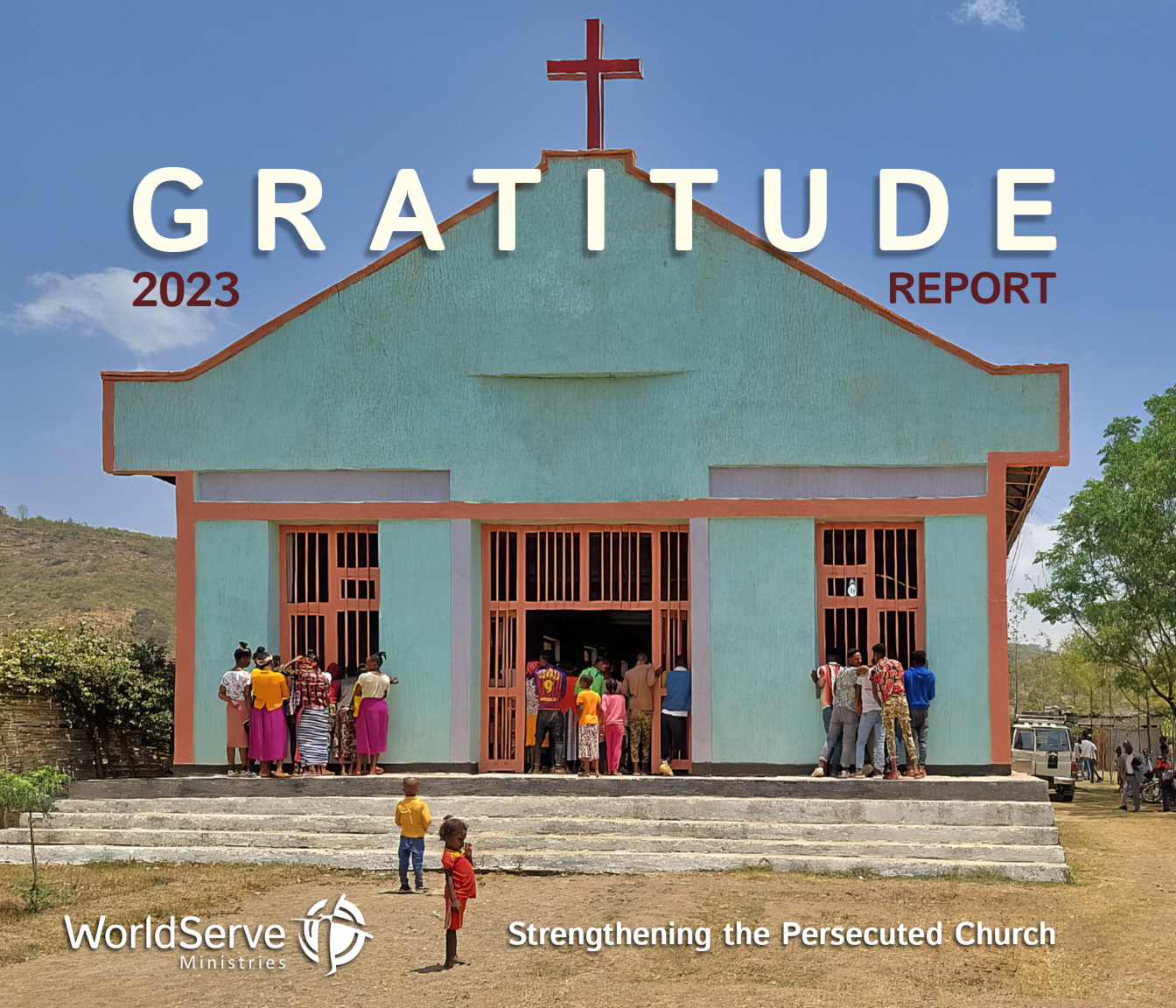


GRATITUDE

2023

REPORT



ANCHORED IN HOPE



“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”
– Hebrews 6:19a (NIV)

WorldServe Ministries Annual Report
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

THANK YOU

First and foremost, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the previous year. Your generosity through WorldServe Ministries has significantly impacted the lives of persecuted believers around the world; for that, we are truly thankful.

Celebrating our vibrant partnership to strengthen the persecuted church, we transcend a one-size-fits-all approach. We engage joyfully with international church partners fueled by the incredible support from donors like you. Your generosity has played a pivotal role in healing the persecuted church, alleviating feelings of isolation, tackling food insecurity, empowering micro-businesses to grow, and addressing the abandonment of children in these countries.

Reflecting on the dire situations faced by our brothers and sisters in persecuted nations, your unwavering support has directly contributed to the transformative influence of the local church, extending assistance to many thousands of people and

effectively addressing the immediate needs of families in distress. Together, we continue on this journey of compassion as we see the Gospel come to life in uplifting individuals and communities.

As we move forward in partnership with you in the year ahead, WorldServe will continue connecting you to strengthen persecuted churches! This is your work, and we're privileged to give leadership to the process and bring hope and transformation. Together we strengthen churches and work with instrumental leaders; we transform communities, where lives are uplifted; finally our commitment to creating sustainability to ensure that these positive changes endure.

The stories within this report reflect examples of the tangible ways in which individuals and communities have responded to support, resilience, and newfound hope. As you read through these narratives, we invite you to join us in reflecting on the positive outcomes of 2023. We eagerly anticipate witnessing how God will continue to work through your compassionate efforts in 2024. Thank you!

THE
WORLD SERVE
MINISTRIES TEAM

YEAR IN REVIEW



“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)

Dedicated donors, compassionate staff, selfless volunteers, and invaluable partners have played a vital role in fortifying churches in persecuted countries.

YOUR AMAZING IMPACT



492

Church Planters embraced and partnered with each month



47,838

Kids found hope through Children's Ministry



70

Youth received sanctuary in Children's Care Homes



22,375

Bibles distributed to many who had never received a copy before



496

Pastors equipped to transform their communities for Christ through WSBC



3,375,200

Meals delivered by the church to the hungry



370

Families impacted by Micro-Businesses



PASTORAL PARTNERSHIPS



“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” - 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV).

Your partnership with numerous ministry projects has led to strengthening the Gospel message and uplifting individuals in regions facing persecution.

CHURCH PLANTING

Pastors around the world face tremendous hardships and persecution. Some serve in dangerous, war-torn areas or amid abject poverty. Many long to help the people in the communities and reach them with the Gospel but lack the resources to do so. When they receive a monthly partnership, pastors are equipped to persevere and share the hope we have in Jesus.

The most effective way to touch the lives of individuals in persecuted countries is by partnering with pastors and churches. We come alongside them, supporting their efforts to teach the truth of the Bible, care for the poor, feed the hungry, care for orphans, provide jobs, help families, and transform communities.

WorldServe donors like you have partnered with over 492

pastors and church planters each month to facilitate lasting change in their communities.

“I thank the Lord for always being faithful. We recently carried out a ministry to bless the needy and the elderly in our community.

With your partnership, we provided them with barber services, manicures, cleaning, and more. At the end of the day, we prepared a nourishing meal. Many were shocked and moved to tears at this gesture.

It’s a true miracle for them to receive this during the economic crisis and food shortages. The Lord helped us bless others with His love like never before!” – Juan* from Cuba.



Plant a church, and it will grow. Nurture a church, and it will thrive.

EMPOWERING PASTORS



“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

WSBC empowers pastors and church leaders with the necessary tools for Bible study and life application, while instilling unshakable confidence and reliance on God’s Word for all aspects of life and spirituality.

WORLD SERVE BIBLE COLLEGE

For some international pastors, it is difficult or even impossible to receive thorough Bible training due to persecution, distance, or finances. Your support of WorldServe Bible College (WSBC) removes these barriers. Pastors in this dynamic, hands-on program access the biblical education they need.

With WorldServe Bible College, Christian leaders in persecuted countries have a chance to study God’s Word in a systematic way. They learn to interpret God’s Word for daily living, teaching and leading their congregation to love like Jesus in the midst of hardship.

You bridged the gap for 496 pastors this year, giving them a solid biblical and theological foundation through WSBC.

For these pastors, receiving this formal biblical education is a dream come true—something they never thought could happen for them. What they learned in their time as students at WSBC equipped them for ministry to their congregations and communities today and in the years to come.

“We love coming to these classes because we’ve never seen training like this. It’s all based on the Bible, not the ideas or agendas of men. There are many conferences about what men have to say, but we really need to hear more from the Bible like we do in WSBC.” – Yasiel* from Cuba.



Empowering Minds, Transforming Hearts: Where Knowledge Meets Faith

GIVING GOD'S WORD



"You are my refuge and my shield; I have put my hope in your word." - Psalm 119:114 (NIV)

The Bibles you provided this year included study Bibles for pastors, audio Bibles for the illiterate, children's Bibles, and New Testaments.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

In many countries, access to Bibles is limited (and sometimes prohibited). War, economic hardship, and persecution have caused Bibles to be scarce in many of the regions we work in. Through this ministry, the precious gift of God's Word is sent to local churches to distribute in the community.

Through our collective ministry partners, we've heard stories of entire congregations sharing a single copy of God's Word. They pass it from house to house during the week. What a blessing it is for each family to have their own copy of the Bible to read together!

This year, 22,375 Bibles were distributed in difficult-to-access regions. These Bibles are genuinely treasured by those who received them. "About four

children gather each week for our children's ministry activities. However, we have had the opportunity to interact with many other girls and boys in the community. By God's grace, so far this year, we have had the privilege of distributing 13 Bibles to 13 children." – Pastor Chewa* in Myanmar.

"I have conducted five Gospel outreach gatherings over the past three months. In this way, I reached 275 nonbelievers with the Gospel. By God's grace, over 200 of them accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. 50 New Testament Bibles, which are in our own Myanmar language, were distributed to 50 new believers." – Pastor Naing* in Myanmar.



Seeds of Hope: Empowering Lives One Bible at a Time

BUILDING HOPE FOR YOUTH



“The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him.” - Lamentations 3:25 (NIV)

The Children’s Ministry goes beyond providing essentials like food, medicine, and clothing; it becomes a beacon of joy, illuminating young lives with purpose and hope through the profound understanding of the Word of God.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Many children in persecuted countries haven’t had a chance to learn about Jesus. With your help, boys and girls attend engaging children’s ministry programs. They sing songs, make crafts, hear Bible lessons, memorize Scripture, and learn about salvation through Jesus.

The children’s ministry programs are designed to provide long-term discipleship to youth from all different backgrounds. Through these programs, whole families are learning to trust Jesus as their Saviour!

This year, 47,838 children learned about the hope found in Jesus as they attended children’s ministry programs in their neighbourhoods. Please keep these little ones in your prayers!

“I used to get sick a lot and had to be

admitted to the hospital, and my parents believed if they appeased the idols they worshipped, I would become healthy. One day, I was invited to join a children’s ministry program. I begged my parents to let me join this because the activities looked so fun. At first, they were unsure, but they finally agreed, and my mother accompanied me to the event each week.

The lessons about Jesus impacted my mother, and she accepted Jesus as her Saviour. I accepted Christ, too. When we told my father, he was furious at first. However, later, he also began to accompany us to these events. Now, the three of us are Christians! Jesus healed me of my sickness, and I have not had to be admitted to the hospital since becoming a Christian.” – Ramon* from Cuba.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY



“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” - Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

This year, local churches received desperately needed supplies in places like Myanmar (which is going through a violent civil war), Cuba (which is enduring an economic crisis), and Ethiopia (where many are languishing in refugee camps).

COMPASSIONATE AID

Your compassionate aid support provides food, medical supplies, trauma counselling, and more to those in crisis. This includes impoverished families, the elderly, and those affected by war or natural disasters. Local churches distribute these items to those in need in their communities.

This year, 3,375,200 meals were given to hungry men, women, and children in crisis. The sick and injured received much-needed medical supplies.

Supporters like you have played a pivotal role in addressing hunger by facilitating the distribution of over 3 million meals. In regions grappling with food scarcity, this aid serves as a lifeline, ensuring that men, women, and children have access to nourishment for their well-being.



Your partnership enhanced the resilience of communities by addressing their basic needs such as food and healthcare. This support has equipped individuals to better withstand the challenges of persecution, fostering dignity and empowerment and showing that God is there to help those facing persecution.

“I wandered around the mountains for two months, eating whatever I could find. I didn’t know where my family was. Another family took me in as their own. Only their love helped me live. They had nothing, but still shared whatever they had with me.

We collected whatever we could find, only eating once a day. Now, because of you, we have food for a month or more and can work the land. Oh, what hope does for the heart of a person. Say ‘bless you’ to all who came and gave. We will never forget you,” says Kofi* from Ethiopia.

CARING FOR CHILDREN IN NEED



“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.” - Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

Children come to Children’s Care Homes for various reasons—orphans or those abandoned, from impoverished families unable to afford schooling, or forced to flee due to violent civil war.

CHILDREN’S CARE HOMES

In Myanmar, where the realities of persecution loom large, a group of compassionate pastors, moved by the desperate needs of vulnerable children, decided to take action. With your generous sponsorship of boys and girls, these pastors now operate multiple Children’s Care Homes that stand as sanctuaries of hope amid adversity. Here, every child is embraced with love and provided with education, shelter, nutritious meals, and other essential necessities.

Your support transforms individual lives and serves as a powerful testament to the resilience and compassion of the persecuted church in the face of challenges. Together, we are nurturing a generation that, despite the odds, is destined to thrive and bring about positive change in their communities.

This year, 70 youth received monthly sponsorships to provide for their needs and education at Children’s

Care Homes. We have heard stories of kids learning about Jesus for the first time at their Children’s Care Homes, and many have trusted Him as their Saviour. Praise God!

“My mother married another man after my parents separated. It’s customary for children from a past marriage to be abandoned. I went to live with my aunt and uncle, but that was challenging. I wasn’t given food unless I went to the temple, and there was no opportunity for education. With your partnership, I went to stay with Pastor Thandar* at their Children’s Care Home.



Now, Pastor Thandar and his wife are like my real parents. They take care of me as if I were their own. Without them, I would have no education, and my future would be bleak. I always pray that God will bless Pastor Thandar, you, and all the teachers here!”
- Kyaw* from Myanmar.

TRANSFORMING LIVES



“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” - Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Eager to make a meaningful difference in their communities, pastors actively seek opportunities to identify new community impact initiatives.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Through the Community Impact ministry, pastors from different churches and denominations work together to meet the greatest needs of people in their area, share the hope of Jesus, and create long-lasting change in their communities.

Your partnership enables these miracles to take place. The elderly find care and friendships. People living with disabilities receive support. Struggling marriages are strengthened. The hungry are fed. Men, women, and children hear the Gospel. Entire communities are transformed.

At the heart of the Community Impact initiative is a foundation based on the unwavering collaboration of compassionate donors, the dedicated WorldServe team, and resolute local pastors and churches.

Through the synergy of this powerful partnership, we amplify your support and facilitate local churches to reach communities in need with a strength that transcends individual efforts. This forms the catalyst for positive change, creating a ripple effect that uplifts lives and fosters lasting transformation within the communities served.

“We thank God and you for your help! We reached an isolated community in the mountains in great need with a message of hope. We brought clothes, shoes, toiletries, and food for more than 50 families.

Both believers and non-believers were given these vital items. 53 individuals from over 40 families accepted Jesus! This was something wonderful. Words cannot describe the joy we experienced carrying out this project,” says Safiya* from Cuba.



CREATING SUSTAINABILITY



“But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?” - Romans 8:24 (NIV)

Business owners use their revenue to bless others by employing those in need and supporting their local churches and communities.

MICRO-BUSINESS IN CUBA

The Micro-Business program lays a foundation for creating and running self-sustaining, God-honouring businesses. This creates lasting change for families and communities!

WorldServe facilitates an amazing team of in-country business coaches who equip participants to create, operate, and grow their businesses.

This year, 370 individuals and families benefited from life-changing Micro-Business loans and training.

These businesses play a vital role in fortifying local communities, and committed business owners prioritize tithing back to their church. Many of these owners are enthusiastic about extending a helping hand to those facing difficulties

in their neighbourhoods, generously contributing products, services, and financial support to those in need. This transformative approach ensures that businesses are not just profit-oriented entities but influential blessings for many in the communities they serve.

“I used the loan to purchase equipment that would let me do more complicated carpentry renovation jobs. With Micro-Business training, I’ve learned how to wisely expand my operations. Now that my business has increased, I’ve started a ministry in my church with a small group of us.

We do repairs on the church building and help others in our church with repairs to their homes free of charge.” – Raul* from Cuba.



Micro-Business Training Empowers Lives and Transforms Communities

ESCAPING THE DARKNESS



“After I completed the trauma counselling program, I became a new person with hope and purpose. I could not believe I could change this much. I suffered for three years, everything was dark, hope was never to be reached and I questioned my faith in God. Here I sit today, healed emotionally and planning to heal many other too.”

TRAUMA COUNSELLING

Ethiopia endured over two years of complex and violent civil war. Although the fighting has ended, the devastation left behind is indescribable. Millions of people have been displaced from their homes. Countless lives were lost, and those left behind are coping with trauma after all they've endured.

This year, you've helped ease some of that pain for people in Ethiopia who received life-changing Trauma Counselling through your support. The sessions themselves are incredibly impactful, ministering to the hearts of those living in darkness without hope after the atrocities they've endured.

Your support has also helped expand the reach of Trauma Counselling in 2024 by equipping Ethiopians to provide this ministry to others. So far, 36 people have been certified to facilitate

additional Trauma Counselling! This will have a ripple effect across the entire nation as more and more are reached with God's love and transformative healing.

“Knowing that traumatized people could be a healing path for others was eye-opening. I thought that myself and all these colleagues would remain in the dark world of silence, pain, nightmares and seclusion. I learned that now we cannot only be healed but can also be healers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart,” says Zara* from Ethiopia.

“When I first heard about the Trauma Counselling course, I did not know what it was about and how it could help me. But after four days of being with other women like me and letting out all our emotions, I am a different person today,” says Almaz* from Ethiopia.



IMPACT LOCALLY & GLOBALLY



“But now, Lord, what do I look for?
My hope is in you.” - Psalm 39:7 (NIV)

Guided by an unwavering love for God, the WorldServe Thrift stores in Calgary, AB, and White Rock, BC, welcome shoppers and donations and also make impactful contributions to support other local charities.

THRIFT STORES

What's the impact of your donations and purchases at WorldServe Thrift Stores?

LOCAL | WorldServe Thrift Store staff are deeply invested in the communities where they work. Staff welcome opportunities to provide genuine support to individuals who enter the store, offering care, understanding, and practical assistance. Many customers face personal challenges such as cancer treatments, homelessness, or divorce, and the staff strives to be a source of comfort. Additionally, the thrift store collaborates with local organizations supporting refugees and immigrants, extending opportunities for volunteerism and job training.

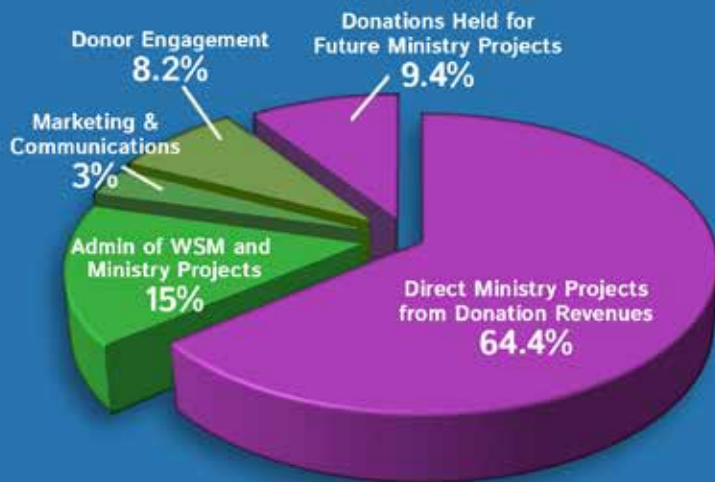
WorldServe Thrift Stores offer a compassionate environment for everyone.

INTERNATIONAL | The WorldServe Thrift Stores raise funds to reach children, empower pastors, equip churches, and transform communities around the world. This includes children's ministry in Cuba, Children's Care Homes in Myanmar, WSBC, Pastor Partnerships, Compassionate Aid, Bible Distribution, Micro-Business, and Community Impact Projects.

“I enjoy working here at WorldServe Thrift so much. I've made so many amazing friendships because of the store. Our lives have been sewn together through a greater purpose. We learn through our differences, crossing cultures, wealth, gender, language barriers, and age. Best of all, we can freely talk about Jesus and invite him into everything we do.” – Debbie* from White Rock, BC



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP



Prudent Use of Donated Funds

WorldServe Ministries is transparent in the way we operate and we take the responsibility of financial stewardship seriously. We seek to make use of every dollar donated with careful attention to effectiveness and efficiency. WorldServe is a proud member of the Canadian Council of Christian Charities.

Year-Over-Year

In the preceding year, your unwavering support and partnership have touched the lives of thousands through practical aid and the transformative hope rooted in Jesus Christ. Your impactful response has manifested in powerful collaborations with church planters and evangelists, actively contributing to the spread of the Gospel through both words and deeds. Thank you for your continued support!



WORLD SERVE MINISTRIES INC.

Consolidated (CDN & USA) Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended June 30, 2023
(in thousands)

	2023 General	2023 Ministry Projects	2023 Total	2022 Total
REVENUES				
Donations	\$2,355	\$1,822	\$4,177	\$3,443
CDN Thrift Stores	\$1,936	\$4	\$1,940	\$2,018
TOTAL	\$4,291	\$1,826	\$6,117	\$5,461
EXPENSES				
Direct Project Expenses		\$2,112	\$2,112	\$1,478
Supporting Expenses				
Management, Thrift and General	\$1,607	\$342	\$1,949	\$1,922
Leases, Offices	\$917	\$39	\$956	\$902
Professional, Travel, Promotion	\$153	\$145	\$298	\$196
Amortization	\$83	\$1	\$84	\$88
TOTAL	\$2,760	\$2,639	\$5,399	\$4,586
OTHER	\$143	\$66	\$208	\$108
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) FROM OPERATIONS	\$1,674	\$(747)	\$926	\$983

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