



2023 IMPACT REPORT

open eyes

A Letter from the **CHAIRMAN**

For the past several years, Open Eyes has experienced sustained growth. With the help and generosity of a faithful, growing group of investors, we're seeing increased impact around the world. We have expanded our presence in Latin America, establishing ministry in Bolivia and Cuba. We are also collaborating with new partners in Sri Lanka and India. The doors of opportunity continue to open for our Mobile Messengers around the world. We are humbled by the important, eternal work God has called us to and thankful for the impact He has allowed us to have.

At the same time, the needs around us are increasing every day.

People all over the world are hurting. Many of our ministry partners are feeling the weight of the unfolding war in the Middle East. I'm reminded of how my own son, James, saw such powerful opportunities for ministry amid the brutality of the Sudanese Civil War. He ran toward the hardest places knowing that's where he was needed most. This has become a mandate—knowing that our light shines brightest in darkness.

As I write this, chaos and violence are increasingly common in places that are dear to our hearts. Yet, we do not waver in our commitment to make hope visible. Our ministry partners need us now more than ever. From the refugee camps in Lebanon, to the chaplains on the front lines in Ukraine, to believers navigating the challenging landscape of Cuba, we remain steadfast in our commitment to those serving in difficulty and obscurity. Thank you for your investment, your prayers, and your passion for the mission of Open Eyes as we bring the hope, the peace, and the Good News of Jesus to the hurting.

God bless you,

Frank Harrison



A man wearing a blue jacket and a black helmet is riding a red and black scooter on a city street. The background shows a busy street with cars, trees, and buildings. The text 'OUR PURPOSE' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to accelerate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the unreached and under-served.

Open Eyes equips local leaders called Mobile Messengers for Evangelism, Church Planting, and Relief & Development.

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IMPACT



COUNTRIES

2023 | **4**

LIFETIME | **15**



CHURCHES

2023 | **461**

LIFETIME | **3,989**



BAPTISMS

2023 | **6,645**

LIFETIME | **45,179**



MOBILE
MESSENGERS

2023 | **275**

LIFETIME | **1,696**



MOTORBIKES

2023 | **182**

Accurate lifetime motorbike numbers are unavailable



LIFE
CENTERS

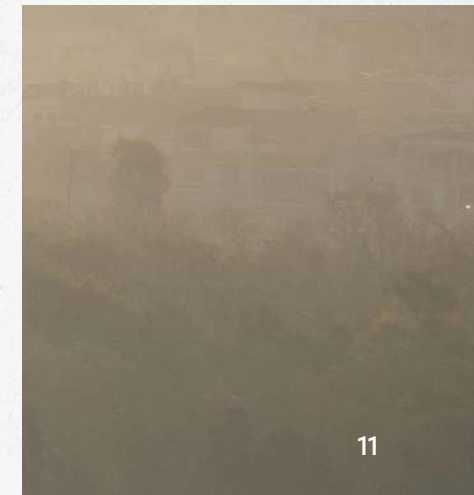
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THE MIDDLE EAST

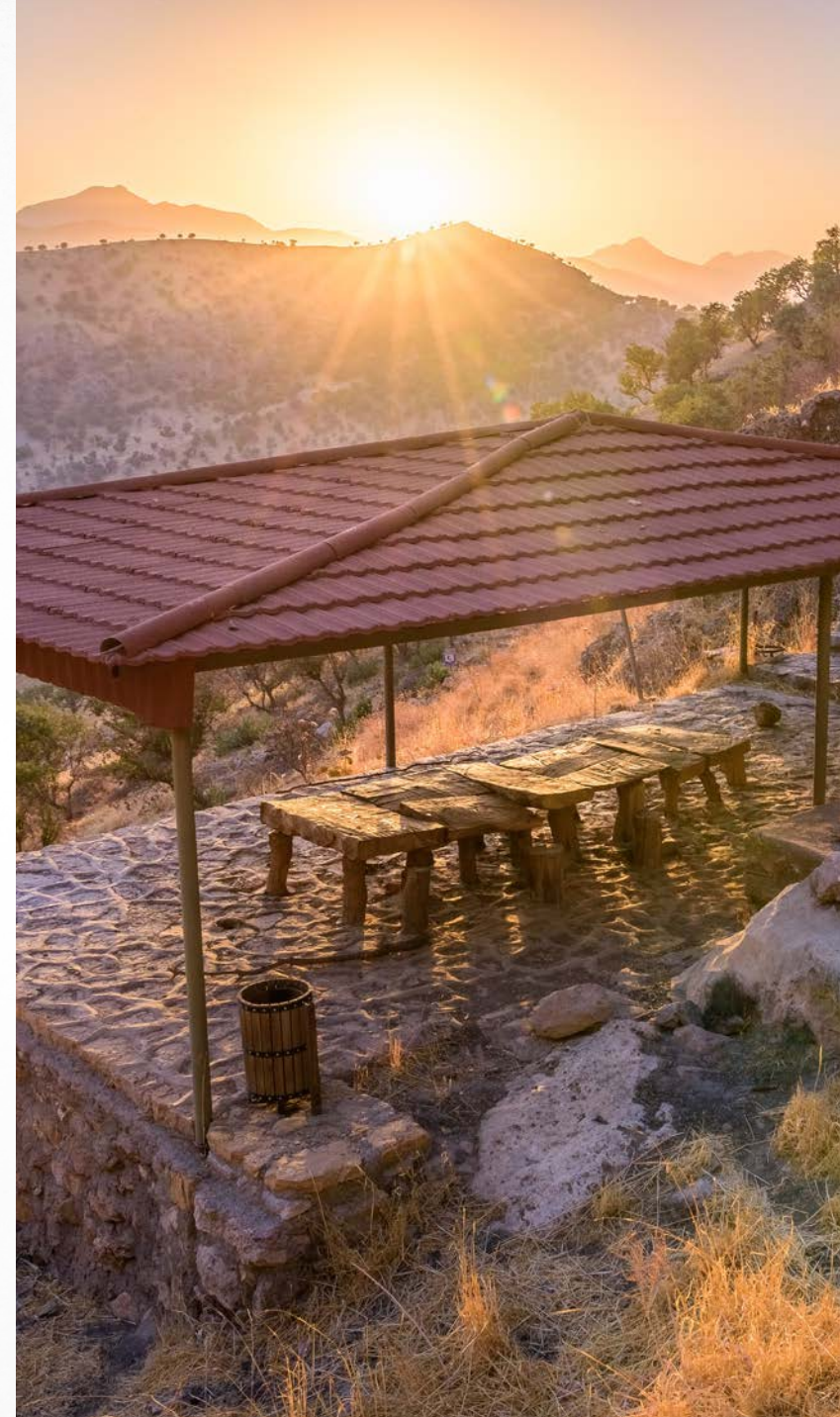
— *An update*



Recently, our Director of Life Centers, Jerry, traveled to the Middle East. Throughout the week, he immersed himself in the lives of people at three different camps and various cities, engaging with church leaders and home groups.

One particularly impactful encounter was with a church planter, who is now one of our Mobile Messengers. She had been serving at a camp, where she helped plant 35 home groups—intimate fellowships led by young believers. After training these disciples to continue the work, she moved on to the next camp, starting the process again.

This sister also teaches a vocational class, and Jerry met with her 20 students. These young women expressed a desire for copies of the New Testament and crosses to wear. Jerry brought the students to a local Christian bookstore run by a fellow believer, where he bought everyone New Testaments and crosses. The store owner has been boldly running the bookstore as a visible Christian presence—he sells Christian resources in Arabic, Kurdish, and English.



Jerry also met a middle eastern woman with a remarkable story. Having fought in the military for six years in the mountains, she faced abandonment and despair when her husband left her and their daughter. Her brother, a ministry leader at one of the camps, guided her to Christ. “As fiercely as she fought in physical combat, she now fiercely fights in spiritual combat,” says Jerry.

She co-leads four different Bible study groups in the area alongside her brother and his wife.

It’s evident that God is at work in this challenging and hard-to-reach country. The faithfulness of those called to be the light is making a profound impact on lives and communities.



BOLIVIA

— *An update*



In September, 2023, Open Eyes extended its outreach to the beautiful country of Bolivia! Our Latin America leader, Carlos Morales, and his colleague Pastor Chava made the long and arduous journey from Mexico City to three remote areas in Bolivia to launch the Mobile Messenger ministry. While the evangelical population in Bolivia is around 20%, this region in the Amazon has a much lower percentage of evangelicals, making this is a particularly unreached and underserved area.



PASTOR SILFREDO'S STORY

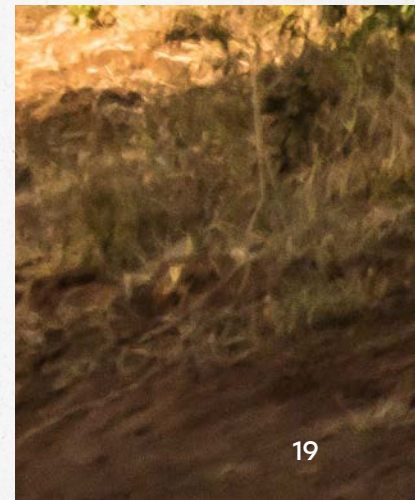
For the past five years, Pastor Silfredo has been faithfully serving alongside Pastor Hugo Córdoba Zeballos at Sianí Church, nestled in the heart of the “Primero de Mayo” community along a dusty road, an hour’s journey from Guayaramerín. In this humble rural setting, families reside in modest homes and have many unmet needs. Yet, they possess a fervent hunger to deepen their understanding of Scripture.

Neither of the pastors had transportation and had to depend on church members to transport them. Despite the distance and limited resources, these dedicated leaders diligently organized their visits and participated in worship and preaching. Then they became Mobile Messengers and Open Eyes was able to provide them with motorcycles. This drastically changed their ministry, significantly improving their ability to attend services regularly and visit church members.



EAST AFRICA

— *An update*



SOSTHEN'S STORY

Sosthen is one of our founding and dedicated leaders in Uganda, who's currently living and serving in a camp for South Sudanese refugees. This past September, Sosthen's church, Emmanuel, hosted a dedication ceremony with a turnout of over 1,564 attendees. Representatives from most South Sudanese tribes attended the celebration. During the dedication, 154 individuals made the decision to become followers of Christ. This small revival has already begun to transform lives, and Emmanuel Church has since taken on a new role as the "mother church" within the refugee camp. It has become a guiding light, offering spiritual guidance and support to countless individuals seeking to know Jesus.





Shortly after this trip, our team returned to Kenya to break ground on the inaugural James Harrison Life Center. Open Eyes began when James Harrison served in Africa and witnessed the profound need for life-saving relief. James planned to settle in Kenya but died in 2010 while serving the community he loved. Pastor Simon, James's mentor and now a board member of Open Eyes, is leading our ministry in Kenya and Tanzania. Through the Life Center, we will not only address the pressing needs of the community, such as ongoing medical care, but we will also earn the privilege to share the Gospel through our community center.

KENYA MEDICAL MISSIONS

This year Open Eyes took our first medical mission trip to Kenya. Over the course of our trip, we served and prayed for a total of 1,225 patients. We hosted medical clinics in three Mobile Messenger church locations with a team of doctors, nurses, physician assistants, women's health specialists, and pharmacists. Our doctors caught early-onset breast and cervical cancer for multiple women and referred them to the life-saving medical treatment they needed.



A man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt with a light blue collar, is smiling broadly. He is standing behind a table covered with a white lace tablecloth and a floral patterned cloth. An open book is on the table in front of him. In the background, there is a guitar and a drum set.

A Letter from

CARLOS

In the last 14 months, we have witnessed how God answers prayers that have been lifted up for years. This reality became tangible through the experience of one of the Mobile Messengers we equipped in Mexico, in the community of Chancuetlan, located in the ‘Zone of Silence’ in the west of the country. This region, known for its persecution and scant advancement of the gospel, has begun to experience a significant change.

Pastor Eulogio, a faithful servant in this area, used to walk for hours through the mountains to share the gospel in neighboring communities. Avoiding the dirt routes marked for vehicles, which took him longer because they go around the mountains, Eulogio found hiking to be a faster way. However, this was not without dangers, especially when walking at night. His prayer was for something as simple as a flashlight to illuminate his path or a motorcycle to facilitate his transportation.

Because of the expansion of Open Eyes in Latin America, we have been able to respond to prayers like Eulogio's, equipping pastors and leaders in marginalized and unreached areas with means of transportation such as motorcycles. This has meant a radical change in their mobility and the effectiveness of their ministry.

But with this growth, we have found that we need a better way to coordinate and support our work. To address this challenge, we have introduced a transformative approach through Regional Hubs. These strategically located centers serve as a cornerstone for decentralizing leadership, scaling at lower costs, and contextualizing programs based on local needs and realities.

As the first Regional Hub Leader, my primary role is to collaborate with the President and COO of Open Eyes to provide overall leadership to all the field partners within each country in the region.

In 2023, we extended our mission to even more challenging places, such as Bolivia and Cuba. In these countries, local leaders often face marginalization and even neglect by local governments. However, despite these adversities, they have continued their work, and with our help, they have accelerated the reach of the gospel.

For 2024, our vision is to work closely with these local leaders, joining efforts in places where God is opening doors and touching hearts.



We do not seek to impose preconceived programs but to adapt to the needs and characteristics of each community. Our focus is to equip new Mobile Messengers and establish Life Centers that reflect these local needs.

Each Life Center will adapt to its environment: in Latin America, some centers focus on breakfast programs and support for children after classes; in other regions, medical needs may be more pressing, and in others, sports and recreational centers may be key to reaching the community.

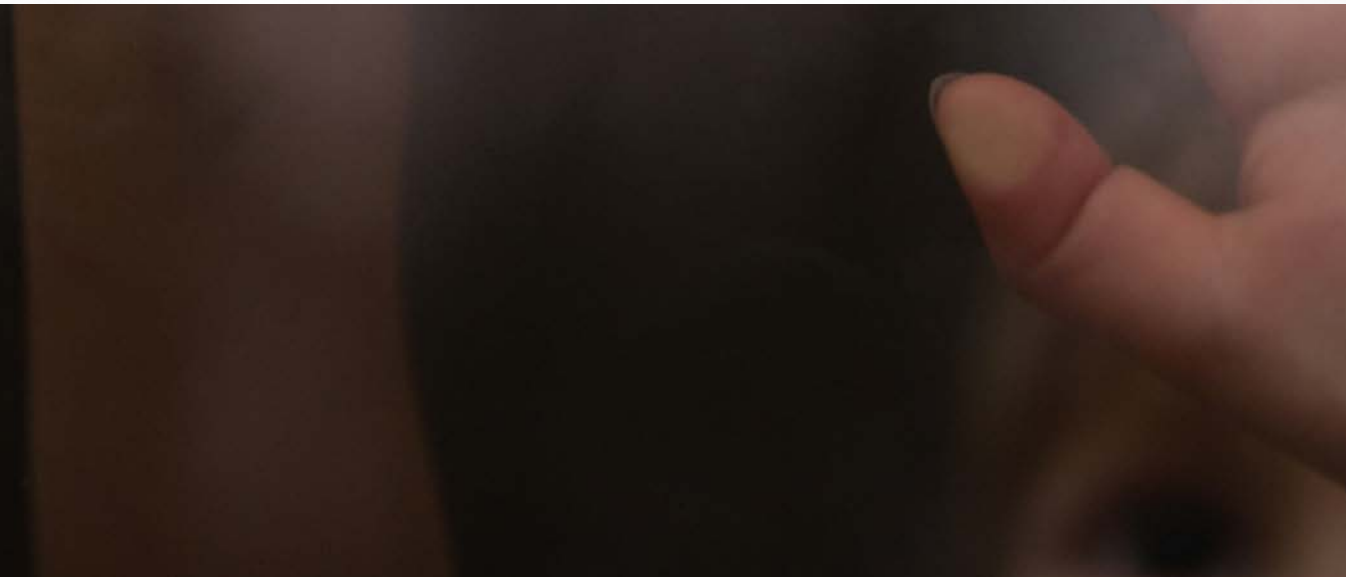
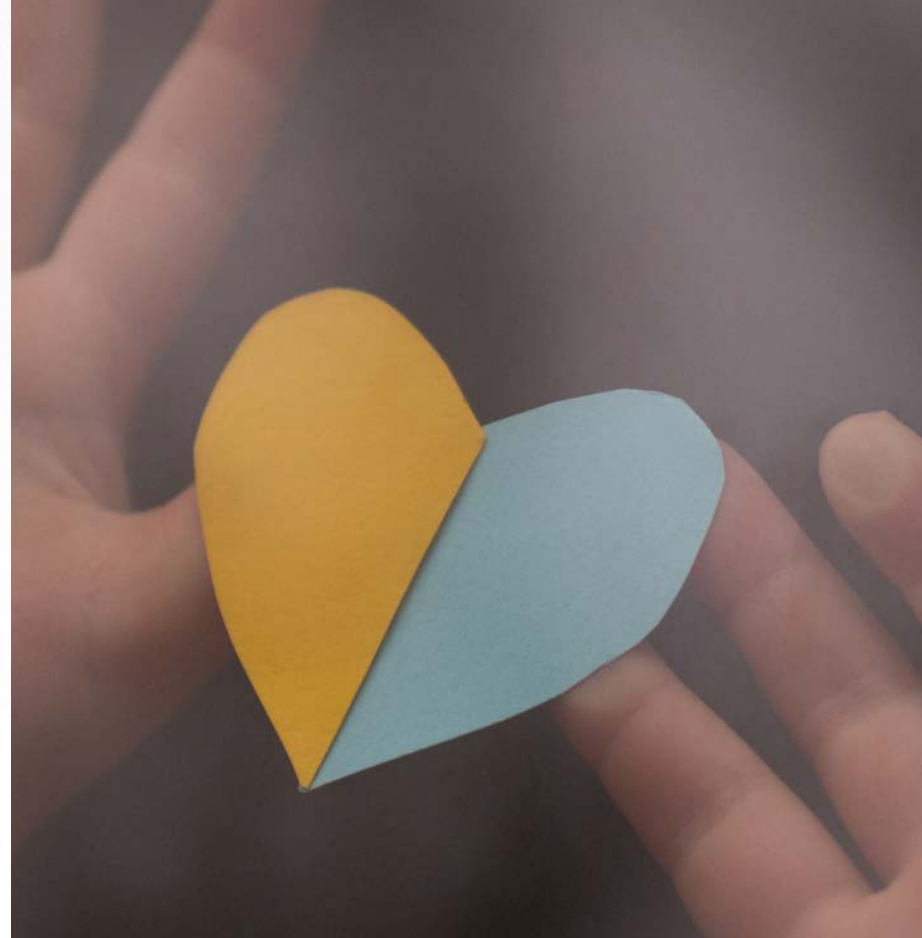
This strategy reflects our mission to serve not only as messengers but also as facilitators of the specific needs of each community, being a living reflection of the diversity and richness of the Kingdom of God.

Carlos Morales

Director of Ministries—Latin America

UKRAINE

— *An update*





Cyril is a 57-year-old Ukrainian soldier stationed in the forests near Bakhmut. Anatoliy, one of our partners in Ukraine, went to visit Cyril's division of artillerymen this past November—21 months after the beginning of the full-scale war. While reading Psalm 91 with the soldiers, they were interrupted by shell explosions.

After diving for cover, Anatoliy found himself in the trenches next to his friend. Cyril told him that two weeks ago, Anatoliy's team had given him a Bible. He said, "I have never been to church, and I have never read the Bible because I never had one. Here, in combat positions, during breaks of silence, I started reading prayers from the Book of Psalms, as you advised me then. When reading, I feel warmth inside me. I've never experienced anything like this in my life. I realized that it was God who came to me, sinful, at the age of 57. He came here, into the swamp, into the horror of war. He came to me! Thank you for the Bible. It revived me to a new life with God."



LEBANON

— *An update*





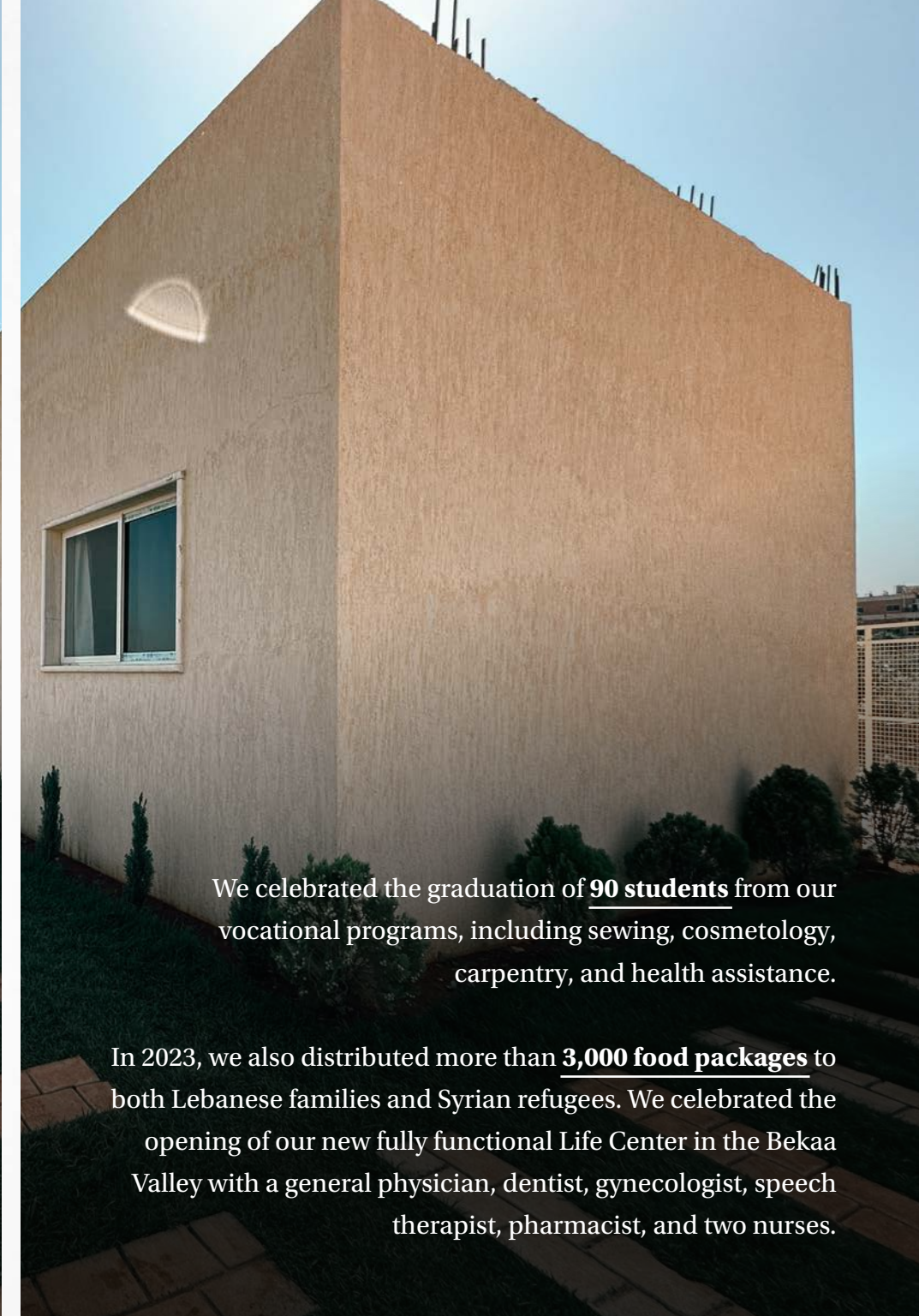
As war in the Middle East spills into the wider region, our partners in Lebanon have been feeling the effects. Over Christmas, our leaders at the Lebanon Life Center collaborated with the Anglican church in the Holy Land to present gifts to children in the most dangerous areas.

They've conducted two trauma camps this year, one for boys and one for girls, offering vital support over nine days to a total of 67 participants with the assistance of counselors and spiritual coaches. A new full-time counselor has joined our team, supporting the students and children, and assisting in trauma camps and workshops.



When you ask a young Syrian living in Lebanon about his or her hopes and dreams, the response will be to be able to say good morning to their friends the next day or to express thanks to God for the safety of parents after coming back from the field. There are hardly any dreams of becoming a teacher, doctor, or engineer. These hopeless attitudes necessitate the importance of the Life Center trauma counseling ministry for both girls and boys.

–Izdihar Kassis
(Our Lebanon National Partner)



We celebrated the graduation of **90 students** from our vocational programs, including sewing, cosmetology, carpentry, and health assistance.

In 2023, we also distributed more than **3,000 food packages** to both Lebanese families and Syrian refugees. We celebrated the opening of our new fully functional Life Center in the Bekaa Valley with a general physician, dentist, gynecologist, speech therapist, pharmacist, and two nurses.

WHAT IS A LIFE CENTER?

A life center is a dynamic missional hub that provides comprehensive medical, dental, and psychological services in addition to economic empowerment opportunities, job skills preparation, ministry training, and spiritual formation. We believe that by serving people in practical ways, we are showing the love of Christ, which results in openness to the Gospel in places that have been previously closed to the faith.



HEALTHCARE

Comprehensive Medical, Dental, and Psychological Services



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Entrepreneurship, Job Skills Training, and Mentorship



MISSIONAL HUB

Spiritual Formation, Leadership Development, and Ministry Training



This year we celebrated the opening of our new Life Center in Lebanon, and we broke ground on the James Harrison Life Center in Kenya—a tribute to the life and legacy of James Harrison.



WHAT IS A MOBILE MESSENGER?

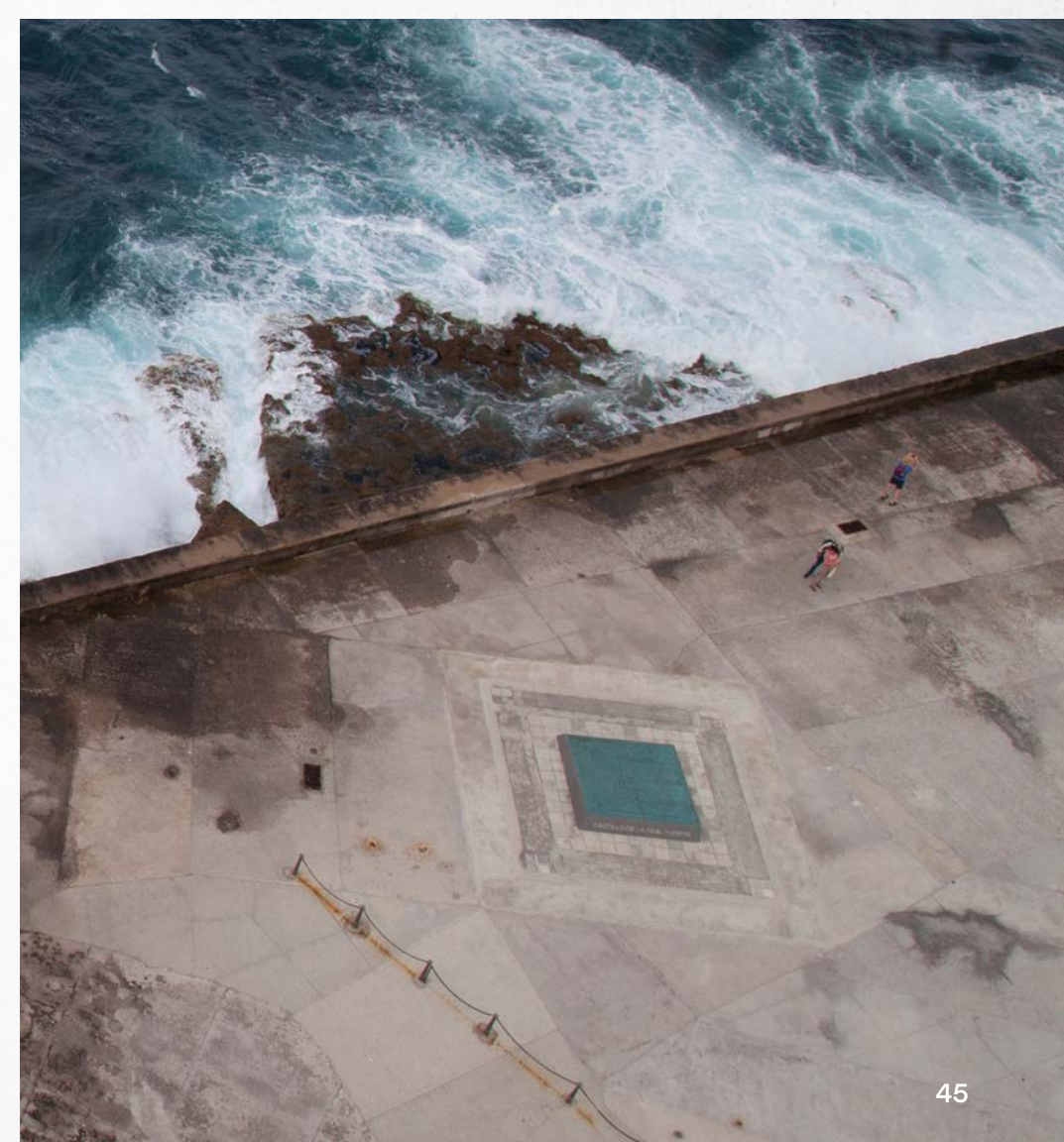
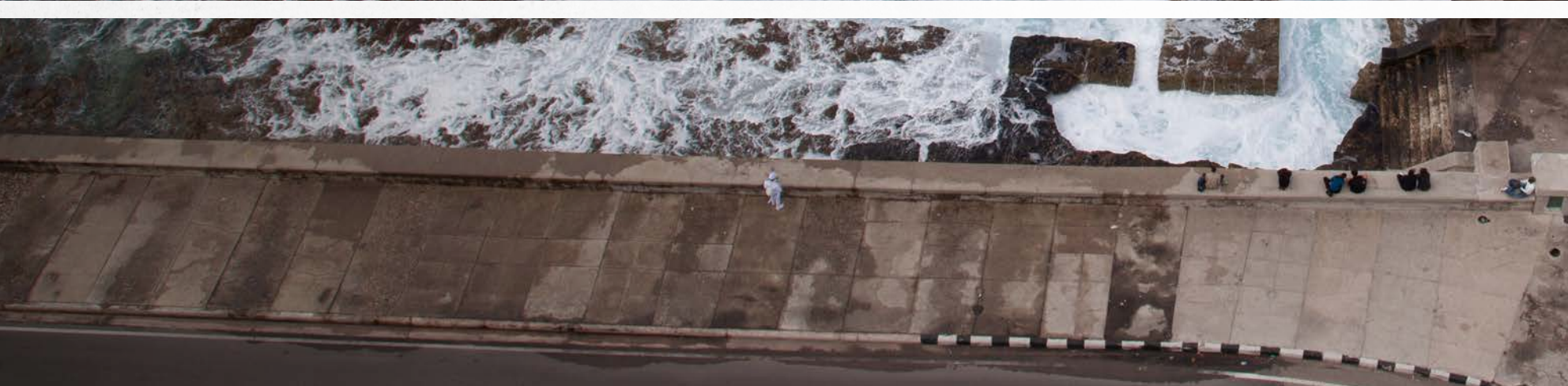
A Mobile Messenger is a local leader that serves their own community by evangelizing, planting churches, and providing relief work. Our aim is to equip these church leaders with the tools and resources to flourish and support their congregations.

- By providing local church leaders with a motorcycle, helmet, and licensing, we equip them to safely travel to remote villages that have never heard the Good News.
- By offering biblical training and support, we ensure that our Mobile Messengers are prepared to effectively evangelize.
- By meeting the immediate and tangible needs in a community, we pave the way for the church to flourish.

Our Mobile Messengers are delivering the Gospel to the unreached and under-served. We are focused on the hardest to reach places.



News of the
WORLD





CUBA

Together with our new partners in Cuba, we trained 250 local leaders and launched 30 new Mobile Messengers with electric motorbikes!



SRI LANKA

In 2023, we deployed 35 Mobile Messengers, witnessed 159 baptisms, and helped plant 47 new churches in Sri Lanka!



NEPAL

House of Hope Church extended a warm invitation to their Buddhist and Hindu neighbors at Christmas and more than 300 people heard the Gospel presentation, portrayed through carols and sketches.

In Sudan, we offered much-needed food assistance to 110 households and 11 Mobile Messengers and their families for Christmas.



SUDAN

Around the world with
OPEN EYES

In 2023, we took our investors with us to Mexico, Nepal, and Kenya, so they could experience the ministry firsthand! Here are just some of the highlights from our travels.



2023 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Select donors invest into the James Harrison Legacy Fund. Our goal is to cover all operational expenses through the income earned on investments, so 100% of your giving will go directly to the mission field.

Audited financials can be provided upon request.



Total Contributions

(In US \$ Million)



Total Expense

(In 2023)



\$4,245,441

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TRUST

Trusting in God the Father, we cultivate transparent and authentic relationships with our teammates, partners, and investors. We are committed to integrity and excellence.



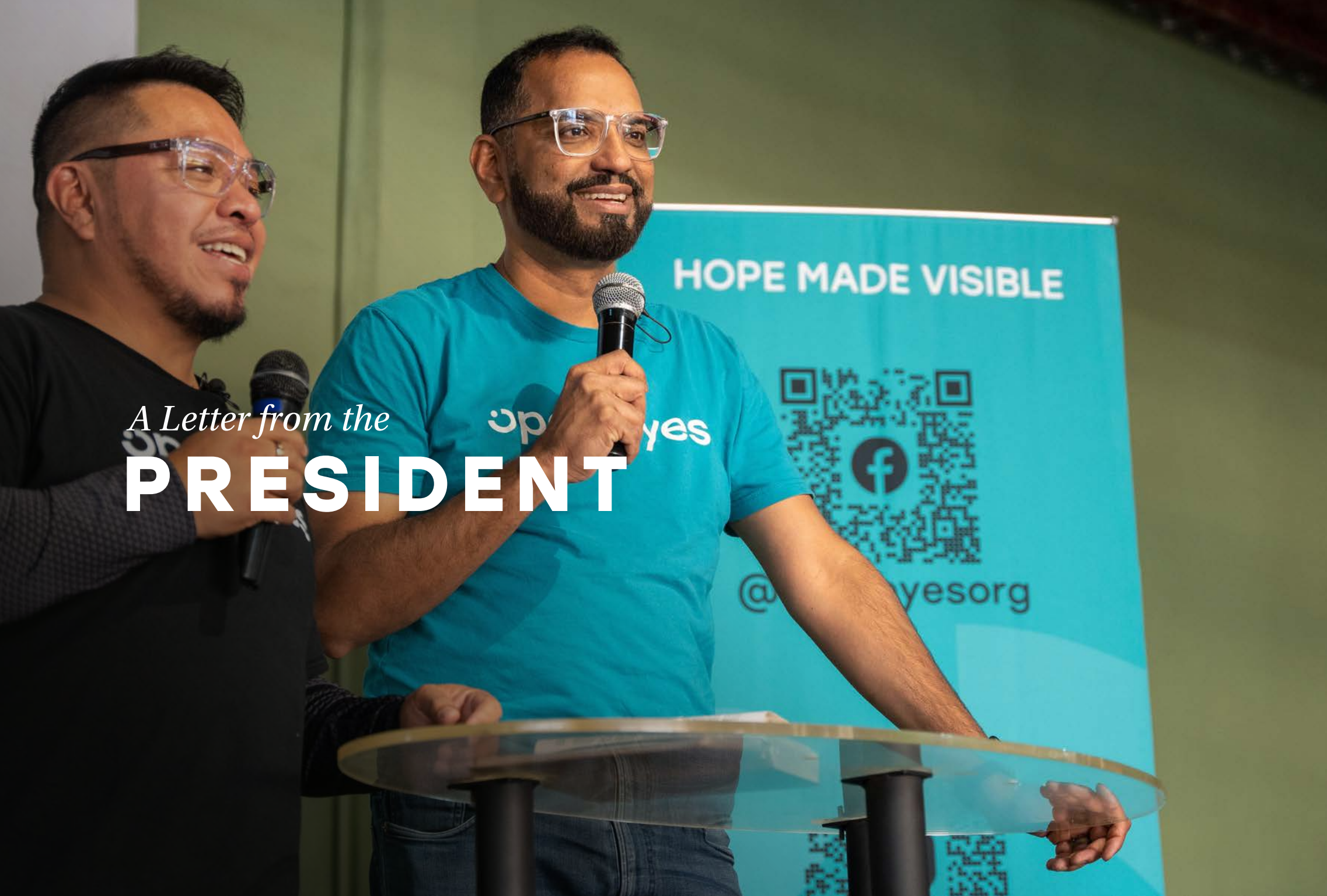
TENACITY

Walking with Christ Jesus, we have a long-term vision for holistic kingdom impact as we serve the hardest areas on earth. We are resilient, joyful, and persistent under trial.



TRANSFORMATION


Led by the Holy Spirit, we aim to see lives and communities transformed—materially and eternally—by the Gospel. We equip local leaders and churches to become agents of transformation.



A Letter from the
PRESIDENT

I am profoundly grateful for your incredible support over the past year. Thanks to your dedication, Open Eyes has achieved remarkable milestones, expanding our reach into four new countries: Sri Lanka, Cuba, Bolivia, and an undisclosed country in the Middle East—the latter being one of the most challenging territories we've ever ventured into.

We've commissioned 275 new Mobile Messengers to spread the Gospel and address pressing needs in the communities we serve. Whether it's providing medical care, food, or transportation, we've been able to make a tangible impact in places that need it most. Your investment has been the catalyst for this Kingdom impact. Your generosity and compassion are driving forces behind our mission.

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a yellow shirt and a floral scarf, stands at a podium, addressing a large, blurred congregation in a church. The background shows the interior of a church with wooden paneling and a stained-glass window.

Reflecting on the past year, I am reminded of the scripture found in
Matthew 5:14-16:

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

I believe that God is moving in the hardest and most dangerous places in the world. I witness individuals rising up as beacons of light in their own countries, risking everything, even their lives, to share the hope of Jesus. And we are being called to come alongside them—spiritually, financially, and physically. I for one do not want to miss this call.

My prayer is that we remain steadfast in our commitment to reflect the light that dispels darkness, and that we guard against the temptations of making our own names great or staying where we're comfortable. There are people in our world who have never experienced the love and light of our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. Let's change that together. We are excited about the future and all that God has planned for Open Eyes.

In Christ,

Denny Mathews





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