



World Orphans

**2024
IMPACT
REPORT**



STORIES OF HOPE



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Monica had been in and out of prison. She lacked the means to support her girls, and she was desperate. She gave in to the temptation to steal, made poor decisions, and abused her children. As a result, the Guatemalan government took her girls. Her family was broken, torn apart by sin and circumstances. Yet, through the tangible love of the local church, Jesus is turning her story around!

Monica found support from the pastors at Iglesia JesuCristo Rey and a psychologist from World Orphans who walked with her through her struggles. They helped her understand who she is in God's eyes, that she is loved, that she matters. She saw God's goodness and grace through their support as her life was turned around. She was given a new opportunity, and she got her girls back. She now attends church regularly and her family has been restored.

Monica's story is a reminder that our past does not dictate our future. There is hope in the transformational power of the gospel and the loving kindness of God's people – the Church.

Every story or circumstance "counted" in this Impact Report represents a story changed, a family preserved, and a church strengthened. Each one matters. Every story. Every child. Each one created in the image of God.

We are a 100% donor-supported ministry. Every gift and every donor matters. If you are reading this report, you are part of the story, part of making the difference in actual lives – like Monica's. We are grateful for your continued partnership. Thank you for your part in this story ... one that God continues to graciously write in and through us all.

Grace and peace,

Scott Vair
President/CEO

Countless friends have come alongside World Orphans over the years in support of our vision to empower the church to care for orphans and vulnerable families. From cash donations, to purchasing a handcrafted item from one of our artisans, to visiting a church partner, to notes of encouragement, to prayer—it all matters and has eternal significance. We are genuinely grateful.



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ETHIOPIA

ALMITU

Almitu is a single mom to six children, including her niece whom she adopted after her mother died. Almitu struggled to provide food for her family. When she entered the HBC Program, the monthly food baskets were so helpful. With her loans, she first sold chickens, then goats, and eventually was able to buy a cow with the profits. Her cow is about to give birth, and the calf will be worth over \$750 USD! That's over 25 times more than her first loan for their well-being. Maria's story exemplifies the transformative impact of the church's support, providing not just material assistance but also hope and empowerment.

PEOPLE

Population: 94.1 million
Life Expectancy: 63 years
Literacy Rate: 39%
Religion: Christianity, Islam

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Amharic

CULTURE

Ethiopia is a diverse country, with more than 80 different ethnic groups that carry with them their own languages, customs, and traditions. Wat, a spicy stew, is the national dish of Ethiopia. It is traditionally served with injera, a spongy bread or pancake. Coffee is an Ethiopian favorite and is frequently part of a ceremony, during which the coffee is roasted, ground, and placed in boiling water prior to being served. Men are traditionally responsible for providing for the family, while women typically stay home to attend to the domestic needs or to operate a small business from the home. The Ethiopian economy has become one of the fastest growing in the world, as the country is consistently looking for new ways to minimize poverty within its borders.

HOME BASED CARE

Estimates suggest that over 80% of children living in an orphanage around the world have at least one living parent. While the reasons for abandonment are complex and vary by country and culture, preserving families through our Home Based Care program is

one of our biggest priorities. Through your support, the local church was able to meet life-challenging needs with food, medical care, access to education, trauma counseling, economic empowerment, friendship, discipleship, and the hope of the gospel.

490

Families were preserved through our Home Based Care program

1,640

Children and their parents received food, shelter, medical care, education, and the hope of the gospel—**eliminating the need for 55 orphanages**

994

Widows and at-risk mothers received care

114

Families received medical care and 251 children received vitamins daily in Guatemala

SHARA

Shara's parents separated when she was six years old, and due to her mother's disability, Shara came to live at Bethel Gospel Church's residential home. Shara came to know Christ as she studied here, and she grew in the area of academics, excelling in her schooling. Upon graduation, she reunited with her mother. Although it took a while for her to adjust, our social workers and caregivers shepherded her throughout the reunification and continue to do so. Shara is smart and determined to excel in life. She is in her second year of post-secondary school, and we continue to see her grow in her faith while receiving wholistic care.

PEOPLE

Population: 1.42 billion
Life Expectancy: 70.8 years
Literacy Rate: 76.32%
Religion: Hinduism, Islam, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Hindi, Bengali, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, Gujarati, Urdu, Kannada, Odia, Malayalam, Punjabi, Assamese, Maithili, English

CULTURE

India's national passions are cricket and films. Much of Indian food is eaten with fingers or bread used as utensils. There are a wide array of breads served with meals, including naan, a leavened, oven-baked flatbread; and bhatoora, a fried, fluffy flatbread common in North India and eaten with chickpea curry. India is well known for its film industry, which is commonly referred to as "Bollywood." Today, the films are best known for their elaborate singing, dancing, and action sequences. India's primary agricultural products are sugarcane, rice, wheat, buffalo milk, milk, potatoes, vegetables, bananas, maize, and mangoes.

INDIA



The operation of the World Orphans Market is flourishing, and families are being empowered through the development of artisan skills.

Artisans in Guatemala, Ethiopia, and South Africa continue to develop skills like jewelry making, sewing, crochet, and leather work, resulting in the production of one-of-a-kind necklaces, earrings, bracelets, journals, aprons, purses, and so much more.

The World Orphans Market allows our friends and supporters the opportunity to enjoy some of these products and participate in the empowerment of families through their purchases. Products are sold at our online store, through Amazon, at the Castle Rock Collective coffee shop and artisan market, at festivals, partner boutiques/gift shops, and pop-up events.



Products were created by artisans in Guatemala, Ethiopia, and South Africa



Was paid directly to artisans for their products, helping them better support their families



Artisan craft co-op businesses continued to operate in Guatemala

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IRAQ



SABRIA

Sabria Sadiq is a recent graduate of our sewing course at the community center. Before beginning the Economic Empowerment program, she was struggling to find a way to support her family and provide an income. However, with hard work, she has been able to apply the skills she learned to create a successful sewing business. Sabria makes beautiful dresses, vests, jackets, and other clothing items, and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to support her family because of World Orphans and your support of our work in Iraq.

PEOPLE

Population: 44.5 million

Life Expectancy: 72.4 years

Literacy Rate: 91.2% for males
79.9% for females

Religion: Islam (97%)

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Arabic, Kurdish

CULTURE

Between 25 and 35 million Kurds inhabit a mountainous region straddling the borders of Turkey, Iraq, Syria, Iran, and Armenia. They make up the fourth-largest ethnic group in the Middle East, but they have never obtained a permanent nation-state. Kurdish culture has a rich oral tradition. Most popular are epic poems, called lawj, and they often tell of adventure in love or battle. Popular sports include soccer, wrestling, hunting, and shooting. Kurdish meals are generally eaten while sitting on the floor and are served on a small cloth placed in the center of the room. Traditionally, hot dishes, cold dishes, and sweets are all served at the same time.



REFUGEE CARE



In 2014, ISIS invaded Iraq. Since then, World Orphans has worked alongside the government of Soran, Iraq, through The Refugee Initiative to provide critical

refugee care. Shelter, education, medical care, and empowerment programs remain vital to displaced Syrian and Yazidi refugees. In 2024:

279

Children received an education at our refugee school and preschool

74

Refugee families were provided with homes

2,268

Patients were seen at our medical clinic

48

Women learned new sewing skills at our vocational training center, providing an additional income opportunity to their families

250

Students attended summer school focused on English, music, sports, computer, and Arabic classes

230

People received care at our dental clinic

GUADELUPE

Guadalupe is one of the newest members in the sewing co-op. She is responsible, disciplined, and already had some basic sewing knowledge, which helped her become a key member of the co-op as a supervisor and teacher. Her two sons are members of the carpentry workshop, where they learn basic carpentry and furniture making skills. Pastor Antonio, who is the carpentry instructor, says they are among his top students. Guadalupe also participates in parenting workshops and is part of a savings group through the church. She received a certificate of completion for participating in a three-month training where she learned how to make jeans, and she is working on a second certificate making shirts. The certificates prove her knowledge to potential employers if she decides to take a job as a seamstress. We are proud of Guadalupe and her family.

PEOPLE

Population: 17.36 million
Life Expectancy: 69.24 years
Literacy Rate: 84.27%
Religion: Catholic, Christian

LANGUAGE

Official Language: Spanish is the official language, while 26 Mayan languages are spoken, as well as two other indigenous languages.

CULTURE

Guatemalan culture is rich and distinct, characterized by a fusion of Spanish and Indigenous influences. Guatemalans value honesty, family, honor, work, and education. Generally, Guatemalans are gracious and eager to find humor in most situations. In Guatemalan culture, visiting friends and relatives is important.



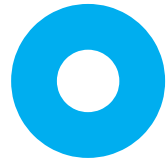
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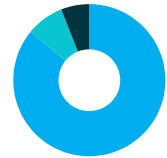
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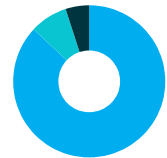
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SUPPORT & REVENUE
 \$3,595,570



EXPENSES
 Program Activities: \$2,697,322 ■
 Supporting Activities:
 General and Administrative: \$290,397 ■
 Fundraising: \$166,722 ■
 TOTAL: \$3,154,441



EXPENSE RATIO PERCENTAGES
 Program: 86% ■
 General and Administrative: 9% ■
 Fundraising: 5% ■

NET ASSETS

Beginning of the Year: \$1,193,695 • End of the Year: \$1,684,656
 CHANGE IN NET ASSETS: \$490,961

& STATISTICS

In October, we held our annual graduation ceremony in Ethiopia for 47 women who completed their five-year cycle in our Home Based Care and microloan program. These families became independent, providing for their

children on their own. We could not be prouder of these courageous, determined, inspirational mothers.



Children received ongoing care through 42 active programs in nine countries



Caregivers received child development training



Pastors and leaders were trained



People were impacted by visits from their church partners



Orphans, widows, refugees, and vulnerable families were impacted by the ministry of World Orphans



HAITI

VALENSKY

Valensky is 11 years old and in the 5th grade. He has been a part of the HBC program for three years, and he is so grateful for the regular food baskets each month and the opportunity to go to school. He especially loves going to camp to spend time with his friends and have fun! He says, "World Orphans has made things so much better for me and really had a positive impact on my life. I would like to say thank you to World Orphans and to the US church who supports us."

PEOPLE

Population: 10 million
Life Expectancy: 60 years
Literacy Rate: 53%
Religion: Protestant, Catholic, Voodoo
Poorest country in the Western Hemisphere
Unemployment Rate: 70% (GDP per capita = \$1,200)

LANGUAGE

Official Languages: French, Haitian Creole
Typically, the more French spoken, the higher the social status.

CULTURE

Collaboration of French, African, and Caribbean elements. National meal consists of rice and beans. Etiquette and manners are highly respected in Haitian society.

One of the most significant contributors to the abandonment of children is extreme poverty. Desperate moms and dads feel as though they have no choice but to send their child away, hoping to give them a better life. For the families in our Home Based Care program,

our economic empowerment efforts are designed to address that underlying issue of poverty, build stronger families, and improve quality of life. We desire to see families not merely survive, but to thrive as they move towards independence.

194

Single mothers in Ethiopia participated in a savings program

143

Microloans were issued to vulnerable women in Ethiopia to start or further a small business

98

Vulnerable families and pastors in Guatemala participated in a savings program

105

People received training in financial principles, budgeting, saving, and running a small business

43

Vulnerable women participated in artisan craft businesses, providing income for their families



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



KENYA

OSCAR

I was born into a world of uncertainty. My father, a dedicated army officer stationed in Nairobi, was deployed to a conflict zone in Rift Valley, Kenya, shortly after my birth. Tragically, he never returned. My mother suddenly found herself a single parent, struggling to raise us alone. The weight of providing for our family with little to no support became unbearable. Before I could even start school, she succumbed to illness, leaving me orphaned at a tender age. With nowhere stable to call home, I was passed from one relative to another, sometimes even staying with neighbors. Each move meant adjusting to a new environment and a constant battle for survival. Then, a glimmer of hope appeared. My brother, who had completed college, helped me gain admission to Fountain of Hope Church and Ministries. For the first time, I had a place to call home.

At Fountain of Hope, I received the education, care, and stability I had longed for. With the right environment and unwavering support, I excelled in my studies, scoring highly in my Class 8 exams, which earned me a place in high school. For the next four years, Fountain of Hope Church and Ministries, in partnership with World Orphans, sponsored my education, ensuring I never lacked the essentials. Their belief in me ignited my determination to

PEOPLE

Population: 53.3 million
Life Expectancy: 62 years old
Literacy Rate: 82%
Religion: Christianity, Islam

LANGUAGE

Official Languages: Swahili, English

CULTURE

Kenyan culture is a vibrant blend of traditional practices and modern influences, characterized by strong community bonds, respect for elders, and a rich tapestry of diverse ethnic groups. Swahili and English are the official languages, but many other languages are spoken, reflecting the country's diverse linguistic landscape.

succeed. From there, I went on to Karen Institute of Science and Technology, Zetech University, and eventually joined Family Bank Kenya as an IT Support professional. Looking back, my story is one of pain, struggle, and loss—but, more importantly, one of resilience, hope, and triumph. It is a testament that no matter where you come from, your future is in God's hands.



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Vision

To empower the church
to care for orphans
and vulnerable families.

Mission

We equip, inspire, and mobilize
the church to care for orphans
and vulnerable families.
Churches engaged. Children restored.
Communities transformed
by the gospel of Christ.

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