

2022

ANNUAL REPORT

DISASTER RELIEF
MEDICAL CARE
HUNGER RELIEF
CLEAN WATER



Dear Faithful Friends,

I'm so incredibly thankful for your partnership with Operation Blessing. Over the past year you and I have worked hand in hand as we've faced new challenges and met the needs of many heartbroken people in dire need. During fiscal year 2022, we continued assisting those still struggling through the fallout of COVID-19, began reaching out to Ukrainians in crisis, and maximized opportunities to bless the poor and hurting.

You gave clean water, hunger relief, and medical care to vulnerable people in remote villages. Life-changing surgeries were provided for patients suffering from treatable medical conditions all around the world. In the U.S., you helped give food to families affected by rising inflation. Because of your faithfulness, Operation Blessing delivered essential relief following natural disasters, including tornadoes and hurricanes in the U.S., an earthquake in Haiti, and ongoing droughts in Kenya.

With your ongoing support, we can keep supplying vital relief in the areas of our four foundational pillars of humanitarian need: clean water, hunger relief, medical care, and disaster relief. At the same time, you make it possible to respond to new crises as they arise, like the tragic war in Ukraine.

As I reflect on all that you and I have accomplished together in the past year and look forward to the coming one, I'm so grateful to God for the immense kindness and love of our partners. Thank you again for being a crucial part of the Operation Blessing community. May God's richest blessings be upon you and your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gordon Robertson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Gordon Robertson
President, Operation Blessing

MISSION STATEMENT

For more than 40 years, the faithful support of Operation Blessing partners has been demonstrating God's love by alleviating human suffering for millions of people in more than 90 countries and territories, including the U.S. Through our core programs of hunger relief, clean water, medical care, and disaster relief, you can be confident that you are helping meet the most desperate needs of the poor and hurting around the world.

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GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

NORFOLK, VA: With your donations, Operation Blessing enables local churches to bring food to the hungry, assisting those who are facing difficult times.



HAITI: Haiti was battered by catastrophes on every side. Because you care, Operation Blessing continues to help them heal.



MEXICO: Rainwater harvesting systems brought safe water home to families in Mexico. This saves them the task of fetching and carrying heavy loads of water daily.

HONDURAS: Over the last year, Operation Blessing donors like you provided baby turtles, young tilapia and tiny crustaceans to more than 500 people in a community in Honduras. These small creatures make a big difference in rural communities – they naturally feed on mosquito larvae and help prevent mosquito-borne diseases like dengue, Zika, and chikungunya.



PERU: Operation Blessing built new houses, giving protection to families in need, in homes that they can call their own.



UKRAINE: An outpouring of donations continues to address the urgent needs of Ukrainian refugees fleeing their war-torn country.



VIETNAM: Thanks to your donations, Operation Blessing is distributing food packages to poor families, helping them recover from economic losses brought by COVID-19.



INDIA: Durga is one of more than 2,000 beneficiaries of life-changing surgeries performed in India. Thank you so much!



PHILIPPINES: Your kindness reached the fishermen who lost their source of livelihood after the Taal volcano eruption. They were so happy to receive their very own boats!



KENYA: Food, water, medical assistance, and livelihood are being sent to families in Kenya, easing their struggles from the ongoing drought.



THAILAND: The Akha tribe in Thailand received vocational skills training, providing a sustainable source of livelihood.



U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

READY WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Every year, natural disasters strike the United States, leaving behind thousands of hurting people to pick up the pieces – sometimes for many years to come. The task these people face in the wake of hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and earthquakes can seem overwhelming. Many feel lost and alone, unsure of where to turn next.

Operation Blessing works with local churches and partners to bring food, water, and much-needed supplies to impacted areas in the days following a natural disaster. Our volunteers are ready to come alongside the elderly, single mothers, the disabled, veterans, and those who are uninsured, so that, together, we can clean up after a disaster and begin the process of recovery.

With your support, we can continue to serve the needs of individuals and communities after natural disasters strike. Families don't have to face it alone. Together, we can offer hope and healing to those who need it most.

When Hurricane Ian ravaged Florida as a once-in-a-century storm, friends like you responded with generosity and compassion, bringing food, water, and volunteer help to storm victims.



FY22 STATS

U.S. DISASTERS RESPONDED TO:

5



“As the US disaster relief team moves into the next year, we are thankful for the opportunities the Lord has brought to us to be the hands and feet of Christ during crisis. We continually prepare for whatever disasters lay ahead, and because of you – we are ready.”

– Anthony Lloyd, Senior Director, Operation Blessing U.S. Disaster Relief





RESTORING HOMES AND HEARTS IN KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY – Bertha had already lost her husband. Then, the unbelievable happened. She lost her home.

An elderly widow, Bertha had lived in Russellville, Kentucky, for sixty years and had accumulated many memories over the years. Then an F3 tornado threatened her community. Bertha took shelter with her daughter and hoped for the best.

“It was scary,” said Bertha. “I didn’t know if we’d have a house when we came back.”

The two made it safely through the storm, but her fears came true. The tornado directly hit Bertha’s home. It tore off the roof and blew out the windows. Water damaged the walls.

“I didn’t think it could be fixed... I just thought it was gone,” said Bertha, wiping the tears from her eyes. “People don’t know what they got, until they lose it.”





Compassionate friends like you didn't want her to face this disaster alone. When we heard about Bertha, we knew we had to help her. Teams of volunteers got right to work. We were able to fix the roof and damaged floors, replace the cabinets, and repair the walls of her house. Then you helped provide new furniture to make her house feel like a home again.

"You can't tell that anything had happened to it. It looks so nice," Bertha said. "You all have really done great wonders to this house."

Thanks to friends like you, Bertha's house was transformed. With tears, she expressed her gratitude, because together, we were able to give her hope for the future.



INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RELIEF

REACHING OUT TO VICTIMS OVERSEAS

When developing nations experience a natural disaster, the results can be devastating. Families in these countries often do not have the resources to recover on their own, leaving them desperate. They need someone to come beside them and lend a helping hand.

That's when friends like you answer the call and respond to their need. Together with our partners, Operation Blessing provides compassionate aid and much-needed relief to victims of floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, and war like the refugees fleeing from Ukraine.

When you step in, your love and compassion give people around the world hope and the resources they need to climb out of the devastation and face another day. That is priceless.





FISCAL YEAR 2022

TYPES OF DISASTERS:

War/Political Conflict
Hurricane
Famine
Flooding
Tornado
Typhoon
Earthquake
Volcanic Eruption
Fuel Explosion

NATIONS:

Ukraine & Poland
Japan
Philippines
Kenya
Guatemala
Nigeria
Puerto Rico
Thailand
Pakistan
Haiti
Mexico
Myanmar
China
Vietnam
Mozambique
St. Vincent





UKRAINE RESPONSE

BRINGING HOPE TO REFUGEES IN CRISIS

When war broke out in Ukraine, millions of people fled their homes and crossed the borders of neighboring nations as refugees. Most were women and children.

Nadiya was feeding her baby when she heard that a rocket had been fired at her city. Terrified, she immediately fled the country with a suitcase and her two children.

Operation Blessing in partnership with churches and humanitarian groups welcomed Nadiya and many other refugees at the border in Poland with compassion and a safe place to sleep. Your donations provided hot food, blankets, clothing, hygiene supplies, and the support they needed to face the difficult days ahead.

“We were provided with everything we needed,” said Nadiya. “We were welcomed here.”

Together with friends like you, we were able to show God’s love and compassion to many Ukrainian refugees just like Nadiya in their time of deepest need.

“I don’t know why God loves us so much,” said another young mother, unable to hold back her tears. “I have never met such overwhelming care, understanding, and attention. I am endlessly grateful.”



NADIYA



GRATITUDE AROUND THE WORLD

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“As a result of the profit I made, I was able to pay for my children’s exam (WAEC-West Africa Examination Council) without any problem. Thank you Operation Blessing, may God continue to reward you people.”

— Rose, Nigeria



“Thank you very much for your love, support and for your attention to us.”

— Nadtochij with her twins, Ukraine



“Now that we have a water project we feel very happy. We no longer walk long distances. Our feet do not get tired, we no longer carry water for long distances.”

— Jesus, Honduras



“God bless you, God bless Operation Blessing, thank God for this help, my little girl is healthy now, she is fine now, thank God for putting this in your heart, may God continue to bless everyone that helped my Lia.”

– Greicia, Lia’s mom, Peru

“Now, we get to the health center quickly! Thank you because this is a lot of help for everyone here in San Jeronimo.”

– Digna Mamani, Peru





CLEAN WATER

ALLEVIATING SUFFERING THROUGH CLEAN WATER

Being able to drink a glass of clean water is something many of us take for granted. But more and more people around the world are living in regions where access to clean water is scarce. They have no other choice but to get their water from streams or stagnant ponds that are contaminated with harmful bacteria.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 2 billion people live in water-stressed regions today and only have access to water that is dangerous for them to drink. They often get seriously sick with diarrhea and suffer from deadly illnesses like typhoid, cholera, and dysentery. Some, including children and the elderly, even die simply because they have no access to safe water.

Thanks to our generous partners, our Operation Blessing WASH programs (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) are changing that. We come alongside struggling communities with customized solutions to provide the people living there with reliable access to clean water. Locals also receive valuable education in hygiene and sanitation practices so that they can ensure that their community has access to safe water for years to come.



“Water can be a source of conflict but also of cooperation. It is essential that we work together to provide better stewardship of all water sources, including the world’s supply of groundwater”

- António Guterres,
UN Secretary-General,
World Water Day 2022

8 WAYS CLEAN WATER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

PREVENT waterborne illness
IMPROVE hygiene and sanitation
SAVE time and energy
PRODUCE nutritious food
SUPPORT education and learning
UPLIFT communities
OFFER dignity
BOOST earning potential for struggling parents

33

WATER PROJECTS
COMPLETED (FY22)
INCLUDING:

9

WHOLE COMMUNITY
WATER SYSTEMS

BRINGING WATER TO THE THIRSTY

PERU – Every morning, Magna and her three children woke up early to begin their daily walk – to get water. During the rainy season, they dug holes in the ground to collect rainwater nearby. But during the dry months, they had to walk three kilometers to obtain water from the nearest spring.

“I remember we used to have to walk far away,” said Guido, Magna’s 15-year-old son. “Once my mom fell while she was carrying the containers. I didn’t like when that kind of stuff happened.”

Three hours from the nearest city, the remote community of Pistuni has always been Magna’s home. But as a mother, she began to worry about her children growing up in a place where they drank the same water as animals. So many in her community had become “stomach sick” from drinking the water. But a deeper fear gripped her, too. What if the water completely dried up? Magna’s husband worked whatever jobs he could to earn enough to feed his family. Their children helped farm potatoes at home to eat. When they had surplus, they sold the extras for additional income. But it wasn’t enough to build a bathroom, sink, or shower for their children.

Through your generosity, Operation Blessing reached out to their community with a plan to install a sanitation system with biodigester bathrooms. Together, they laid down pipes where fresh water flowed from the nearest spring straight into common areas near their homes. Magna knew the community’s days of gathering water from puddles was coming to an end.

“I don’t have to worry for my children getting sick. I’m so happy, our lives have changed forever,” said Magna. “Now we can wash our hands and food with clean and safe water.”





INTERNATIONAL HUNGER RELIEF

FIGHTING POVERTY ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

More people are going hungry now than before the pandemic. The World Health Organization reports that global hunger has risen during the past few years to affect as many as 828 million people.* Many simply don't have the income to purchase enough food for their families. Others don't have sustainable methods to raise food themselves.

With your help, Operation Blessing is able to address hunger on both fronts. We come alongside families and communities to implement nutrition programs in schools and develop agricultural programs for entire communities. Then we train individuals in vocational skills and help them establish microenterprises to provide their families with the income they need to support themselves. When needed, we also rebuild and repair homes in some communities, so the residents can focus their limited resources on food and other needs.

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US HUNGER RELIEF

PROVIDING FOOD FOR HUNGRY AMERICAN FAMILIES

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This year, rising inflation has sent the price of gas and groceries soaring. Many Americans who were already struggling to put food on the table found it even more difficult to feed themselves and their families. Those who were sick, elderly, disabled, or unemployed often simply went hungry.

With the help of our compassionate supporters, Operation Blessing met the people who were struggling in their moment of need. Our Hunger Strike Force collected and delivered truckloads of food and drinks to churches, local food pantries, and partner organizations across the country so they could pass it along to those who needed it most. When we work together, we can fill hungry bellies and put an end to hunger in America.



FY22 STATS

MILES TRUCKS
HAVE DRIVEN:

1.4 million

**37 MILLION POUNDS OF
FOOD AND RELIEF DELIVERED:**

22 million pounds of food
14 million pounds of drinks
1 million pounds of
nonfood relief



“I would like to personally thank each and every donor who has supported Operation Blessing’s hunger relief efforts this year, here in the United States. Without your generous donations, it would be impossible for us to reach the poor and less fortunate across this great country.”

— Steve O’Grady,
Operation Blessing Vice President
of Operations & Logistics





INTERNATIONAL HUNGER RELIEF

HELPING WOMEN SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES

Honduras – As a single mother, Carmen does everything she can to support herself and her 8-year-old daughter, Dominic. But that’s not easy in the community of San Sebastian, Honduras, where employment opportunities are few – especially for women.

So Carmen and some other women took matters into their own hands. They joined together to form their own business. They baked cakes, sliced bananas, and made *pinol* (a ground mixture of corn, peanuts, cinnamon, pepper, rice, and wheat) to sell. The women didn’t know much about baking and had very few utensils to work with, but they made enough income to put food on the table for their families. Then COVID-19 took its toll.

“We had a difficult time,” said Carmen. “The business was not working because of the effects of the pandemic.”

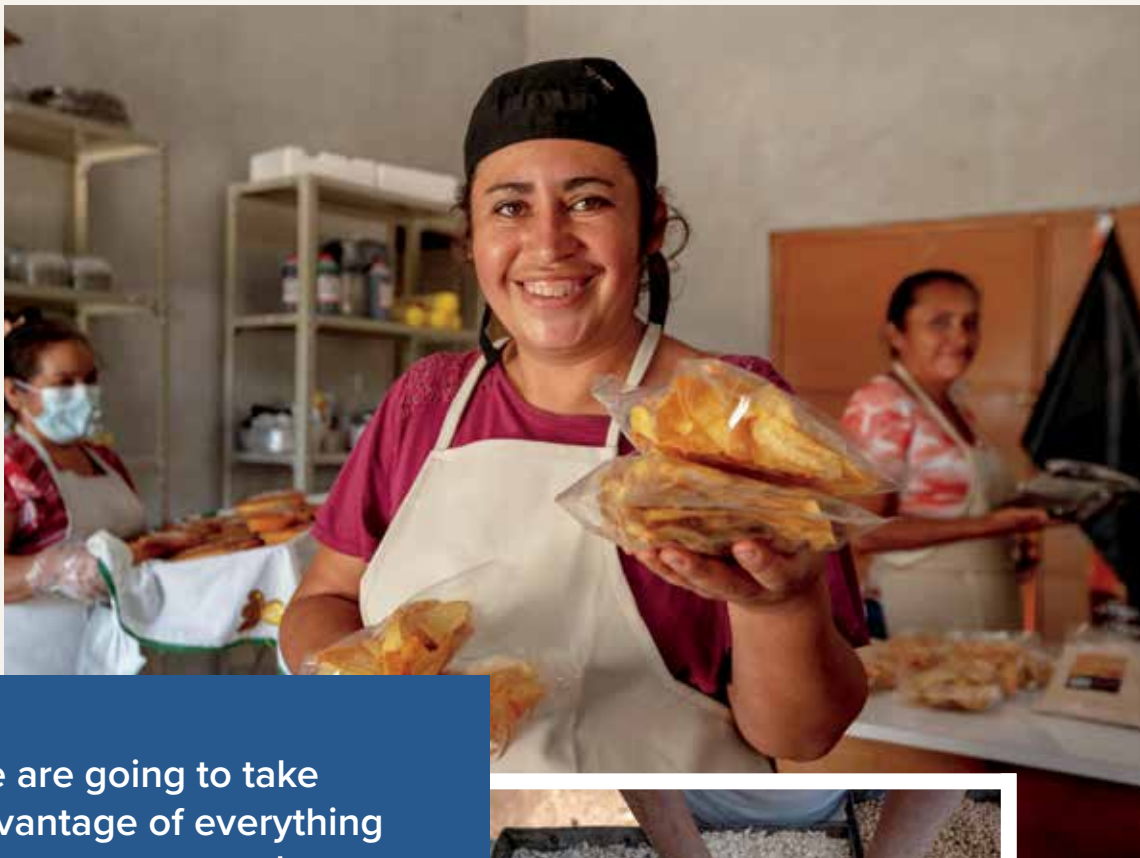
Between government restrictions and quarantines, the business deteriorated almost to the point of bankruptcy. With no money buy food, Carmen and her daughter sometimes had to ask neighbors or close relatives for something to eat.

Then generous friends of Operation Blessing stepped up to help Carmen and the group of ladies revive their business. Together, we provided an electric mill for the *pinol* and the tools they needed to slice banana and bake cakes.



“Thank you for everything you sent us,” said Carmen. “We are going to take advantage of everything you gave us to make our business grow even more.”

Their business is growing, thanks to partners like you. The ladies are even planning to expand and distribute their products in more locations. Now that Carmen has steady income, she can put food on the table and support her daughter for years to come.



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MEDICAL CARE

YOU BRING HEALING TO THE POOR

For people who are struggling to meet their most basic needs, medical care is a luxury they simply cannot afford. Some live in communities that are so remote, medical care is not even an option. When hurt or sick, they often don't receive the treatment they need, even for minor problems.

Your partnership provides much-needed medical equipment, medicine, supplies, and preventative education to the world's most impoverished communities. Where possible, Operation Blessing trains Community Health Volunteers in first aid and health assessments, so they can provide care to their neighbors and refer patients to regional hospitals when needed.

DISEASE PREVENTION

Operation Blessing donors like you provide preventive care such as eye exams, prenatal ultrasounds, cervical cancer screenings, and vaccines to stop disease before it even begins.

In Honduras, your support helped one community of 500 people develop a natural way to control the mosquito population, by having baby turtles, tilapias and crustaceans feed on mosquito larvae.

With these health programs, the rate of sickness and death is lowered, there are fewer complications during pregnancy, and our beneficiaries become more productive at home, at work, in their schools, and their communities.

FY22 STATS

DONATED MEDICINE

**\$11
MILLION**

HELPED PROVIDE

3230
SURGERIES

TYPES OF SURGERIES/AILMENTS
TREATED (FY22)

Burns
Cardiac
Cleft Lip/Palate
Vision
Orthopedic
Other

LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES



BEFORE

In remote or impoverished communities, surgeries are often not an option for struggling families. Most resources are focused on putting food on the table. Operation Blessing's Life-Changing Surgeries program connects our compassionate donors with individuals who have the greatest need. Together, we can bring healing to both children and adults.

Shown here, 6-month-old Elizabeth from Guatemala was born with a cleft lip. Thanks to Operation Blessing partners like you, this bright-eyed girl received a brand-new smile!



AFTER



COUNTRIES WITH
COMMUNITY HEALTH
VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

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COUNTRIES WITH
LIFE-CHANGING SURGERIES

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH SURGERY – ONE PERSON AT A TIME

NIGERIA – Damilola is only 8 years old, and life has been difficult for her since the day she was born. She had trouble eating and couldn't speak clearly – all because of a cleft palate.

Her father didn't realize that her condition could be corrected with surgery. "I still thought they would outgrow the condition as children," he said. "I decided to leave it to God."

But Damilola didn't get better with time. As she grew older, her condition made her very prone to infections. To make matters worse, one of Damilola's siblings was also born with the same deformity, a cleft palate.

Then God answered their prayers in a different way. They learned that Damilola could apply for surgery through Operation Blessing.

Her father was skeptical. "I did not believe when she told me it is completely free, that I won't pay a dime for the surgery."

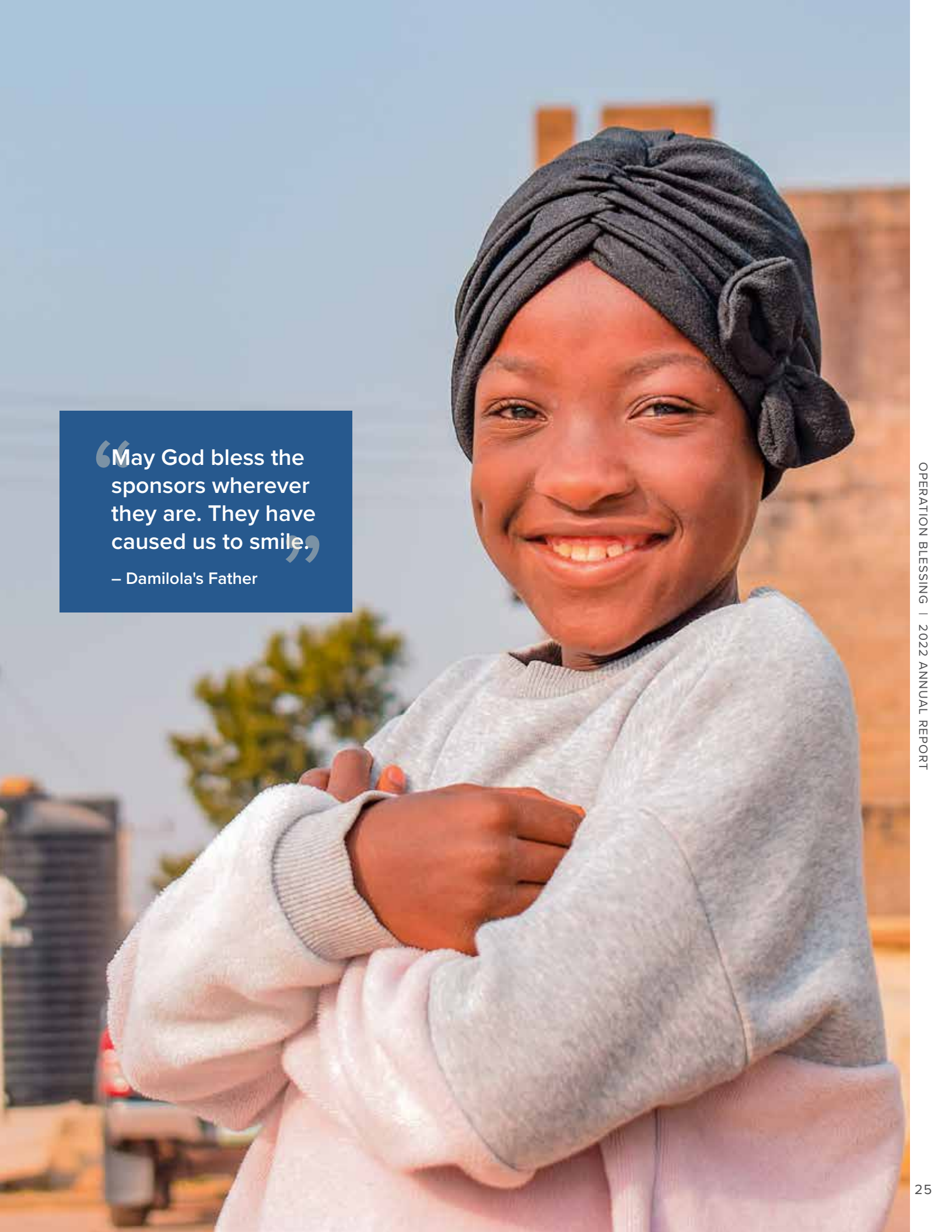
But it was. The cost was completely covered by generous partners who gave through our Life-Changing Surgeries program. They provided Damilola with the surgery she needed to be able to eat properly and speak clearly.

"God has used you to help us," her father said. "May God bless the sponsors wherever they are. They have caused us to smile."

Today, Damilola stands tall with her family and proudly smiles. Her life was completely transformed by the surgery and the compassion of people far away who cared enough about her to give.

Find more
patients in need
of surgery at
ob.org/surgeries



A young girl with a grey headwrap and a light grey sweater, smiling and hugging herself. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a brick wall and some greenery.

“May God bless the
sponsors wherever
they are. They have
caused us to smile.”

– Damilola's Father



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Operation Blessing is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization committed to showing the love of Jesus to those in need around the world through powerful humanitarian aid. We are committed to providing the maximum amount of relief possible with every donor dollar. We are grateful for the ongoing support of our faithful partners who continue to make our worldwide relief efforts possible.

Your generous support in fiscal year 2022 enabled Operation Blessing to leverage gifts-in-kind product donations and strategic purchasing to bring much-needed food, drinks, medicines, and vital supplies to the hurting around the world. With the help of many friends like you, Operation Blessing distributed over \$55 million in donated products through our ongoing programs and responded immediately during crises with vital resources and a team equipped for the mission.

Thank you for partnering with Operation Blessing to serve those in need and minister the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways all around the world.

– Jeff Westling, Operation Blessing Chief of Staff

OUR FINANCIALS

Condensed Financial Information for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022.

REVENUES

Contributions.....	\$42,544,000
Gifts in Kind.....	\$55,144,000
Other Revenue.....	\$93,000
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$97,781,000

EXPENSES

Programs	\$25,531,000
Gifts in Kind.....	\$55,929,000
Fundraising	\$2,788,000
General and Administrative.....	\$1,454,000
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	\$85,702,000

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS \$12,079,000

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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