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# **2018** annual report

## OPERATION **BLESSING**

disaster relief | medical care | hunger relief | clean water

# OPEN YOUR HAN TO YOUR BRO

## THEREFORE I COMMAND YOU, SAYING, "YOU SHALL OPEN YOUR HAND WIDE TO YOUR BROTHER, TO YOUR POOR AND YOUR NEEDY, IN YOUR LAND."

– Deuteronomy 15:11

Operation Blessing was founded in 1978 with the purpose of showing God's love by alleviating human suffering in the United States and around the world. Through our core programs of hunger relief, medical care, clean water, and disaster relief, OB delivers strategic, sustainable relief in 40 countries on an ongoing basis.

With the support of our faithful partners, Operation Blessing not only emphasizes providing physical relief to those in immediate need, but also equipping them with the knowledge and resources to create sustainable solutions and combat poverty. Operation Blessing and our partners are truly dedicated to being God's hands and feet in the world. We're committed to listening to the needs of each community we serve, addressing the core issues of poverty as well as the symptoms.



2018 **HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES** 

In 2018, your support allowed us to provide a helping hand to so many desperate men, women, and children, and to respond to a multitude of humanitarian crises and natural disasters around the world.

#### **DISASTER RELIEF**

Throughout 2018, Operation Blessing brought relief to many disaster victims here at home and around the world. In the U.S., Operation Blessing responded to a variety of disasters, including hurricanes Florence and Michael. We also wrapped up over a year of working in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria.

Internationally, OB brought disaster relief in places like Indonesia, Japan, Guatemala and El Salvador.

#### **HUNGER STRIKE FORCE**

Operation Blessing's domestic hunger relief program, Hunger Strike Force, works hard to fight hunger right here in America. In 2018, your support helped HSF trucks deliver over 42 million pounds of food, water, and supplies to our network of churches, food pantries, and distribution partners. Operation Blessing's Hunger Strike Force helps thousands of struggling American families put food on the table each year.

### **MEDICAL AID**

Medical missions, dental clinics, life-changing surgeriesthese are just a few of the ways Operation Blessing partners are bringing medical care to those who otherwise would not have access to, or be able to afford, the care they need. During 2018, Operation Blessing conducted hundreds of mobile medical brigades and provided for many life-changing surgeries.

In El Salvador alone, Operation Blessing medical brigades served over 30,000 individuals in 2018.





## **CLEAN WATER**

Over the years, Operation Blessing has developed a number of innovative safe water solutions that, along with our partners' support, allow us to quickly and effectively meet the needs of children, families and communities struggling without drinkable water. These include chlorine generators in a range of capacities, water filters, wells, community water projects, and more.

In 2018, Operation Blessing was able to bring safe water to tens of thousands of people in places like Peru, Honduras, Israel, Haiti and Indonesia.

#### **INTERNATIONAL HUNGER RELIEF**

Whether it's responding to a severe famine in East Africa, establishing a food program for undernourished school children in Peru, or providing relief supplies for Bedouin tribes in the Judean desert, Operation Blessing's partners are committed to feeding the hungry in underserved communities around the world.

In addition to emergency food distributions, Operation Blessing microenterprise and agriculture programs give beneficiaries the tools to provide food security for themselves and their families far into the future.



## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Condensed financial Information for the year ending March 31, 2018

EVENUES	FY2018
Contributions\$	31,091,551
Gifts in Kind	245,597,539
Other Revenue	115,606
otal Revenues\$	276,804,696

#### **EXPENSES**

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#### FY2018

Programs	\$ (21,231,825)
Gifts in Kind	(246,703,541)
undraising	(3,360,424)
General and Administrative	(1,652,422)
otal Expenses	\$(272,948,212)
Gains and Losses	
ncrease (decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 3,856,993

For a copy of Operation Blessing's complete financial statements audited by our independent auditors, KPMG LLP, please write to: Operation Blessing, Public Relations Department, 977 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23463-0001. ECFA Operation Blessing International is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

