communities with the power of the Gospel for 45 years.



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# Year in Review



**490**

Church Planters  
receive support each  
month

**19,720**

Bibles distributed  
by local churches in  
difficult to reach areas



**24,128**

Kids involved in  
Children's Ministry

**4.4m**

Meals delivered by  
the church to those in  
need



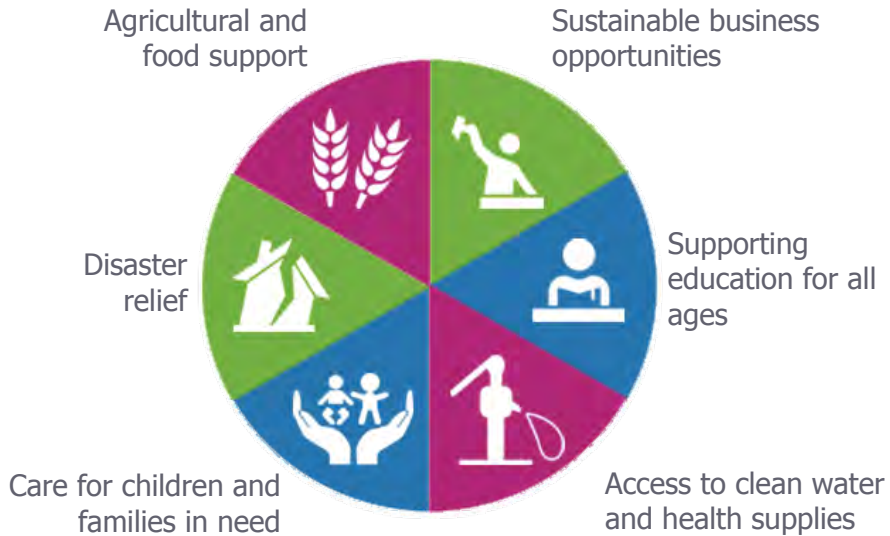
**150**

Youth supported in  
Children Care Homes

**340**

Pastors enrolled in  
training through WSBC





## Our Ministries

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# Church Planters

By partnering with a Church Planter, you are a part of radically transforming a community!

Despite facing persecution, Church Planters reflect the love of Jesus. They feed the hungry and care for the most vulnerable, such as orphans, children, and widows. While providing them with their basic needs, they share the unconditional love of God.



This year, you've supported 490 Church Planters on a monthly basis! You provide so much more than funds for their ministries. Church Planters and Evangelists regularly share just how much your presence means to them. By standing by your brothers and sisters in prayer, they know they are not alone, even as they face difficulties.

**490 Church Planters and Evangelists  
received monthly partnership**





Kaleb\* was poisoned when he began to question his faith, which dominated the area. Sick and paralyzed, he remembered hearing the name Jesus on one of his trips to another village. He told a trusted member of his family, “I once heard someone saying, ‘Jesus saves’. Can you go find anyone who knows this Jesus and bring him to me?”

The family member was scared of what might happen to them for interacting with a Christian, but they found an evangelist who told Kaleb the full story of Jesus. The evangelist continually visited him, and Kaleb committed his life to Jesus and was fully healed!

His family were excluded from the community because of their newfound faith in Jesus. But Kaleb’s life was radically changed, and he longed for all to meet Jesus! Now, he shares the Gospel with everyone he encounters, despite the risks on his life. Your generosity helps people like Kaleb in their ministries!

\*WorldServe partners are courageous in the face of persecution. Names and photos may be changed to ensure communications are ethical and do not endanger the safety or privacy of others.

# Bible Distribution

Having a Bible is vital to spiritual growth. Bibles are a life-changing resource you provide!

In parts of the world, having the opportunity to read — let alone own — a Bible is very rare.

Some areas are restricted in their abilities to produce or import Bibles, and if they are available for purchase, they're far too expensive for most people to afford.



Recipients of the Bibles you donated often marvel at seeing the Word of God in their own language! Bibles are distributed by partnered Pastors as part of their ministry to the church and community.

The hunger for God's Word is ever present in both long-time believers and those just hearing about Jesus for the first time.

Throughout 2020-21, nearly 20,000 Bibles were distributed! These included study Bibles for pastors, audio Bibles for the illiterate, children's Bibles, and New Testaments. You are contributing to the spiritual growth of thousands by donating Bibles!

“In the past, because I didn’t have the opportunity to read the Bible, I didn’t know God. My mind was desperate for answers, and I started to take drugs and became addicted.

Then, Cetan Soe\*, a Church Planter you support, preached the Gospel to me, told me that Jesus loves me, and gave me a Bible. I’d never seen a Bible written in my language before! When I was in the drug rehabilitation centre, I studied my Bible every day, and I began to understand the love of Jesus.

Slowly, my thoughts and behaviors began to change. I became a person who fits Jesus’ heart. Even though following Christ puts me at risk because of where I live, I can’t imagine life without Him.

I hope I can help more people in the future believe in Jesus, love Jesus, and serve Jesus so they can experience His transformative love like I did! All this happened because you sent me a Bible. Thank you. May the Lord bless you!”



**19,720 Bibles distributed**

# Children's Ministry

Your support in children's ministries alters the course of young people's lives forever! Kids who may not have otherwise encountered Jesus experienced his love during times of extreme hardship.

This year, programs such as camps, schools, Bible quizzing, health care, and Club DJ provided hope to over 24,000 children in need! Many of the kids involved in these activities live in poverty and other challenging circumstances. Children's ministry provides them with a safe haven, where they know they're loved and where their essential needs are cared for.

Because of you, kids around the world know they are precious and beloved by God! Families are transformed by children who have encountered Jesus' love.



“We thank the Lord for your help!  
Because of your support, we could  
bless several needy children in our kid’s  
ministry program by providing food for  
their entire families.

Times are difficult for these kids,  
especially because of the pandemic.  
Parents have lost work and are unable to  
provide. Everyone was grateful and happy  
for this beautiful gift sent by the Lord!  
In these times of scarcity and financial  
difficulties, help is needed.

The children were also given a Bible so  
that they would not lack spiritual food!  
This is an enormous blessing and very  
difficult to receive without your help.  
Thanks to you who extended your hands  
to give, may the Lord bless you.”



**24,128 children benefit from Children’s  
Ministry every week because of you!**

# Community Projects

Your partnership empowered women who were estranged from their families because of addiction. Through your community project, they encountered Christ and found freedom! Now, they are reconnecting with their children and growing in spiritual and physical health each day at the women's addiction recovery centre.

Meanwhile in Ethiopia, youth are joining together through a tree planting initiative to restore nature in their area. Young people across the country are becoming involved in local church activities and caring for God's creation.

Community projects like these address specific needs and create lasting change. Pastors you partner with transform their regions and serve one another in love!



Pastor Diego\* is dedicated to serving his community through the community project you support!

His project has transformed the community and shared the love of God through meaningful actions.

Diego and his team served the elderly throughout the pandemic by helping them in their homes. Reflecting the servant heart of Jesus, they repaired homes to make them safe and comfortable to live in and donated food.

Because of your support, the vulnerable and forgotten in society were cared for and shown God's love!



**Thank you for sponsoring  
transformational community projects!**

# Children's Care Homes

Alone, scared, and hungry is a difficult way to grow up. But you've changed that for 150 children! The youth you support in Children's Care Homes receive quality education, safe housing, food, and clothing. Homes are run by local pastors who share the love of Christ with each and every child.

In many areas, children are in dire need of care and live in extreme poverty. Most lack parental guardians, finances towards basic necessities, and access to education. In addition to these pressures, many live in war-torn regions and face pressures from the dominant religions of the area.

COVID safety supplies you donated to Children's Care Homes have kept staff and children healthy and safe as infection rates increased around them.

Had they not been supported by you, they would've faced issues like the pandemic and war on their own. Each and every one of these children is grateful that you believe in them!





“When I was three years old, my mother was killed. Me and my seven siblings lived with our father, but he was an alcoholic.

Life at home was very challenging; we lacked a responsible caretaker, access to education, and our most basic needs. All of this changed because of your help! Because of you, I get to live and study at a Children’s Care Home run by Pastor Zin\*.

By the grace of God, everything I need is here at the Home. I don’t have to worry about how to access clean water, eat, or go to school anymore. God faithfully provides us with all our needs. Here, I have hope for my future!

I’m most thankful because I learned about who God is here. I get to read His Word every day! I am thankful to you and to the Lord for the Children’s Care Home. I am blessed.”



**Over 150 children are cared for because you invested in their future!**

# Compassionate Aid

You are a part of reflecting the heart of Jesus through your support in Compassionate Aid projects!

Local Church Planters supported by you are the first responders when trouble arises. When a sudden crisis or ongoing regional challenges take place, pastors on the frontlines can accurately assess where the greatest needs lie. They work with local leaders to implement long-term assistance and cost-effective solutions.



For example, many of the pastors you support in Myanmar needed to respond quickly to sudden challenges from the political unrest in their country. A lack of food affected thousands of families. Many, including Church Planters themselves, had to suddenly flee their villages as war drew closer. Pastors provided those around them with practical and spiritual help during this frightening time with your support.



Cuba is currently facing a severe food shortage and an economic crisis. The elderly, children, and single-parent households are the most vulnerable, and many go hungry.

Pastor Mendo\*, and other church leaders in the area have been responding quickly because of your support! Receiving large donations of non-perishable food, Mendo joyfully distributed much-needed nourishment to those in his community.

“We thank the WorldServe ministry for its support in these difficult days that the world is going through, but especially our nation. We Cubans are burdened with so many deficiencies and needs of all kinds. Today the only thing we have in abundance is faith to wait on God. We

know that the Lord will never abandon us; His divine providence will reach us. You are God’s answer to our incessant cry.”

**You gave more than 4.4 million meals!**

# WorldServe Bible College

Around the world there are thousands and thousands of pastors and church leaders who provide courageous leadership but have no access to training.

You are changing that! Your partnerships into the lives of brave and faithful leaders allows WSBC to go to where pastors are and provide onsite Bible training, leadership encouragement, and resources for ministry.

Pastors are mentored, leaders are strengthened, marriages and families are supported, children are cared for, and communities are changed. The pandemic has created enormous challenges. Thankfully your faithfulness and God's guidance have allowed us to continue this critical work.

**Thanks to you, 340 WorldServe Bible College pastors received training!**

Mei's\* passion led her to enroll in WSBC. She dreamed of pursuing a life in ministry to become a Church Planter.

Where Mei lives, she needs to be very careful about sharing her faith. In recent months, the persecution towards Christians has greatly intensified.

Mei worked in a small store when she wasn't attending classes. During her break, she decided to watch some WSBC training videos on her cell phone.



As she watched the video, she realized her boss's wife was quietly listening to the material alongside her. Mei had always found it difficult to share the Gospel with her, but now she was actively listening to the Good News!

Mei was thrilled to realize that her WSBC studies were not only equipping her for her future in ministry, but was also reaching those around her in the present moment.

Supporting WSBC makes moments like these happen! In areas of harsh persecution, people are coming to hear about Christ and His unfailing love for them.

# Micro-Business

When you bless a family through Micro-Business, the gift keeps on giving. The family is strengthened and your loan donation, once it's been repaid, is loaned out again and again.

This has been a difficult year. COVID has severely affected the Micro-Business ministry. Many loans are on hold. Businesses in the agricultural industry have managed better than others as food insecurity is an ongoing issue that's only increased due to the pandemic. Others are working to adapt their businesses to the new climate.

In the areas you partner with, economic crisis and financial strain is typical for most families. Micro-Business loans empower people to support their families long-term!



Mateo\* used his Micro-Business loan to plant a variety of crops, including corn, sweet potato, yucca, and banana.

His corn crop in particular is very successful! The corn he planted is highly resistant to pests and droughts. This process has revolutionized the planting and the harvest of this grain.



Through his Micro-Business loan and training, he'll be able to quadruple the original investment amount by the end of the year!

Mateo is able to provide for his family and access food, healthcare, and education, even during a challenging economic climate.



He's so grateful to God and to you for the life-changing Micro-Business ministry!

**Loans totalling \$56,785 provided this year, impacting nearly 400 families!**

# Thrift Stores

WorldServe Thrift Stores are agents for change both internationally and locally. Through partnership with local charities and support towards global WorldServe projects, every sale goes towards changing lives!

Each store is a clean and welcoming environment. Shoppers find high-quality donated items at reasonable prices. They meet staff who care deeply about each person who walks through the doors.

WorldServe Thrift Stores located in White Rock, British Columbia and Calgary, Alberta are transformative to both the communities they're located in, and the world!





Analena\* heard a knock at the door of the small room she and her family shared. Her back ached from another night spent on their makeshift cardboard mattress that she and her brothers slept on each night.

A familiar employee from the WorldServe thrift store greeted Analena with a warm smile. “I have a surprise for your family,” the employee said. Analena’s jaw dropped to see the donation – food, a mattress, and a new cooking grill.

Thanks to your support of WorldServe Thrift stores, Analena’s family experienced the love and provision of Christ!



# Financials

This past year has been a study of contrasts. COVID-19, in addition to persecution, continued to wreak havoc in the areas we serve. Communities experienced health crises, job loss, and extreme inflation. These factors caused churches and families to struggle in desperate ways.

Into these heart-wrenching situations, you responded in powerful ways. Our team worked very diligently to partner you with international leaders to strengthen the persecuted church. Thank you for the difference you have made in many thousands of lives.

As an organization, we have been very responsible with each gift entrusted, and managed to maintain all historical ministry levels plus realize surplus for the past few years. This has been intentional, as WorldServe is now able to establish a board approved special program reserve for international ministry initiatives, in addition to the restricted donor gifts received. We have been hard at work for quite some time to establish even deeper ways of serving the persecuted church. The special program reserve is designated towards this, and we look forward to sharing more in the coming period once it is ready to launch.

**WORLD SERVE MINISTRIES INC.**Consolidated (USA and CDN) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
Year Ended June 30, 2021

	2021 Regular Operations	2021 Restricted Deferred	2020
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Donations	\$ 2,492,032	\$ 1,534,605	\$ 2,150,627
Cdn Thrift Store	\$ 1,852,835		\$ 1,376,372
	<b>\$ 4,344,867</b>	<b>\$ 1,534,605</b>	<b>\$ 3,526,999</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
International Ministries	\$ 1,636,167		\$ 1,328,935
Cdn Thrift Store	\$ 1,287,174		\$ 1,101,507
Fundraising	\$ 304,663		\$ 299,473
General and administrative expenses	\$ 263,157		\$ 310,358
Domestic Ministries	\$ 103,757		\$ 128,038
Amortization (Note 4)	\$ 87,889		\$ 87,650
	<b>\$ 3,682,807</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,255,961</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 662,060</b>	<b>\$ 1,534,605</b>	<b>\$ 271,038</b>
Other Income (expenses)			
Gain on forgivable portion of CEBA	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
Gain on disposal of capital assets	189		
Rent subsidy			\$ 50,914
	<b>\$ 10,189</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 60,914</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 672,249</b>	<b>\$ 1,534,605</b>	<b>\$ 331,952</b>

*Audited financial statements available upon request*



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