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## IMPACT REPORT

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international needs  
transformed lives, changed communities





# Dear Friends,

## THANK YOU!

**I'm overwhelmed by your generosity!** At a time when Christian development agencies were struggling to raise funds, donations were up by \$658,000 in 2019. And I received some very exciting news: **a group of donors offered to pay for all our overhead costs!** Overall, your extra giving allowed us to **send 44% more funding to the programs** being run by our ministry partners around the world. What a huge blessing!

2019 revealed **God's glorious provision** to me, and given the inevitable economic impact of COVID-19, we're especially thankful for your gifts. Thank you for staying with us so we can continue supporting our ministry partners, who are being **severely impacted by the virus.**

This will be a time when we're called to do even more, and we're ready to respond. We plan to add 1,500 more children to our sponsorship program, bring safe water to more people, and rescue women and children from trafficking. **There's lots to do!**

This report gives you a glimpse of how lives were transformed and communities were changed in 2019. **I'm so glad God called you to be part of the International Needs family.**

David Marshall

Executive Director, International Needs Canada

# FINANCIAL REPORT

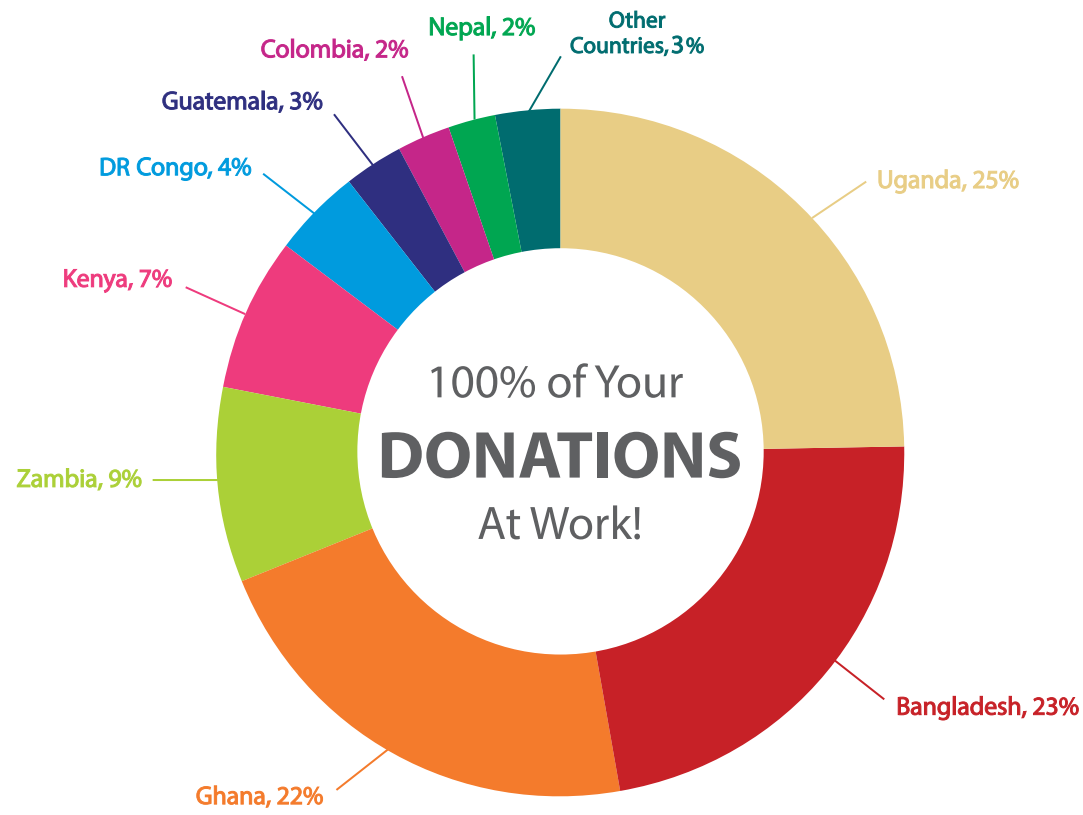
## REVENUE

Donations to Projects & Programs .....\$2,263,254

## EXPENDITURES

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Uganda .....                | \$559,860          |
| Bangladesh .....            | \$512,065          |
| Ghana .....                 | \$488,130          |
| Zambia .....                | \$207,889          |
| Kenya .....                 | \$165,330          |
| DR Congo .....              | \$92,598           |
| Guatemala .....             | \$64,055           |
| Colombia .....              | \$57,182           |
| Nepal .....                 | \$52,287           |
| Other Countries* .....      | \$63,858           |
| <b>Total Expenses .....</b> | <b>\$2,263,254</b> |

\* Other countries: India, Turkey, Philippines and Czech Republic.



## 100% of your donations went directly to our ministry partners in 2019

A special thank you to the generous donors who paid 100% of International Needs Canada’s expenses to develop and deliver the projects and programs, including fund development costs!

This, along with your increased giving, represents a 44% funding increase to the beneficiaries of our projects and programs!



# Access to EDUCATION

In Canada, education is a human right that helps our children get good jobs. Around the world, education can mean the difference between life ... or a lifetime of misery.

## Kenya

**International Needs Kenya** spends much of its time in the slums, where children are left to play in the streets and fend for themselves while their parents search for work. These children don't have access to the education system, which is where we step in to fill the gap.

**IMPACT 2019:** With your help, International Needs Kenya has gathered **164 street children under their wings and helped them transition into proper schools... doorways out of the slums!** Your sponsorship means that 164 children get to learn from a teacher instead of a gang... 164 children get fresh food instead of moldy scraps... 164 children get access to proper healthcare. **That's 164 precious lives changed forever.**

Martha - a former street child: **"When you empower a child, you empower a community and help break the cycle of poverty."**

## Uganda

International Needs Uganda works in rural communities that are marked by weak economies and few jobs. Children in these rural communities live in poverty and face daily challenges.

**IMPACT 2019:** In 2019, International Needs Uganda had **2,159 vulnerable children learning in their classrooms.** Your sponsorship paid for books, school uniforms, medical care, nutritious meals, and Christian education. The impact flows from the children to their families, and on to future generations.

Fred was 6 years old when his father abandoned the family: **"Life was tough and we often went hungry, but things started changing when I received sponsorship through International Needs. My school performance improved, and I was determined to use this opportunity to change my destiny and that of my family. Thank God, I have achieved my goal! I now have a bachelor's degree in Education. I owe this achievement to my sponsors, to my aunt Sarah who gave me a shoulder to cry on, and to my mother who stood by me through thick and thin."**



“Now, my future  
looks bright. God  
bless you all!” • FRED





In Canada, we have an endless supply of fresh water, compared to many countries where there's no fresh water to drink or wash hands properly.

## Ghana

Every morning, the students at Togbe Aho Memorial School started the day carrying water from a nearby community pipe for the school's drinking and cooking needs. By noon the water would be gone, and the children would then have to walk a kilometre to a filthy stream that serves the Kebenu community. Instead of learning and playing, they were fetching dirty water that gave them worms and diarrhea.

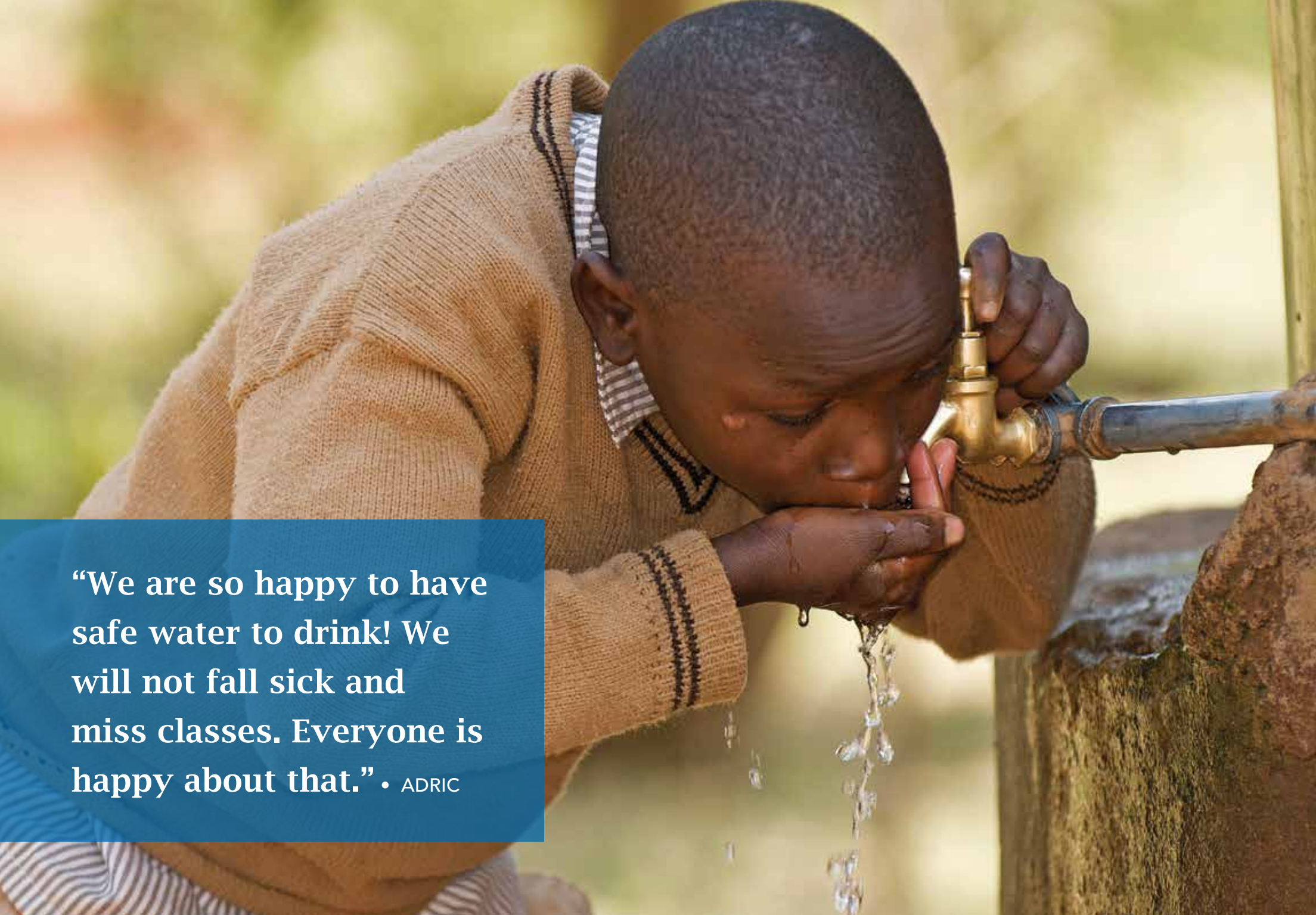
**IMPACT 2019:** Thanks to your generous support, clean water is now being piped directly into large water tanks that sit on the school property. The children are benefitting in four ways:

1. They can drink without getting sick
2. They're developing good hygiene practices
3. They're more attentive and productive at school
4. They have more time to be kids!

Safe water has a tremendous impact on schools and communities, and opens the door to long-term health and prosperity.





A young boy with dark skin and short hair is leaning over a public water tap. He is wearing a brown sweater over a striped shirt. He is holding the tap handle with his right hand and drinking from the spout with his left hand. Water is dripping from his chin. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery.

“We are so happy to have safe water to drink! We will not fall sick and miss classes. Everyone is happy about that.” • ADRIC



## Health & MEDICAL

In Canada, we complain about hospital and medical wait times, not realizing that many rural communities around the world face a lifelong healthcare crisis. International Needs is trying to close some gaps.

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

It is estimated that over 5 million people have died from the effects of war in DR Congo. In Eastern Congo, rape and other sexual violence is described as the worst in the world. For many Congolese women, every day brings a fight for survival.

International Needs works through a medical clinic for women in Lubumbashi. Clinique Papillon specializes in childbirth services and the care of women during pregnancy, delivery, and recovery. For women recovering from the trauma of rape, the clinic offers HIV testing and counselling, but more importantly, healing and hope.

**IMPACT 2019:** 980 babies were safely delivered at Clinique Papillon. The mothers attended pre-natal classes and were better prepared to deliver healthy babies. The clinic also provided post-natal care to ensure that mothers and babies thrive.

### Guatemala

Despite decades of international aid, maternal and child mortality is still high in Guatemala, especially in the rural Western Highlands. Many deaths of moms and babies could have been prevented if the midwives had been trained to recognize high-risk pregnancies.

**IMPACT 2019:** International Needs has been laying the groundwork for a training program that will teach midwives to recognize risk factors and refer mothers for specialized care early on. Over the next three years, **the program will train 360 midwives... and save many lives.**

Rosa, a midwife who has delivered over 1,000 babies in 23 years: **“We do not just assist with births, we support the women, and we guide and advise them throughout the pregnancy. We deliver the babies and visit them every day during the forty-day rest period. The training program will help us to recognize problem pregnancies at an earlier stage, so we can refer the mothers to specialized care in enough time to save their lives.”**



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# Evangelism & **CHURCH PLANTING**

As followers of Christ, we embrace God's mission of mercy and compassion, and his mandate to share the good news.

## Colombia

As Colombia grapples with thousands refugees streaming across its borders from Venezuela, the Rose of Sharon School has responded with Christian love and hospitality.

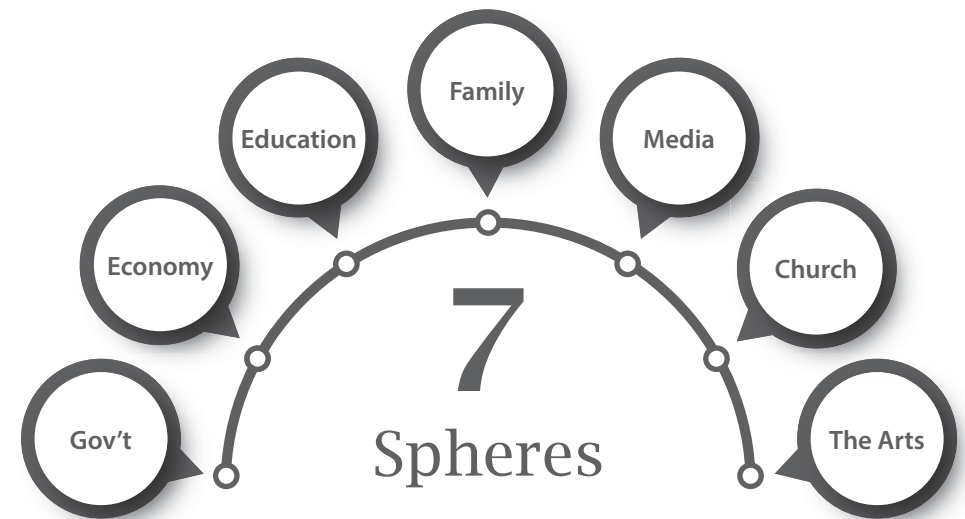
**IMPACT 2019:** 35 Venezuelan refugee children were enrolled in classes at the Rose of Sharon School. The children received education, emotional and psychological support, Bible teaching, school uniforms, textbooks.

The school also ran a seminar to help the families cope with their difficult circumstances. **Your support has enabled the Rose of Sharon School to extend a helping hand. Thank you!**

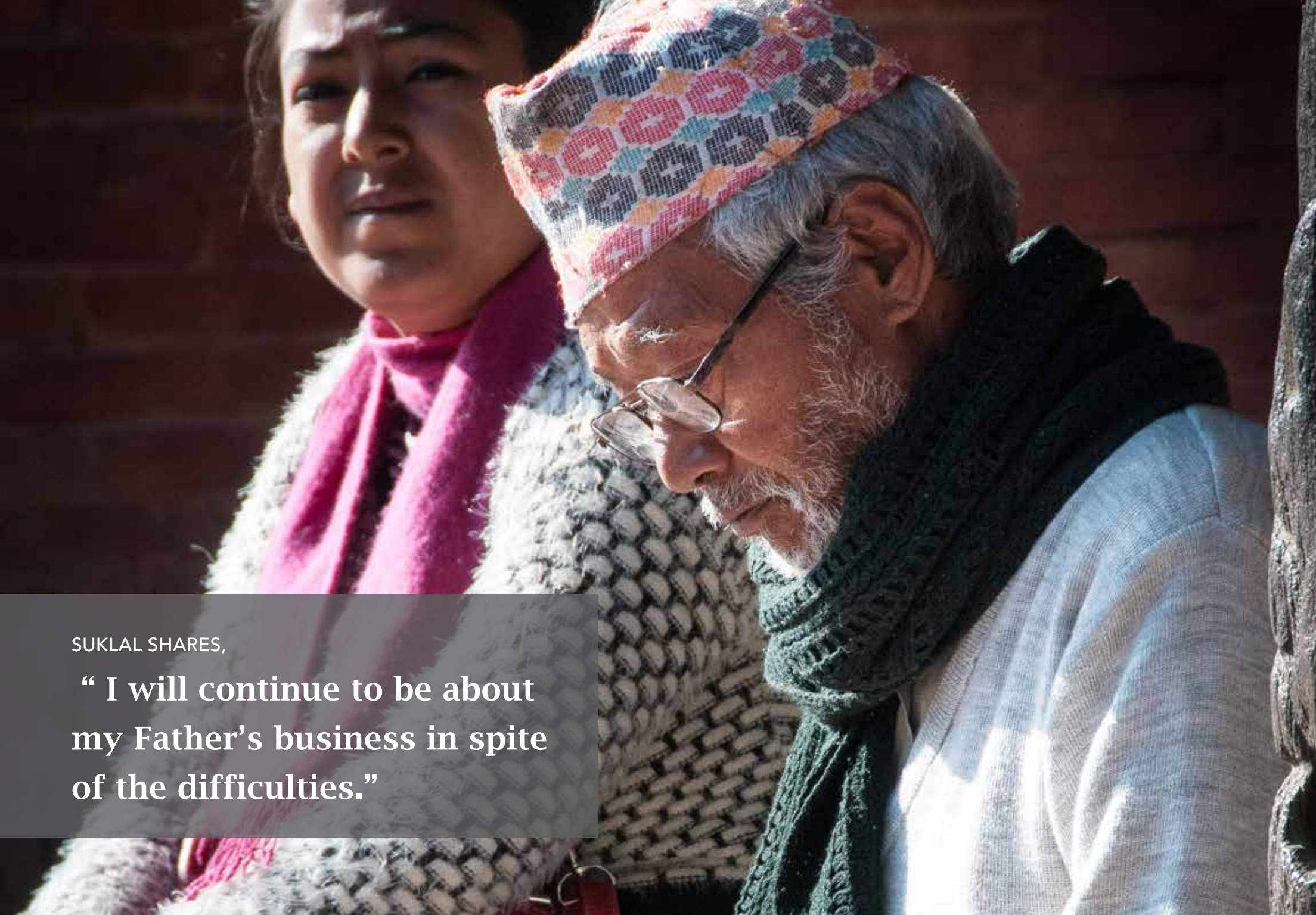
## Nepal

With a recent history marked by civil war, political unrest, and a major earthquake in 2015, Nepal is a country in the midst of a difficult transition. The unemployment rate is 50%, and only half the population aged 15 or over can read and write. International Needs Nepal is inspired by the love of Jesus and committed to enhance the quality of life for marginalized people.

**IMPACT 2019:** International Needs Nepal hosted a seminar on "The Seven Spheres of Society."



The central theme was that we can see the impact of the gospel on society when we influence seven key areas, or spheres, of life. 71 local pastors, leaders, and professionals attended the seminar, as well as International Needs' 30 community workers. The outcome of the seminar was an action plan and commitment to work together to impact all spheres of Nepali life for Christ.



SUKLAL SHARES,

“ I will continue to be about  
my Father’s business in spite  
of the difficulties.”





Growing  
**CHANGE**

Growing Change is an agricultural program that increases food security for communities around the world.

## Zambia

Zambia has great agricultural potential, which International Needs Zambia tapped into by launching a commercial farm to generate revenue for ZACTS school. The program includes a bustling poultry farm and cash crops.


**IMPACT 2019:** The farm expanded, adding commercial farming ventures across the Kambeu stream that runs through the property. They've planted five hectares of green maize and one hectare of cabbages and onions. This season they expect to harvest 300 50 kg bags of green maize.

ZACTS is a great success story, because it shows what can happen when a community makes the most of its potential and resources. **Just a few years ago the school was ready to close its doors; today they're generating income and bursting at the seams.**

Eddie - Senior Project Coordinator: **"Our pilot project of cabbages, red onions, and green maize are yielding very attractive crops. The harvest of these crops helps the school's feeding program since the number of students at ZACTS continues to grow. We now have 602 students. Our poultry farm sold eight batches of 700 chickens over the past year. We hope to start selling our chickens to the Lumwana Mine as this would boost our business.**

**We are considering making our own chicken feed to lower expenses. The biggest challenge we have at the moment is transporting our produce and chickens to market. Our truck is continually breaking down because it's old. Our prayer is that God will provide funds to purchase another truck."**



A photograph of a large field of mature cabbages. The cabbages have large, broad, blue-green leaves that are slightly curled. They are planted in rows, with some small weeds visible between them. The background shows a line of trees and a grassy area under bright sunlight.

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## Building FUTURES

Some of the communities we serve have no schools or health facilities. In these places, we help with basic infrastructure projects so kids can learn and families can seek medical care.

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

Congolese children with hearing loss suffer great challenges, and are written off by most of their society. Ephphata School for the Deaf empowers the children and young adults to become self-supporting, productive members of society.

**IMPACT 2019:** Phase two of the solar panels project has been completed, and the school now has a **continual supply of energy for the entire campus!** The carpentry and sewing students have exceeded the government's recommended number of practice hours, which will make them more competitive as they seek employment or start their own businesses.

Enoch, a 17-year-old student, was taken in by Ephphata when his parents passed away. He's now a committed Christian, works hard in his studies, and gets excellent grades. **"I want to complete my studies and become a carpenter of renown. I would like to have my own workshop and produce beautiful wooden works. Thank you for your support."**

### Bangladesh

The rural northwest region of Bangladesh has a high concentration of orphans and vulnerable children. The Naogoan Free School ministers to these children by providing residence and education.

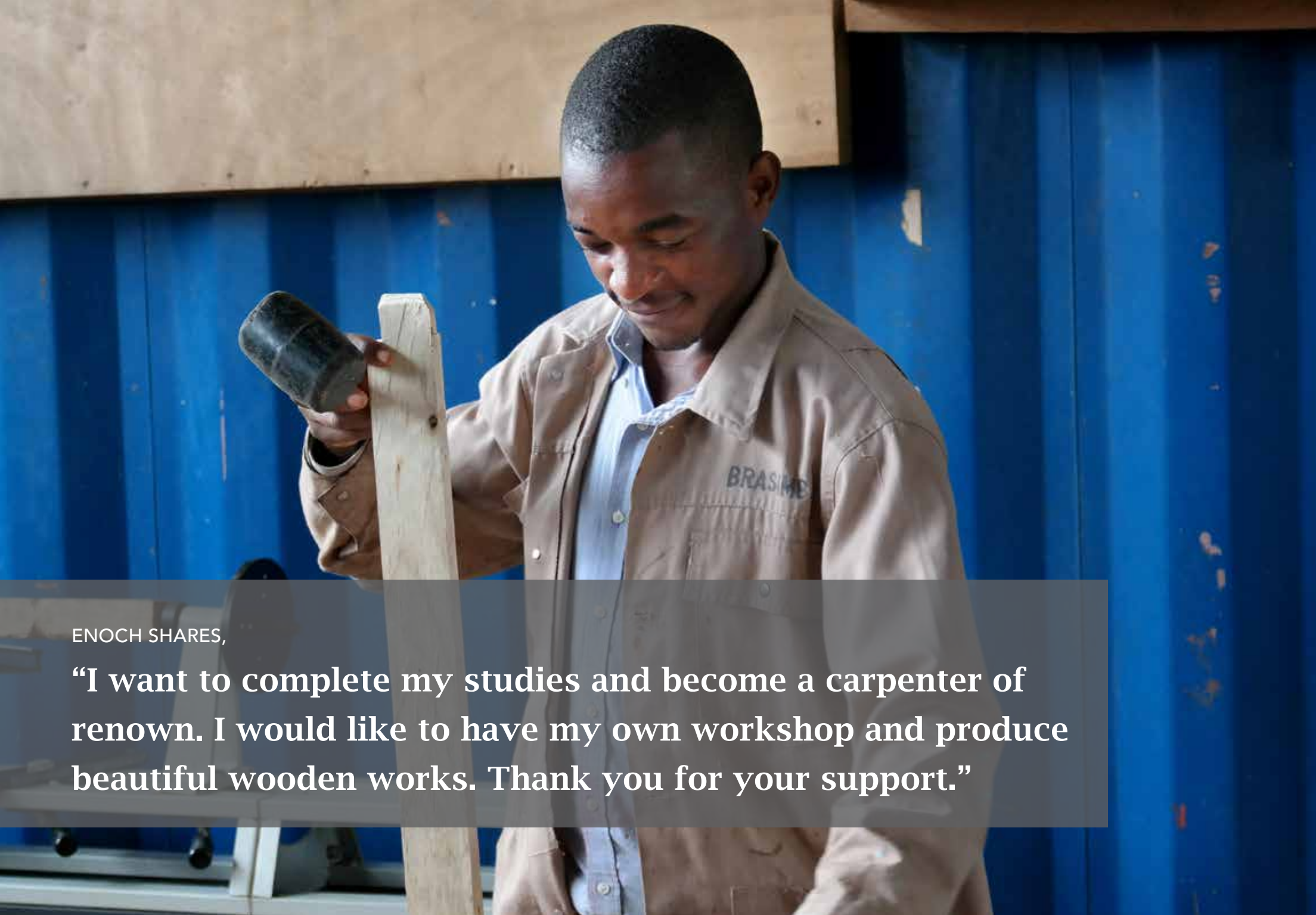
**IMPACT 2019:** The building expansion project moved forward this year, and the final phase is on track to be completed in June 2020! The school will have the capacity to provide education for 400 children from elementary to high school.

**The top floor will house up to 100 children rescued from trafficking.**

For many families, the children at Naogoan will be the first to graduate from high school! Your financial support means so much – you're helping them shake off the poverty that has literally enslaved their families for generations. **THANK YOU!**







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# Thanks to Our Volunteers

Volunteers are an important part of the work of International Needs Canada. They help us with fundraising, administrative tasks and operations, and they help spread the word about the work of International Needs throughout the world. Over 12,000 letters a year are processed and sent out by faithful volunteers. You know who you are!

**A big thank you goes out to all of you, who have freely given of your time for the benefit of others.  
May God's richest blessings be yours!**



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