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"And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Romans 10:15

## A LOOK BACK ON



# 2022

#### **TRAVEL**

As the world continues to open back up after the pandemic shutdown, 2022 was an excellent year for travel with VBB. We had 95 individual team members with 20 teams. We were able to visit eight countries where we were able to reunite with our contacts and bring Bibles, supplies, and encouragement to our brothers and sisters around the world.



#### **BIBLES**

We are so grateful for what God is doing with the Bible Project. This year we have helped distribute over 450,000 Spanish Bibles throughout Latin America. It brings us great joy to see God's Word going into many countries and receiving pictures of people holding a Bible with big smiles. It is amazing to see school kids receiving a Bible after repenting and trusting in Jesus Christ as their Lord. We believe that God is using these kids to impact their families with the Gospel, and they, in turn, will impact their villages and countries with the truth of Jesus Christ. It is a relief to know that the truth stands immovable in a world where Satan is trying to confuse everything.

Our teams have been reaching out to deliver God's Word in closed countries in Asia and to share the Gospel with those who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ. It is a joy to know that people are turning to Jesus in these troubled times. We just finished printing 30,000 Bibles for a closed country and will work to get them in. We are excited about what God has in store for 2023 as we work to share the Gospel with unreached people groups and villages where Jesus' name has never been heard. Thank you for partnering with us in this vital work.

### **PASTORS**

This year was very challenging. Our pastors faced many difficulties and trials but experienced God's mercy and faithfulness to His people. Sponsored pastors faced hurricanes in Cuba, landslides in Venezuela, and persecution in Nepal and Vietnam. The Lord protected and cared for them, and we could see unity and love among them. Despite their many limitations, they were able to help each other, and once again, the Lord provided for their needs, and they were able to share with non-believers the Gospel and the love of Christ. Our goal for this new year is to be able to sponsor all the pastors that we currently have on the waiting list for sponsorship.

At this moment, we have 32 pastors without sponsorship.

We are so grateful for the support of our sponsors, who faithfully help many pastors in their needs, both financially and in prayer. On behalf of the Vision for Pastors Ministry, we want to thank you for all the support received in 2022. To God be the Glory!!!



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#### REFUGEES

Our Refugee and Relief ministry grew even more diverse in 2022! Pallets of over 8000 lbs. of aid were delivered to ministry partners in Mexico. After shipping delays in the first part of the year, another shipping container reached our partners in Honduras with much-appreciated donations. This was followed by shipments from our Billings and Casper offices of two containers of relief supplies to Jordan. We even sent a pallet of aid for tornado victims in Kentucky. At year-end, we received a green light to send a container for Ukraine and expect to ship it shortly. Thanks to generous donors, we also provided tens of thousands of dollars to help refugees escape Ukraine and ferry relief supplies back in. Relief payments were also made to aid the work of missionaries and pastors in conflict-torn Burma. Finally, VBB mission teams brought much-needed medicine and other aid to church contacts on several trips to Cuba.



#### CHILDREN

We are thankful for all who generously support and pray for VBB's ministry to children in SE Asia. Covid restrictions have been lifted, and the children have returned to school. Still, the uncertainties of this world impact these children's lives. Worldwide inflation touches each home, making your donations even more precious, and new donors are needed. Due to the ongoing war in Burma, many have needed to flee to other areas of the country or to cross the border into Thailand for safety. Winner Educare lost a young man to a sudden illness. Generous donors covered the cost of his funeral and travel for his family. The children at Safe Haven in Pakistan have needed to remain indoors because of the political unrest there. Shekina Haven Learning Center, in India, is being established in a village where 12 children's families have recently come to faith in Christ! New life begins in the face of devastation and death, and God remains on the throne!

#### WOMEN

In 2022, by God's grace, we focused on helping to change one life at a time. As a 12-year-old child raised in Nepal, "Anna" was taken to Mumbai by her uncle and sold into the brothel. She was rescued by our contact there. He and his family cared for her and brought her to our safe home in Nepal. Anna describes the lush, peaceful gardens and nurturing environment of Asha (Hope) Nepal as "like stepping into heaven." Little did she know how true that was, for now, she has trusted in Jesus as her Lord and Savior.

Our India contact continues to minister to women and children in a large brothel while sharing the Gospel, discipling in the Word, and providing vocational training opportunities.

In Romania, our safe house has continued to house and mentor at-risk girls and women. We have been networking with other Romanian anti-trafficking organizations to bring more awareness and thus prevent more young girls' lives from being destroyed. Jesus is the Truth and the only means of true freedom and

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