



2021

Gratitude Report



international needs
transformed lives, changed communities

A message from our Executive Director

Dear friends,

The events of the past two years make it easy to be anxious, and at the time of writing, the war in Ukraine was the latest global issue to occupy our hearts and minds. Yet through the conflict, poverty, infections, and social uprisings, our incredible partners have refused to let the circumstances keep them from their mission. On the contrary, I've seen more resilience and determination in our ministry partners since early 2020 than I have in the 14 years I've been privileged to serve at International Needs.

Throughout 2021, we continued serving the most vulnerable children as the hands and feet of Jesus in some of the most difficult areas around the world. Schools continued to operate, sometimes in person, but often at a distance. Our health clinics stayed open to serve people who could not afford government healthcare. And borehole projects delivered clean water to communities living under severe drought.

But most of all, our partners loved the children and poured out their hearts to transform lives and change communities. Their compassion was truly an inspiration to me, reminding me that our worldly circumstances are not what matters. We are to keep our eyes on the kingdom, because there, anything is possible.

This insight into God's power impacted me on a personal level and shifted my entire perspective. In a recent team devotion, I encouraged the employees to focus less on how awful things are and to stop yearning so hard for better days. Instead, we should rejoice in all the wonderful things God is doing among us now.

And that perspective makes me even more grateful than ever for your loyalty and support. Thank you so much, and I hope you enjoy these highlights from 2021.



David Marshall
Executive Director



Your gifts made a huge difference in 2021



Educated 1000s of children around the world
Empowered young girls to resist child marriage

Rescued boys and girls from child labour

Finished several clean water projects

Ran maternal and child health programs

Donated farm machinery

Delivered 1000s of food packages

Conducted home visits to check on children

Taught vocational skills to hundreds of youth



THANK YOU!

BANGLADESH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Canada,

While many continued to suffer under the pandemic, we were able to draw closer to our neighbors, from those right across the street to those in the remotest areas of Bangladesh. God called us to work together with our global partners so we could help others, and He provided the resources to carry out initiatives we'd never considered before. By working as a team, we were able to serve and reach the unreached, and this was our greatest joy of the year. We glorify and praise God. Thanks to our Lord Jesus and all our Global Partners, Sponsors, and Donors for your support and cooperation in 2021.

McDonald Adhikary
Executive Director

Accomplishments in 2021:

- » Provided **education and healthy meals** to 1700 impoverished children.
- » Delivered **food and hygiene packages** delivered to 1465 people in 15 unreached communities.
- » Installed two sanitary latrines for 300 people in the impoverished Rajshahi District.
- » **Educated 300 children** on child protection and advocacy against violence.
- » Trained 160 young girls and parents on computer and tailoring skills.
- » Provided vegetable seeds to 50 marginalized families in north Bengal.
- » **Provided 115 goats** to improve the livelihood of marginalized families.
- » Continued our efforts to fight for the forgotten children of Bangladesh against early marriage, forced labour, malnutrition, unsafe deliveries, and poverty.



With your support, International Needs Bangladesh has been working hard to counter the serious impacts of Covid-19. In 2021, the country's children experienced sharp increases in early marriage, forced labour, violence, rape, and school dropout rates



BURKINA FASO



Welcome to our newest partner!

We were very pleased this year to partner with International Needs in Burkina Faso, a west African country that struggles with a long dry season, political turmoil, terrorism, and extreme poverty.

Despite the many challenges, International Needs has a strong presence in the community, especially among unreached people groups in the rural northern regions. During a gospel outreach in 2021, they built strong relationships with local leaders in the remote village of Lah.

After seeing the impact of the event, the village chief asked if International Needs could help provide clean water

to the people of Lah. The team jumped into action, drilled two wells, and **installed pumps to serve 5000 people!**



The plan is to drill more wells in 2022 to serve more communities where there is no clean water infrastructure.

“May God bless you for helping the rural population of Lah. Thank you!”

M. Dieudonné Kone
Program Manager

Highlights from Rose of Sharon school

Education: Although schools were closed part of the year, the school adapted with distance and virtual learning. The children were happy to return to school for in-person learning.

Food Deliveries: 100 new food packages were delivered to school families and Venezuelan migrant families. A refrigerator was donated to the Venezuelan children's program, enabling them to ensure food safety and provide more healthy food options.

Birthday gifts: Students who have been blessed by IN sponsors were grateful to get extra gifts this year. The most urgent need was footwear for school, and 30 pairs of shoes were given to those who needed them.

Evangelism: The Camino de Fe church continued their ministry to Villa Saco, a temporary community made up mainly of migrant families escaping Venezuela. These families face malnutrition, unemployment, and extremely vulnerable conditions, with some literally living in the water. Pastors Johana and Martha, along with the leadership group, have shared the gospel and impacted women and their children with the word of God. Please pray for the people of Villa Saco.



DR CONGO

Clinique Papillon

Bringing Hope to Lubumbashi, Papillon treated 2500 pregnant women and delivered almost 900 babies this year! They vaccinated 3000 children and performed 40 surgical procedures, including many for people who were not able to pay.

The staff took time to educate their patients on the prevention of covid, HIV/AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases. They also organized 204 worship services for staff and patients, and took a collection to feed the needy!

"The free surgery you did for me, only Jesus thinks of people like us - it's a love that thinks of others."

Patient

Ephphata school for the deaf

The school continued to provide a loving environment where young people are stigmatized for hearing impairment. In addition to education in math, French, computers, and more, the school prepares children to be re-integrated into society.

Their farm is thriving, with goats, pigs, sheep, turkeys, geese, chickens, sugar cane, and cabbage. Every day the children are fed a healthy meal of enriched porridge.

They are grateful to past donations of solar panels that supply power to the sewing room, water pump, computers, lights, and the carpentry workshop.



"We want to thank you for your support, prayer, encouragement and above all for the sacrifice and love you have shown for us. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! God bless you!"

Gilson, Clinic administrator

Navigating a powerful culture.

Midwife training continued in 2021 with special safety protocols in place to minimize transmission of COVID-19. After a few years of working in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, our partner has gained a better understanding of traditional Mayan culture, and is now in a better position to train the traditional birth attendants (TBAs, or midwives).

In rural indigenous communities, there's a fear of hospitals and modern medicine, which means mothers are not always sent to hospitals quickly when high risk factors arise during pregnancy and childbirth. The training program is breaking down these fears and making it more likely that the TBAs will identify risks earlier and convince patients and their families to go to a hospital for specialized care.

GUATEMALA



In 2021, the program evolved into **Survive and Thrive**. The midwife training will continue, along with the addition of nutrition and early childhood development programs. **We're excited to see what happens in 2022.**

GHANA

Stories to celebrate 2021

Potable Water at last!


For 20 years, pupils of the Togbe Aho School at Kebenu had to travel 1 km through the bush to fetch water from the Kebe Stream. Thanks to donors at International Needs, the school now has water for drinking, cooking, and hand washing, and the children no longer go thirsty during the school day.

Life gets better at Nanankor.

Every year during the dry season, the sole source of water in Nanankor dries up. A mechanized borehole now provides potable water all year round, and a 30-kilowatt solar panel pumps water through a three-stage treatment before it is pumped to the overhead tank which serves the two water fetching points installed for the community. Thank you to Women Making a Difference!

Keenly waiting to impart knowledge, "I am on course to become a competent teacher, all because of the assistance I received from International Needs. With the bursary from IN, my peasant farming parents were able to save part of their meagre income for my college education. I look forward to my graduation and appointment so I can begin imparting knowledge to others."

Christian Doe-Gakpetor, former student and sponsored child who hopes to return to his former primary as a teacher.



"Now we have water in our school and we are able to stay in class and concentrate."

Happy students

Group sponsorship program is bearing fruit.

Launched just over a year ago, the group program is already showing strong outcomes at two community schools. The 'Prodigies' group at Amrahia school rallied the other groups to take part in a clean-up campaign, where they tidied the school compound, tilled the lawns, and painted the walls. Joyce, the group's mentor, says it is more of a family than a group. The 'Little Stars' group at Kpogede school has bonded well and always gets excited about the next meeting. Their mentor, Jennifer, and the headmistress of the school are **amazed at the progress made so far**, and with the great attitude of the children.

"Transformation is happening in Ghana. We're grateful to God and thankful for our partnership with Canada!"

**Cromwell Awadey,
Executive Director**



KENYA



Highlights from the team in Kenya

- » The remedial reading program **improved the grades** of children in all program areas.
- » Extra funding sent thirteen teenagers to secondary school. Without your support, they wouldn't be able to attend.
- » Canadian donors are **supporting eight students** in colleges/ university across the country, and one will graduate this year in cosmetology.
- » Kenya had many teenage pregnancies due to abuse. The Bella Ciao safe house made it possible for young mothers to **deliver healthy babies** and return to school.
- » The team at RHYCO **launched several agribusiness projects**, such as rabbit farming and vertical vegetable gardens to improve the health of the children, reduce the cost of the program, and teach the children practical skills.
- » **The Joyful Hearts Centre** opened this year for children with cerebral palsy.
- » Seven teenagers **accepted Christ** as their personal Saviour, five were disciplined and four were baptized.
- » One boy received financial support for two major surgeries. **He is now well** and back to school.
- » IN Kenya built the capacity of men and women by providing economic empowerment training.
- » Food support during and after the difficult Covid waves has been a major highlight.





"The safe house run by Real Hope Youth Community Centre, led by Martha Mwende (above), has truly lived up to its name. The Government of Kenya has recognised it as a centre of excellence where they use it for other institutions to learn from. They have rescued young girls and boys from Kawangware and surrounding areas."

Jocelyn Muraya, Executive Director

NEPAL

The Lydia Vocational Training Centre began in 2021 with the launch of an Advanced Tailoring Course, the first of its kind in Nepal.

The first advanced course invited previous Lydia graduates and other women who already have basic tailoring skills. As most of the ladies already run a tailoring business, this training has added huge value to their capacity and business.

They have **upgraded their skills** and developed an understanding of how to start and run a small business. The program teaches the basic principles and ethics of business, finance, customer service, maintenance, and problem-solving.

The course has **created confidence and enthusiasm** amongst the ladies, trainers and the entire women's empowerment team.



"My sincere thanks and gratitude to all our donors, sponsors, friends and prayer partners. You are making a difference in the lives of the people and in the Kingdom of God. This inspires us and motivates us to work harder to change the lives of vulnerable people in Nepal."

Uma Magar, Executive Director

Overall

International Needs Uganda supported thousands of men, women, and children through education, healthcare, food relief, disability support, livelihood improvement, agriculture, spiritual development, and more.

Education

- » 2,360 students received home study support during the pandemic
- » 2,559 sponsored children received education, healthcare, psychosocial support and spiritual nurture
- » 65 orphans and vulnerable children received degrees and diplomas
- » IN Uganda students are performing at a higher level than the national average
- » A new boys' dormitory was built at Buikwe secondary school

Agriculture

- » 3,460 farming households received loans, education, and other initiatives to improve their livelihoods
- » 16,000 eucalyptus trees planted on 22 acres of land to generate income
- » 50 families were given piglets and goats to improve their household income

Spiritual development

- » 6,450 accepted Jesus in their lives after hearing the gospel
- » 243 people received Bibles through INUG to help them access and read the word of God
- » 10 churches were planted in various districts

UGANDA



"Life is getting back to normal. I enjoy the noise at our school compound; to me it's a sign of life."

Rev. Justus Miwanda
Executive Director

ZAMBIA

A young boy with a bright smile is sitting on a tree branch. He is wearing a yellow short-sleeved shirt and brown trousers with a black strap across his chest. The background shows green foliage and tree branches.

Highlights from ZACTS School

The school continued to grow in 2021 – There are now more than 900 pupils enrolled!

Our grade 7 students achieved a 100% pass rate – We are very proud of the children and grateful to our God who gives wisdom and strength to our teachers to impart knowledge to our children.

Launched a grade 10 class – Although we had to upgrade parts of the school, offering grade 10 made sense for both children in the sponsorship program and those from the community.

Built two classrooms for computer & science labs – This project meets the secondary school requirements of our government, and expands students' learning options.

Purchased School Truck – It was such a relief to receive funds to purchase a new truck for transporting goods from one place to another.

Constructed Ablution blocks at ZACTS, Misaka, and Emele schools – The new toilets help our students avoid waterborne diseases, which were common from the old pit latrines, especially when they flooded during heavy rains.

Increased food production on the farm – The new tractor we received in 2020 was such a joy. It has allowed us to expand our farming project plans and brought excitement to the children and staff.



FINANCIAL REPORT



Your gifts

Donations to Projects & Programs **\$2,309,174**

Donations to Overhead **\$596,000**

Total donations \$2,905,174

Where your gifts went

Uganda \$478,674

Bangladesh \$476,957

Kenya \$395,943

Ghana \$370,237

Zambia \$191,191

DR Congo \$109,637

Nepal \$68,281

Guatemala \$67,891

Burkina Faso \$56,234

Other Countries* \$50,703

Colombia \$43,426

Total Programs and Projects \$2,309,174

* Czech Republic, Haiti, India, Philippines, Slovakia, Turkey

2021 Revenues

Total donations rose slightly in 2021, despite a challenging economic environment. About half of our revenues come from child sponsorships, so thank you for keeping your commitment to the children you support! The balance comes from individual donors, corporate partners, Youth Ambassador initiatives, Champion programs, and foundational grants. THANK YOU to all our supporters!



Overhead Expenses

Just like for-profit businesses, charities have to pay salaries, rent, insurance, printing, promotion, and many other expenses. These administrative and fundraising costs are necessary (the children's programs wouldn't exist without funding). Of course, we always do our best to minimize how much we spend, and we were blessed again in 2021 to receive enough funds from some generous donors to pay all the overhead. This means all the gifts above, including yours, were sent to the projects and programs.



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THANK YOU!

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.”

PSALM 118:29



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