


OPERATION BLESSING

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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*And whoever gives
one of these little ones
even a cup of cold water
because he is a disciple,
truly, I say to you,
he will by no means
lose his reward.*

MATTHEW 10:42 (ESV)

DEAR FAITHFUL FRIENDS,

Each year at Operation Blessing we face fresh challenges, discover unique opportunities, and meet new people in desperate need. During fiscal year 2019, because of you, we were able to reach out in the U.S. and across the globe to help so many who are poor and hurting, and I want to deeply thank you for that.



Together, we offered life-changing surgeries to children like Isaac in Kenya, fed earthquake victims in Guatemala, provided clean water to villages in Honduras, sent free medical clinics to Haiti, and so much more. In the U.S., you made it possible for us to rush help and hope to disaster victims during Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, the California wildfires, and more.

This year, we also celebrated our 40th anniversary. It's only because of the kindness and compassion of faithful friends like you that we are now able to look back on all the incredible blessing you've poured out over the past four decades.

As I reflect on all that we've accomplished in the past year, and throughout our history, I'm so grateful to God for your kindness and generosity. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart! You are a vital part of the Operation Blessing community. May God richly bless you and your family in return for how you've selflessly blessed those in need. I look forward to another year of breaking the cycle of suffering together in 2020.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gordon Robertson".

Gordon Robertson

DISASTER RELIEF



You sent help in times of crisis and disaster

Operation Blessing's 2019 Fiscal Year was filled with responding to major disasters around the world. In the United States, hurricanes Florence and Michael caused massive damage in North Carolina and Florida. In California, wildfires left behind incredible devastation. To make matters worse, our nation faced tornadoes in Georgia and Alabama, as well as floods in Nebraska.

Internationally, a volcanic eruption destroyed villages in Guatemala, earthquakes and a tsunami wreaked havoc in Indonesia, fires raged in Peru, a cyclone hit India, and, of course, there was the devastation left by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

In every case, YOU responded by providing the resources that Operation Blessing turned into powerful relief. You sent emergency supplies like food, water, and medicine in the hours and days after disasters. In the weeks and months that followed, you helped with long-term recovery by rebuilding homes, sending volunteer teams, and more.

U.S. Disaster Relief Team



**international
disasters**

12



**work orders
completed**

581



**volunteer
hours**

41,843



CLEAN WATER



You gave the gift of clean water

Juan lives in the community of Agua Buena, Honduras. He and other children often suffered dehydration, diarrhea, and stomach cramps from the unclean water they had to drink. However, even dirty water was better than no water at all. “When it was summer, we had to walk farther because the water sources were dry,” he recalled. “There were days that we did not even have one glass of water.”

Thankfully for Juan and his family and friends, Agua Buena was one of the communities that faithful OB partners like you gave the priceless gift of clean water to in FY 2019.

“I had asked God many times that someone would help us have a water project,” Juan said. “I thank God for sending Operation Blessing and building this water project that we needed so much. I am happy because today we have water, and it is very clean water.”

Clean water is one of mankind’s most basic needs. Without it, entire communities suffer from waterborne illness, economic stagnation, and even loss of life.

But because of you, Operation Blessing is able to provide transformative clean water solutions for individuals and whole villages. These innovative clean water tools include the MSR SE200 and H2gO chlorine generators, Kohler Clarity water filtration units, desalination devices, large-scale community water projects, bore wells, and more.

Thanks to the generous support of our partners, Operation Blessing is able to identify and provide the very best clean water option for each situation.



water filters

57,153



INTERNATIONAL HUNGER

You are feeding the hungry



For young girls and boys growing up in poverty, lack of food and proper nutrition can have lifelong consequences. Without the nutrients they need, many face the possibility of stunted physical and mental development. For parents struggling to provide for their children, it's heartbreaking to watch their kids go hungry.

Through Operation Blessing's International Hunger Relief and Microenterprise programs, you are not only giving food and nutritional support to hungry people, you are also offering sustainable solutions to fight poverty and give hardworking parents the means to provide for their children.

From school nutrition programs in places like Peru, Haiti, and Kenya to food deliveries for Bedouin tribes in the Israeli desert to small business and skills training programs in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and beyond—you make a difference! Your faithful support is meeting the urgent needs of the hungry and giving them the tools to rise out of poverty.



meals for
hungry children
91,602







HOLISTIC HELP FOR NICOL *and her community*

At 12,500 feet above sea level, life is difficult in the highlands of Peru for young Nicol. The people in her village of San Geronimo de Ullagachi raise quinoa and animals to survive. They work hard, but earn very little. The weather, altitude, lack of modern technology, and distance from the nearest city all create problems.

Fortunately for Nicol, you've been sending holistic help to her community. When Operation Blessing first heard about the village, it was in desperate need of medical care, water, and better school facilities for the children. Thanks to friends like you, OB quickly got to work making drastic improvements.

First, the broken water system was fixed with new pipes, pumps, and a gravity feed tank, giving locals access to clean water for the first time in years. Next, a dilapidated old building was transformed into a brand-new medical center right in the heart of the community. OB partnered with the local municipality to hire a nurse and a health promoter to staff the clinic. They got right to work offering the village much-needed medical care and training community health volunteers.

OB staff also discovered that Nicol and many of her classmates were suffering from anemia, which can potentially lead to developmental problems including stunted growth and learning disabilities.



Nicol's mother, Sandra, was deeply saddened to learn about her daughter's condition. A single mother who's faced many challenges, she wanted something better for Nicol. "I remember when I was a child trying to sleep at night, but I was so hungry I could not get to sleep," she said. "I don't want her to suffer as I did."

With your support, Operation Blessing established a program to fight anemia and improve nutrition and hygiene for the children. To immediately raise the children's iron levels, you provided supplements to all the students at the preschool. Next door to the new health clinic, crews set to work transforming another old building into a new kitchen and dining hall for the preschool.

Now, Nicol and the other children each receive a nutritious meal at school each day thanks to you. And OB community

health volunteers are teaching moms like Sandra how to prepare more nutritious meals for their children. You've also sent wonderful school supplies and valuable teaching tools for these precious kids.

Nicol's now strong and thriving. The changes you provided have made all the difference. "I love coming here," she said about her school, "because I like eating the food!"

The impact OB partners made in this village is not only enriching the lives of Nicol and her friends today, but it will continue to do so long into the future.

Thank you for blessing this hardworking community and so many others like it all around the world!

HUNGER IN AMERICA



Helping your neighbors in the U.S.

Hunger is a problem that's not just confined to Africa or Latin America. All over the world adults and children face the pain and fear of wondering where their next meal will come from—even right here in America. But thankfully YOU are there for hungry Americans in their time of need. Through Operation Blessing's Hunger Strike Force, you are sending truckloads of groceries, beverages and supplies to our network of food distribution partners across the United States. Every week, you ensure that struggling families have meals to put on their tables.

Project Lunchbox

What began as an effort to make sure that students who depend on school lunches still have their needs met on weekends and through the summer months grew into a program that helped many in the Tidewater region of Virginia.

Hardworking single mom Tiffanie and her four daughters are one family that's been blessed by your support of Operation Blessing and Project Lunchbox. Tiffanie's work as a cosmetologist isn't always consistent, making it hard to feed her girls.

"Sometimes I don't eat because I need my kids to eat," Tiffanie said. Then, through Project Lunchbox, Tiffanie's daughters began bringing home groceries. She said, "The first time that we received the bags from Operation Blessing, I looked in the bag and was like, 'Wow, we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner!'" Thanks to your generous support of Operation Blessing, families like Tiffanie's across the country are getting the help they so desperately need.



**bags of groceries
through Project
Lunchbox**

33,265



**truckloads of
food, beverages,
water & relief**

1,600



**Hunger Strike
Force miles**

1.4 million



HEALTH & MEDICAL CARE

Healing the sick and poor



Sixteen-year-old Donia had suffered from seizures ever since she was a baby. The frequent attacks were causing damage to her brain and her nervous system. Thanks to the love and compassion of OB donors, an Operation Blessing health team in Haiti learned about Donia's condition. Because of YOU, she was taken to an epilepsy clinic where she received diagnosis and treatment. Donia has not had a seizure since!

In poor and remote communities around the world, many struggle without proper medical care. Even when they do have access, few can afford the high cost of medicine and treatment.

But you have not forgotten about those suffering with health issues far from care and support. Through Operation Blessing's worldwide Health & Medical programs, you're sending dynamic healthcare solutions to those who need them the most. During FY19, Operation Blessing's medical outreach included hundreds of medical brigades in places like Guatemala, El Salvador and Kenya. Not only that, you are helping train up an army of community health volunteers who are able to provide basic health services directly to the sick in their own towns and villages.

Thank you for giving the wonderful gift of health to so many who have suffered so long!



**medical
brigades**

347



LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES



***You make medical procedures possible
for those who could never afford it***

When little Sadiki was just 18 months old, his legs began to curve inward as he grew. Over time, the curve got worse and the young boy began to suffer pain. He began walking with a limp, and he couldn't run like his three siblings.

Sadiki's parents knew their son needed surgery, but they had no way to pay for it. Then, faithful Operation Blessing partners like YOU stepped in to change Sadiki's life! Through Operation Blessing's Life-Changing Surgeries program, and in partnership with a local organization in Tanzania, Sadiki got the surgery he needed to straighten his legs. Thanks to you, Sadiki will grow up healthy and strong!

Around the world, there are many more stories like Sadiki's of children who need surgeries their parents can't afford. Through Operation Blessing's Life-Changing Surgeries Program, you are giving these precious children a brighter future!







FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Operation Blessing (OB) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) humanitarian organization dedicated to demonstrating God's love by alleviating human need and suffering in the United States and around the world. With the support of our generous partners, Operation Blessing provides strategic relief on an ongoing basis through core programs such as disaster relief, health and medical care, hunger relief, and clean water.

Along with our faithful supporters, we put a special emphasis on not only providing physical relief to those in immediate need, but also equipping them with new knowledge to create

sustainable solutions to combat poverty. Operation Blessing and our partners are devoted to being God's hands and feet in the world. We're committed to listening to the needs of each community we serve, instead of telling them what we think they need, addressing the core issues behind poverty, rather than only treating the symptoms.

Operation Blessing is committed to maximizing the impact of each donor dollar and to total transparency in our finances. We strive to work as efficiently as possible to provide effective and powerful humanitarian aid in the U.S. and around the world.

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

ROMANS 14:12

OUR FINANCES

Condensed Financial Information for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019

REVENUES:

• Contributions	\$ 25,397,000
• Gifts in Kind	\$ 91,473,000
• Other Revenue	\$ 148,000
• Total Revenues	\$ 117,018,000

EXPENSES:

• Programs	\$ 19,859,000
• Gifts in Kind	\$ 92,383,000
• Fundraising	\$ 2,204,000
• General and Administrative	\$ 1,972,000
• Total Expenses	\$ 116,418,000
• Gains and (Losses)	\$ (8,000)
• Increase in Net Assets	\$ 592,000

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, VA 23463-0001.



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