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2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Join us as we reach those in need



in Australia and around the world



FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM

We live in a world that is desperate for hope. We want to point people to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is our solid Rock and the only source of eternal joy and peace: *“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”* (Romans 15:13).

Responding during wartime and natural disasters made this a busy year for Samaritan's Purse. In Israel we replaced 22 ambulances that were destroyed and partnered with local churches to provide food and other relief items. After a Category 5 hurricane hit Acapulco, Mexico, our DC-8 and 757 aircraft transported emergency supplies. We also sent volunteers to help homeowners with emergency repairs.

More Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts were packed this year than ever before. The Greatest Journey also

reached a milestone, with 50 million children worldwide being disciplined. I am grateful that so many boys and girls are hearing about God's love for them: *“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him”* (1 John 4:9).

We give God glory for all that He has done. Thank you for your continued prayers, gifts, and service.

May God Bless you,

Franklin Graham



“For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do.”

HEBREWS 6:10, ESV


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COVER PHOTO
 Australian medical team member treating a boy injured in the Turkish earthquake.

LEFT
 Franklin Graham visiting people affected by the Israel/Hamas conflict.

ABOVE
 Happy Cambodian woman topping up her BioSand water filter.

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Your support during 2023 provided hope to thousands around the world. "Fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God...I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" **ISAIAH 41:10**

KEY FIGURES



453,500

Kilos of relief supplies
UKRAINE



500

Patients treated
ARMENIA



30,000

Kilos of relief supplies
(medicines, food, blankets, lights)
ARMENIA



20,000

Kilos of emergency supplies (warm clothing, footwear)
ARMENIA



INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF



Throughout 2023, our work continued in war-torn Ukraine with our church partners to provide shelter, clean water, and more than 108 million kilos of food to hurting families.

Our teams set up hospitality centres for residents to get warm, enjoy a hot meal, and escape to safety during the bombings.

We also repaired homes for people who had been living in a structure without a roof or windows. Some of the materials used to repair these houses were from the more than 453,500 kilos of relief supplies Samaritan's Purse has delivered to Ukraine since the start of the conflict.

In February 2023 massive earthquakes devastated areas in the Middle East killing thousands in collapsed buildings and leaving multitudes desperate for help.

One hospital collapsed in a pile of concrete rubble, entombing doctors, nurses, and patients.

Samaritan's Purse immediately airlifted one of our Emergency Field Hospitals to treat over 3,000 patients in addition to staffing the fully equipped 52-bed tent hospital.

Samaritan's Purse also airlifted tons of emergency supplies, such as weatherproof tents and tarps to provide families with emergency shelter.

In September 2023 a deadly petrol explosion killed 170 Armenians and injured nearly 500 others.

Our medical teams treated burn victims with wound care and skin grafts, as well as postoperative physical therapy. In addition to the medical teams, our cargo jets flew two airlifts to Armenia, bringing emergency supplies such as blankets and solar lights.

In October 2023 Samaritan's Purse responded to critical needs in complex disasters, including the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

We immediately deployed a Disaster Assistance Response Team to support church partners and provided hygiene kits, 18,000 food vouchers, and 4,000 hot meals for internally displaced families.

Our teams partnered with over 50 local churches and Christian organisations to pack 18,500 food boxes. We also equipped civilian first responder teams with 1,000 emergency trauma kits.

During the October attacks, ambulances were immediately targeted. Samaritan's Purse committed to replacing 22 ambulances and has since dedicated 14 of them to God and to the memory of medical personnel who were killed. Eight of the ambulances will have armour plating to help keep them safe on the frontlines.





Your generous partnership during 2023 enabled volunteers to bring practical relief in Jesus' Name. "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" JOHN 15:12

KEY FIGURES

Lismore, NSW, Rochester, VIC, Gold Coast, QLD, and Florida, US.



139

Days on the field



309

Volunteers



348

People prayed for



389

Families assisted



78

Bibles gifted



20,080

Volunteer hours



\$500K+

In-kind value to the community



AUSTRALIAN DISASTER RELIEF



Throughout 2023, Samaritan's Purse disaster relief teams deployed to assist stricken residents throughout Australia's east coast and New Zealand's North Island. Following severe flash flooding and the landfall of Cyclone Gabrielle, homes and infrastructure on New Zealand's North Island were left devastated.

Samaritan's Purse Site Leadership Team members deployed to assist churches to provide practical assistance for their affected communities with food, essentials, lodging and equipment.

On Australia's east coast, 187 volunteers returned to the slow-recovering towns of Lismore-NSW, and Rochester, VIC, to provide ongoing recovery services for more than 280 families experiencing hardship since historic floods inundated their homes 12 months earlier.

On the evening of Christmas day, 2023, Queensland's Gold Coast experienced a 150kph tornado producing a 4km wide path of destruction throughout the Gold Coast and Scenic Rim. The super storm snapped trees, levelled homes and left residents without power and access to water for up to three weeks.

Situated on top of a hill in the Gold Coast's hinterland, Suane's home was a picture of serenity, with beautiful views towards Surfer's Paradise. Shortly after the storm began, a blackout followed, leading to a night of terror.

"Then it started and it was really very loud and the wind just blew and the lightning, it was spectacular. But we had no lights, we could hear very loud crackling sounds of the branches being broken and the trees falling. And then the windows being broken as well. Even my side sliding door got sucked out, so there was a lot of force," said Suane.

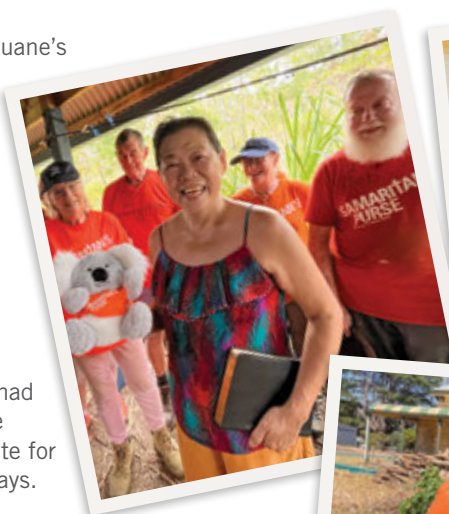
Nearly a month had passed since the storm, and Suane had not yet been able to access any relief funding to organise repairs or removal of fallen trees and debris. The final date for the council roadside collection would be in a matter of days.

Three teams of Samaritan's Purse volunteers worked to restore Suane's home and property, stripping sodden ceilings, walls and carpet. The blown-out sliding door and damaged windows were reinforced with weatherboard. Outside, volunteers worked to break up fallen trees and large branches, moving several trailer loads to the roadside.

In the span of a day, Suane's home and property were transformed into a habitable and safe place to stay. The paralysing stalemate had been broken, allowing Suane to plan the next phase of her recovery.

"I was stuck and I couldn't do anything and I didn't have enough funds to replace things or even hire someone to come in to do a door. And by having Samaritan's Purse come in to do the foundation, I can now wait for the tradespeople to come in later." - Suane.

Over five weeks, 121 volunteers assisted more than 100 families like Suane towards the recovery of their home and property in the wake of this unprecedented storm.





Your year-round partnership continues to build a brighter future for communities so that they might know that “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” **PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

KEY FIGURES





Last year, Samaritan's Purse

Australia and New Zealand constructed three schools in Cambodia as part of our School For Kids project (SFK), totalling 46 schools that have now been built over the past decade. These additional schools will provide a further 1,072 children access to quality, safe classrooms and school environments and offer them an education to break the cycle of poverty.

"I'm so excited to have a newly renovated school, I feel safe to be in the classroom, and it looks new. I'm happy to study here," said Nisa, smiling broadly.



Sis Nisa is 12 years old and lives with her aunt in Banteay Meanchey province. She has one older brother, her father works as a cook, and her mum works in a garment factory in Phnom Penh.

Nisa is a grade three student attending the Kcheay Primary School. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up so that she can teach the next generation to be knowledgeable, with a good job and high income.

When she started going to school, she was really scared because her school building had many cracks in the walls and floor, and everyone feared that it could fall on the children. It became a big concern for the whole community who requested the government to fix the building. No answer was received.

Samaritan's Purse, through the SFK project, renovated the whole school building by fixing the foundation, repairing the walls and slap floor, building a new ramp for students with disabilities, and repainting the infrastructure to make the school look like new.

"I have been scared of the damaged building for more than two years; now I have a new building. I'm so excited and feel really safe being in the class. It makes me even happier to learn. I will help to take care of this building. Thanks to Samaritan's Purse and staff for renovating my school" said Nisa.

Our 'We Can Read We Can Write'

project improves learning environments, provides educational resources, and builds community engagement. Schools are stocked with hundreds of colourful storybooks and are provided reading and numeracy toolkits that teachers can integrate into their curricula.

Schools also receive tablets with reading games, reading packages for students and parents, and more. These supplementary resources helped teachers to engage students with clear information.

Last year, 36 teachers received training, 3,567 children received an education, and 632 parents were trained on the importance of education and how to improve learning.





Through the Genesis 41 Project in Vietnam, Samaritan's Purse in partnership with the Water Centre, a local government agency, installed pipelines to provide 250 households with access to safe and clean water.

The project also provided 100 households with access to 1,000L water storage tanks; 40 houses with sanitary latrines; training for 60 people to reach 1,200 community members with hygiene and sanitation education; and training for 30 people to reach 600 community members with messaging around safe menstrual hygiene.

That's a total of 3,780 people!

The Water For Families project in Cambodia provided 2,205 BioSand Water Filters to households in Sala Krau districts, Pailin province in Cambodia. Three water distribution networks were rebuilt, and six boreholes were drilled, providing clean water for entire villages.

This project also provided 391 households with subsidised latrines and supported local entrepreneurs in 15 villages to conduct sanitation marketing and build latrine rings to provide best hygiene practices.

This will support approximately 12,040 people!



KEY FIGURES



Community members given hygiene and sanitation education in Vietnam



Villages received hygiene and sanitation education in Cambodia

LIVELIHOODS



In 2023, Samaritan's Purse Australia and New Zealand educated and trained hundreds of people in Vietnam and Mongolia about livestock sustainability.

The Community Advancement through Livelihoods for Families (CALF) Project in Vietnam reached 279 beneficiaries in two communes of Duyen Hai District, Tra Vinh Province. Among these beneficiaries were 70 households who benefitted directly from the distribution of cows, training and agricultural assets. The project provides training on cattle husbandry, financial management, animal shelter construction, distribution of grass, fertiliser, feed, and cows, as well as training and funding for small businesses to create sustainability and stability.



Through the Beekeeping program in Tra Vinh, Vietnam, 126 beehives and 14 sets of beekeeping materials were distributed along with technical training, enabling families to sell honey to increase their household income and provide stability for themselves. Honeybees are transforming lives!



Through the Winter Disaster Recovery program in Mongolia, Samaritan's Purse was able to help 40 families (200 individuals) in four communities of Arkhangai and Bayankhongor Provinces. Each family was given 10 yaks or 40 sheep, winter resilience training and technical assistance, and various agricultural supplies to achieve sustainable livelihoods with reduced livestock loss.



KEY FIGURES

70



Households benefitted from the CALF program in Vietnam



126

Beehives provided in Vietnam



14

Beekeeping sets and training provided in Vietnam



40

Families were helped through the Winter Disaster Recovery program in Mongolia



To all who partnered with Operation Christmas Child during 2023, God did remarkable things around the world through this amazing ministry. We are thankful to Him for all the boys and girls who have had an opportunity to hear the Good News that “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved”
ROMANS 10:13

KEY FIGURES

218,215

Shoeboxes collected in Australia/New Zealand in 2023 and distributed to the following countries:

95,949
Cambodia

15,281
Philippines

63,044
Papua New Guinea

26,848
Fiji

10,611
Ukraine

6,482
Sensitive Country*



Let the children come to me,
and do not hinder them, for to such
belongs the kingdom of God.

LUKE 18:16

* Country name undisclosed for security reasons.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



In 2023, 11.3 million shoebox gifts were prayerfully packed for boys and girls all over the world by people from 11 countries. We praise God that more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have heard the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1993.

Our Pacific islands initiative continues to bring the eternal hope of Christ to remote areas. Over 300,000 children on more than 1,000 islands have received shoebox gifts and heard about God's love for them. On behalf of our global team, we hope you will be encouraged by Ivanna's story from Honduras.

Ivanna often felt alone and anxious because her parents constantly argued and tension seemed to define their home. Her loneliness intensified after her father abandoned the family. "I felt like God was not with me. I was on a lost path," she said.

She eagerly accepted a friend's invitation to attend an Operation Christmas Child outreach event because she had been hoping for something special to change her life.

As excited as Ivanna was with the toys and school supplies she found in her shoebox, she was especially touched by a handwritten letter that told her Jesus loved her.

Ivanna listened intently as the Gospel was shared during the event in her impoverished community in Honduras. This was the first time she had heard that God loved her and sent His Son, Jesus, to die for her sins. She didn't hesitate when the pastor invited the children to pray and receive Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

"I asked God to help me follow in His footsteps," she said. "Only God could reach me. I felt something powerful in my heart. My strength comes from Him."

Now, three years later, 12-year-old Ivanna continues serving in the church and sharing her faith with family and friends.

We are thankful for every volunteer who serves as the hands and feet of Jesus. More than 2,000 volunteers served at processing centres across Australia and New Zealand. Over 81,000 ministry partner teams and 240,500 teachers were involved worldwide. Our global network of more than 18,000 year-round volunteers faithfully helped people to participate in this life-transforming ministry.





KEY FIGURES

5,114,528

Children enrolled and participated
in The Greatest Journey in 2023



2,787,422

Children decided
to follow Christ



Five million boys and girls participated in The Greatest Journey in 2023. We celebrated a special milestone: More than 50 million children worldwide have been disciplined through The Greatest Journey and previously The Mailbox Club.

We thank God for more than 20 million shoebox recipients who have committed their lives to following Him as a result of this program.

Princess, 13, received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift during an outreach event in the Philippines. She then participated in The Greatest Journey and learned more about God and His Word. Overwhelmed by God's power and love for her, she prayed to receive Christ as her Lord and Saviour. "I wanted Jesus to save me. Now, I am more confident because He is with me," she said.

Princess lives with her grandmother and used to worry a lot as they sometimes don't have enough food for three meals a day. She rarely sees her parents, who left their remote village for the city in hopes of finding work and securing a better life for their family.



But Princess doesn't worry as much now that she has a relationship with Jesus Christ. She is sharing her faith with her classmates—most of whom have never heard about Jesus—because she wants them to also trust Him and experience His peace. "They should not be afraid because Jesus is there to help them," she said.

Princess is among more than 5 million children who participated in The Greatest Journey in 2023, with nearly 3 million making a decision for Christ.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2023

Samaritan's Purse Australia Limited | ABN 84 070 722 404
Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	4,855,233	4,407,041
Other Income	617,712	497,952
Employee Benefits Expense	(1,261,477)	(1,052,627)
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	(139,582)	(176,542)
Direct Project Costs	(3,354,307)	(2,902,593)
Other Expenses	(223,782)	(289,679)
Current Year Surplus Before Income Tax	493,797	123,552
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Net Current Year Surplus	493,797	123,552
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	493,797	123,552
Surplus Attributable to the Entity	493,797	123,552
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to the members of the Entity	493,797	123,552

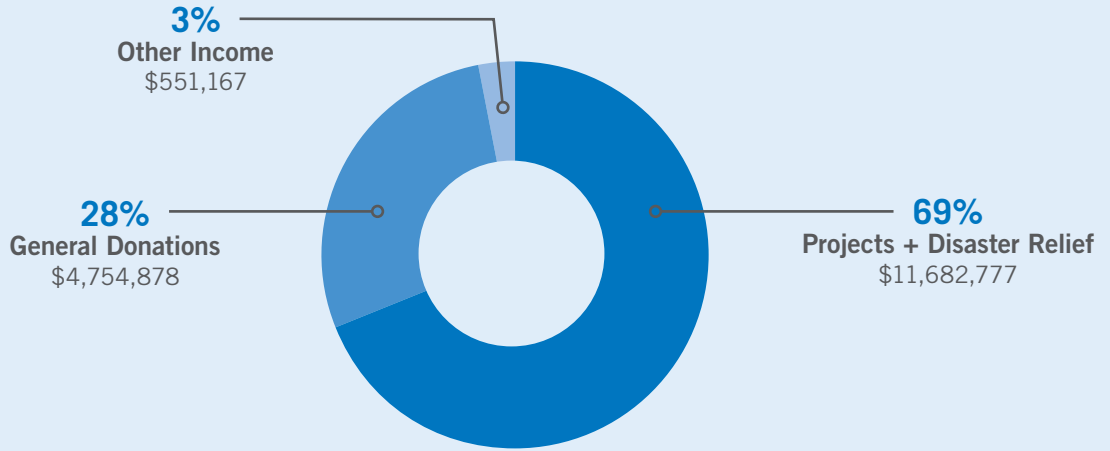


Samaritan's Purse Australasia - Operation Christmas Child Limited | ABN 80 162 895 623
Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2022	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue	12,802,820	12,390,613
Other Income	23,070	53,215
Employee Benefits Expense	(1,286,151)	(1,380,359)
Depreciation and Amortisation Expense	(184,631)	(179,317)
Direct Project Costs	(9,706,494)	(9,396,139)
Closing Stock on Hand	45,896	25,562
Other Expenses	(1,579,476)	(1,333,641)
Current Year Surplus Before Income Tax	23,241	128,811
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Net Current Year Surplus	23,241	128,811
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	23,241	128,811
Surplus Attributable to the Entity	23,241	128,811
Total Comprehensive Income Attributable to the members of the Entity	23,241	128,811

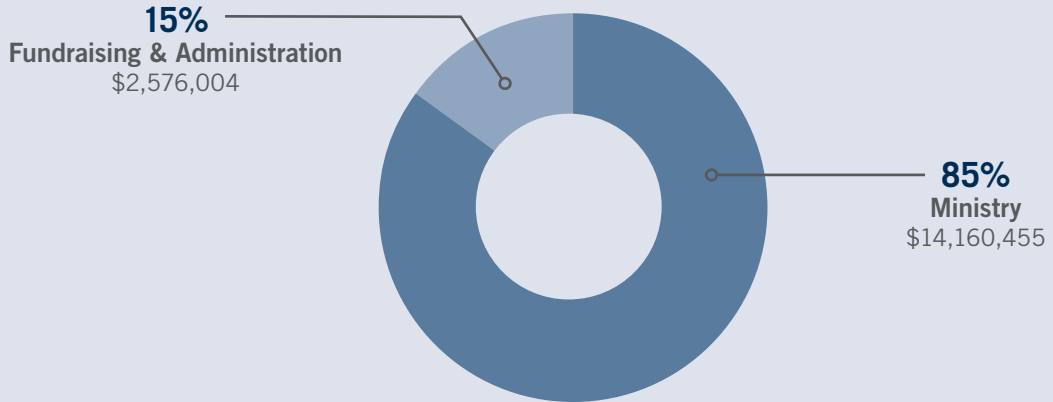
2023 Revenues

\$16,988,822



2023 Expenses

\$16,736,459







THANK YOU, LORD

The glory belongs to God alone for each life touched by Samaritan's Purse. We praise Him for the opportunities He has given us to bring hope in Jesus' Name as we meet the needs of suffering people in Australia, New Zealand and more than 100 countries worldwide. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry.



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