THE VIEW FROM THE CROSS IS A VISION BEYOND BORDERS

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“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”

ZEPHANIAH 3:17
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Refugees

Our ministry to help those hurting from catastrophes both natural and man-made expanded into several new areas this year. While the shipping delays that have plagued the country pushed back container deliveries, we did make a number of shipments. In Jordan an influx of refugees from the civil war in Yemen received Gospel-infused aid in the form of food, clothing, bedding and other support. Many are being discipled now as they learn the love of Christ for them. In Honduras a shipment of food was gratefully received by citizens impoverished by hurricanes and COVID lockdowns. After a massive fire burned hundreds of homes in one town, clothing we sent was provided to the victims by a local ministry. VBB supporters provided several pallets worth of medical supplies for Venezuela to meet the great needs there. One clinic was even able to reopen after receiving our supplies, having been shut down due to the economic deprivation they face. In all these things we glorify God for the chance to care for those in need.

Travel

2021 was an incredible year for travel for Vision Beyond Borders despite the continuous changing regulations both inside and outside the United States’ borders. In total VBB was able to send 5 teams, 2 of which were to a completely new destination. These new destination trips are very important to build new relationships with contacts and find new locations for larger Bible shipments. VBB has high hopes and many prayers for the 2022 scheduled year—that travel will become easier/more viable.

Children

We have been covering the children’s homes in prayer since the beginning of 2021. Many of the homes were hit hard this last year, and the children have experienced loss, grief, sickness, and violence. Though it has been heartbreaking to know these children have experienced things this last year that most of us will never have to, we are encouraged by their enduring faith. We celebrated with Safe Haven homes as several of the children chose to be baptized. Asha Nepal homes celebrated little Asher turning one after having gone through several surgeries to repair his cleft lip over the year. Generous supporters helped us send oxygen concentrators to homes in Myanmar, and purchase a van for the home in Pakistan. While communication with the homes has been difficult this year, we are that much more grateful for the reports and testimonies shared with us.

Pastors

Thanks to our sponsors this year we have been able to continue sending financial aid to pastors who daily risk their lives for the love of Christ. Most of these pastors not only risk their lives because of the persecution in their countries, but they also have to take the risk of transmitting COVID. This year we sponsored 36 pastors in Vietnam, and in 20 in Nepal, where only one is now waiting to be sponsored. In Cuba this year we were able to add 36 new pastors with a total now of 221 pastors, and 17 are awaiting sponsorship. In Venezuela we have a total of 8 pastors, 1 is awaiting sponsorship. Thank God for all He has allowed us to do this year to help pastors around the world.

Bibles

We are in the process of delivering 500,000 Spanish Bibles to Latin and South American countries. In Venezuela, VBB has helped get hundreds of thousands of Bibles to these precious people who have lost everything. We have heard reports that revival is breaking out in this country as even prisoners are on their faces repenting for their sins and asking God to send revival to their country. In Honduras, Project Love is working in 150 public schools where pastors have complete freedom to share the Gospel, give the kids the opportunity to repent of their sins and put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. 4,000 Bibles were given to a public high school with 3,700 students. The principal and vice-principal want to see the kids serve Jesus and love the Word of God. It was touching to see many kids carrying their Bibles at school and memorizing scripture.

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