

# RESCUING LIVES, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Impact Nations partners with leaders in the developing world to rescue lives and transform communities by engaging people in practical and supernatural expressions of the kingdom of God.





### A MESSAGE FROM STEVE, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

"The Kingdom of God is forcefully advancing, and forceful men and women take hold of it." (Mt 11:12)

2018 was a year in which the Lord invited us to follow Him into new places and projects, bringing rescue and restoration. Once again, thousands of meals were distributed; we went into the front lines of disaster areas in Puerto Rico and south India; children were educated; medicine was distributed and churches were planted. We brought water filter systems to many thousands of children in the Philippines and Ethiopia. Women in Kenya were rescued from prison and from the streets.

For the first time, we conducted a Journey of Compassion in a European nation—Bulgaria—where about a thousand people were healed and came to Christ. Significantly, we are now planting house churches among the Roma. Five business training schools were held in various communities in Uganda, and a sewing school for men and women was established in north India that is saving people from generational poverty.

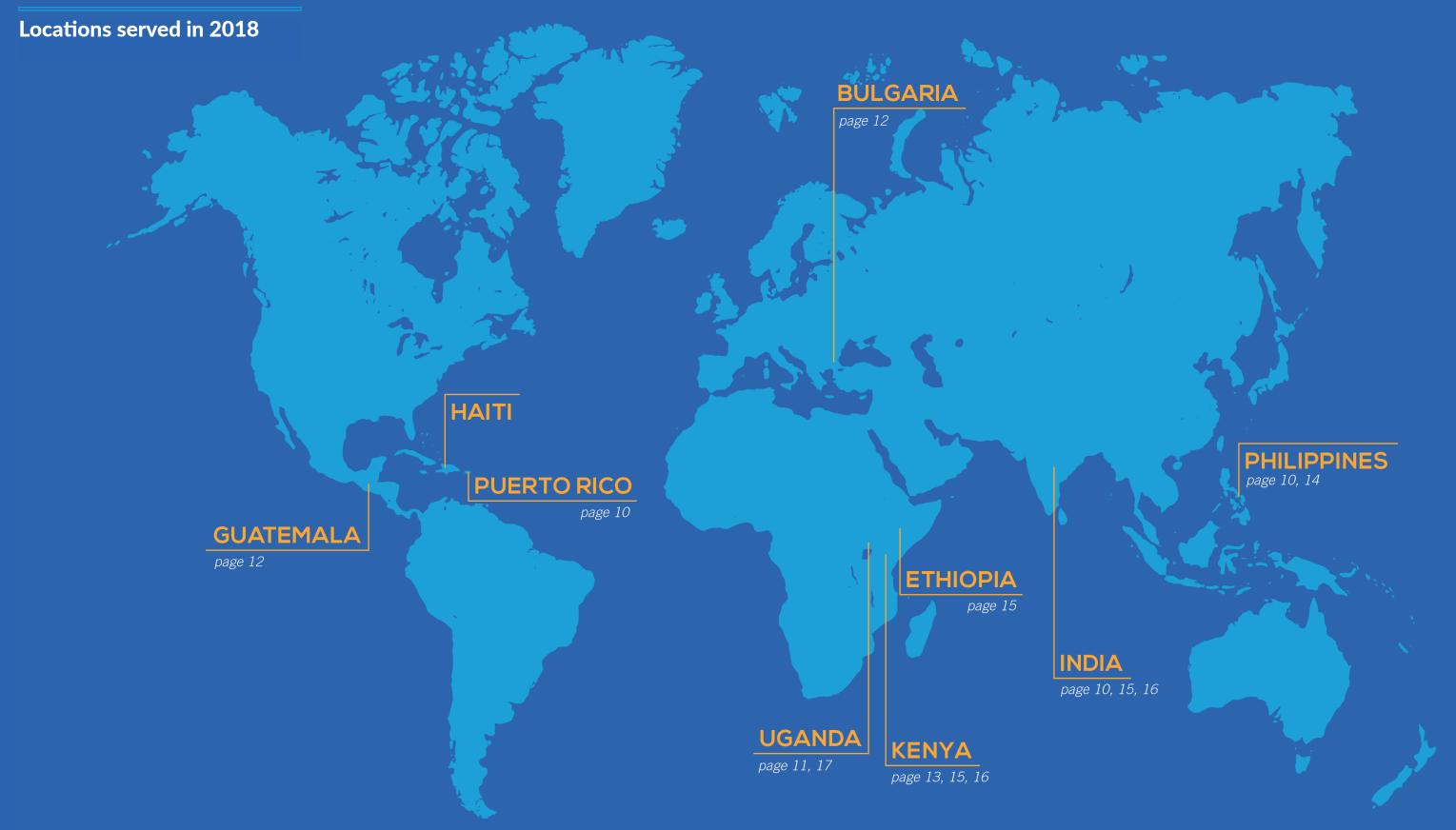
I encourage you to take a few minutes to look over all that was accomplished in 2018. We are so thankful to the Lord for all the wonderful doors He opened.

Without donors like you, the remarkable Kingdom advancement that we experienced throughout the year would not have been possible. Together, we are impacting thousands of lives and transforming communities around the developing world. On behalf of all of us at Impact Nations—the staff, our overseas partners and our growing team of volunteers—I want to express my deep gratitude.

Partnering together to rescue lives,

Steve

# WHERE WE WORK



# OUR CONVICTIONS.

We carry with us some deep convictions. It is these convictions that shape our goals and priorities.

#### WE ARE A CHRIST-CENTERED ORGANIZATION.

All that we do is an expression of our love and commitment to Jesus Christ.

### THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S KINGDOM SHOULD BE BOTH PREACHED AND DEMONSTRATED.

Therefore we clearly declare God's gift of salvation through word, supernatural healing and practical demonstrations of compassion.

#### THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE.

We minister openly as followers of Jesus, caring for the poor wherever we find them, regardless of religion or creed.

#### THE GREAT COMMISSION IS CENTRAL TO ALL THAT WE DO.

Jesus told us to go into all the world making disciples and this is at the center of all that we do, determining our strategies and priorities.

#### EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS IS CALLED TO BE A MINISTER.

We take people into the midst of front-line activity where they are the ones who share the Good News, pray for the sick, and engage in acts of mercy and justice.

#### THE GOSPEL OF GOD'S KINGDOM CARRIES THE POWER TO TRANSFORM LIVES.

Our goal is to provide the help needed to move both individuals and communities into long-term sustainability, not dependence upon any outside source.

#### GOD LOVES JUSTICE (PS. 33:5). HE CALLS US TO LOVE WHAT HE LOVES.

We understand justice to be the restoration of life as God intended. This leads us to the oppressed and disempowered of the developing world.

## WHAT WE DO

### **JOURNEYS OF COMPASSION**

Journeys of Compassion put hands and feet to the adventure of the Gospel, where together we live out the reality that the Kingdom of God is big enough and powerful enough to touch every part of life. Everywhere we go, Christ is preached, the sick are healed and good news to the poor is demonstrated in prisons, hospitals, mobile medical clinics and feeding programs. Journeys vary in length from one to two weeks, and reach across the world, from Africa to Asia to Central America.



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## **CLEAN WATER**

Water-borne diseases lead to a multitude of serious health problems, many life-threatening. Impact Nations provides water filters and water tank systems that supply ongoing clean water to families and communities. These solutions along with sanitation and health training result in an immediate, drastic improvement in health.

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### SKILLS AND BUSINESS TRAINING

Impact Nations is rescuing women and youth from high risk situations such as teenage pregnancy, gang activity, domestic violence, and sexual abuse. Once rescued, we equip them with marketable skills such as sewing, hair dressing, book binding, etc. Included in their training is our basic business course (using the Alternativ curriculum) that prepares them to start their own business.

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# PUERTO RICO JAN. 17-27

When hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September 2017, we were distributing thousands of water filters within weeks. In January, we followed up that effort with a rebuilding Journey. Our team repaired 8 homes in the mountainous region where getting materials was quite challenging. Water filters were installed in each home, providing a source of safe drinking water to many.



# **PHILIPPINES**

FEB. 4-16

This Journey brought us to prisons, hospitals, and schools, where we prayed with people who have never heard the good news of Jesus Christ. Our team installed 120 water filters which provide over 1,000 people with access to clean, safe drinking water. One aspect that is unique to a Philippines JOC is the opportunity to travel by river boats into remote communities. We also went door to door praying for people and distributing food packages. This led to many healings and salvations!



# INDIA MARCH 5-17

Our Journey to India was comprised of 32members. We spent time with phenomenally poor communities. In the slums we witnessed children supplementing their diet with dirt. In response, we were able to provide food for 400 people! The team distributed and installed 60 water filters, providing clean water to over 1,500 people for the rest of their lives. We held 6 medical clinics, aiding some 1,500 people without regular access to medical care.

# **UGANDA**

### MAY 20TH - JUNE 1ST

We returned to Kalonga and villages in the Mubende district to conduct medical clinics and provide water filters to help over 190 families. We also brought mosquito nets to 125 families, protecting them from exposure to the deadly malaria virus. We put on a community meal in Kalonga, feeding over 400 at a joyful community celebration. We ministered at The Remnant Generation by painting their whole safe house. Our partner Annabelle said the cheerful colors were an answer to her staff's prayer to transform the home into a princess palace!



# UGANDA WOMEN'S JUNE 2-10,

This was our first Journey of Compassion to the women in Kampala. The team worked with The Remnant Generation by ministering, praying, and distributing newborn gift bags. The women were so blessed! They also blessed 43 young girls from the slums in Kosovo with a retreat at Lake Victoria. The girls loved the teaching, crafts, games and swimming. This was the first time many of them had been outside the slum or seen the lake. Love and encouragement was the theme of this retreat and the girls left with hope for a better future.





# **GUATEMALA**JULY 10-20

Impact Nations partnered with YWAM to minister in Guatemala. A team that ranged in age from teenagers to seniors in their 90s ventured into neighborhoods which are avoided by most Guatemalans. We distributed filters and food, and prayed with many who had lost family members to gang violence. We also ventured into villages surrounding Tecpan. The large group from Church of the Living God in CT thrilled school children, city and rural crowds with their exciting puppet shows which helped gather crowds and open doors for ministry.

# **KENYA** 0CT. 14-26

This was the most amazing Journey we have ever had to Kenya. We have new favor with various levels of government, including the first lady contacting Christina and thanking Impact Nations for all we are doing. In addition to medical clinics, children's ministry and water filter distribution the team went to the men's maximum security prison where the warden had requested for Christina to baptize prisoners, a first for all. Many men were healed and came to know Jesus. In addition to the 24 Christina baptized, over 400 more received baptism from the prison chaplain.





# BULGARIA SEPT. 16-28

This was our first Journey to Europe, and the outcome was spectacular. We witnessed and worked in Europe's largest community of Roma people, an urban slum in the city of Plovdiv. We also visited Roma villages outside of the city, where several house churches have since been planted in these desperately poor communities. Since our Journey, we have supported a young couple, Stivi and Ronni as they press on with the work we bagan. We continue to receive reports of healings, salvation, baptism, and ministry to the poor. These wonderful outpourings of Christ's love have sparked house churches throughout the community!

# KENYA WOMEN OCT. 5-13

For the first time ever 100% of the rescued completed the program and are setting up businesses!" This was the fruit from our Daughters of Destiny outreach in 2018. Seventy-eight women left prostituting on the streets of Nakuru, received Jesus, were discipled and started a new life in the community. In addition 20 women and their children were released from prison and reintegrated back into their home communities. Every team member had the opportunity to teach at our 2018 women's conference, which had an attendance of over 1,000 individuals. One attendee reported, "After attending the 2018 conference I chose not to commit suicide. My life is totally changed." Praise God!











## **KENYA**

With our partner, Mike Brawan, we were able to provide a new electric water pump for the Nakuru Women's prison. Once the pump was installed, we dug nearly 2 km of trenches by hand and laid pipes to connect the new pump to a nearby garbage dump where hundreds of people were living without access to water. When the leader of the Nakuru legislature heard about our efforts, he provided a 20,000L tank for the dump so that they would always have access to the water!

# **INDIA**

In August, flooding in Southern India devastated the region of Kerala. Within weeks of the floods, Joshua Smith traveled to the region with 400 water filters. Travelling by boat with students from a local Bible college, Joshua successfully distributed filters to some of the most remote villages that had been completely cut off by the floods. Just as contaminated water was beginning to cause severe illness, our water filters arrived to save thousands of lives.

## **PHILIPPINES**

Impact Nations Australia distributed 140 water filters to schools and homes in Eastern Samar, a province that is routinely hit by typhoons. When the storms come, the water table is contaminated, leaving families at risk of serious illness. While this project lasted only four days, our filters provided clean water to over 4000. When we discovered a family man spending 60 pesos per day to provide water, we were pleased to provide the relief of a simple water filter. Clean water can bring financial freedom!



# **ETHIOPIA**

One of our water filter experts, Rick Apodaca, traveled to Ethiopia in June to deliver over 330 water filters. In partnership with our friends at Life Center, Rick was able to train several teams who went on to install filters in schools, where there are now over 12,000 students and teachers enjoying clean water!

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## **INDIA**

Our Partners, the New Life City Foundation, began a sewing school in India this year. Women are marginalized and often abused by family members before being left alone on the streets to fend for themselves. In partnership with the NLC Foundation, we gave 25 women the opportunity to develop sewing and business skills with which to support themselves and their children! Phenomenally, some of the first graduates created such a successful business, they returned to the school to hire new graduates!



## **KENYA**

In Kenya, Daughters of Destiny began a program to provide shelter, medical care, spiritual, emotional, and mental healing, as well as vocational training. Our journey of Compassion invited 78 women in the sex trade to an evening of love and the gospel. These women's wages were paid for the evening and they were cared for by Journey members while the gospel was preached. At the end of the evening, all 78 women chose to leave their lives of prostitution and enter the Daughters of Destiny program. After discovering the program, the Governor of Nakuru gave 50 mattresses and bedding to the program! All 78 women graduated the three month program and began new, successful and free lives!



## **UGANDA**

We have begun a project with The **Remnant Generation** in Uganda called the **School of Purpose**. The Remnant Generation revolves around rescuing and restoring lives of teen pregnant girls who have survived sexual assault. Since we started in July 2017, 38 girls have been successfully trained and prepared to start small businesses, find employment, and live with dignity. The girls received training in tailoring, hairdressing, book making, craft making, urban farming, soap making, literacy, and numeracy. We integrated basic business essentials training, following the internationally accredited curriculum by Alternativ Global Entrepreneurs.

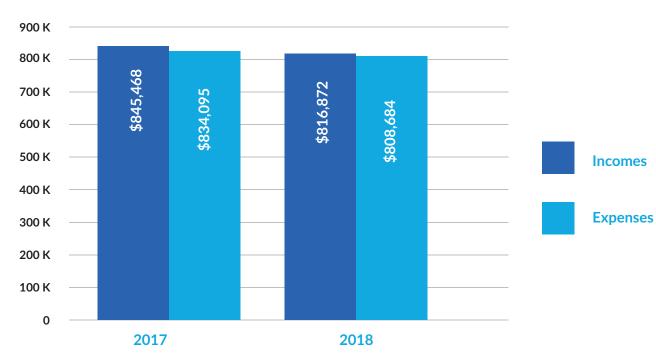
Our second intake of girls included an internship program. This program served to help the girls get hands-on experience in handling customers, making items and provided exposure to new environments. Following graduation, these girls are provided a small loan to begin businesses such as soap or food making. The loans are repaid in the following 10 months to be reused for the next intake of participants!

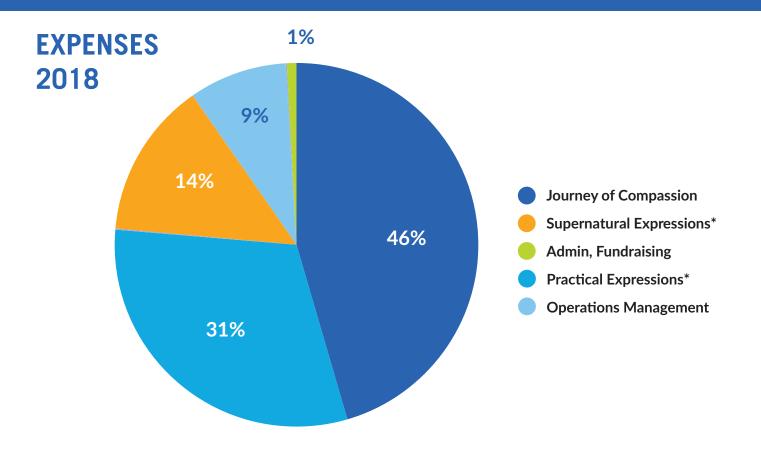
The Alternativ Global Entrepreneurs course was used in various settings across Uganda in 2018. The first course was held at School of Purpose in Kampala with thirty participants. Concurrently, six people quickly procured the skills needed to recreate an Alternativ course elsewhere. Following a marvelously successful first run, leaders coordinated courses in Kalonga and the slums of Katanga. The Remnant Generation experienced wonderful outcomes and has incorporated the Alternativ curriculum into their recurring School of Purpose!

## FINANCES AND BOARD

INCOME	2017	2018
Journeys of Compassion	\$319,889	\$352,573
Practical Expressions*	\$228,158	\$219,135
Unrestricted	\$246,300	\$241,913
Events & Product Sales	\$51,120	\$3,251
Total Revenue	\$845,468	\$816,872

EXPENSES	2017	2018
Journeys of Compassion	\$379,691	\$381,391
Practical Expressions*	\$258,193	\$260,942
Supernatural Expressions*	\$114,678	\$87,676
Operations Management	\$73,599	\$69,138
Admin, Fundraising	\$7,934	\$9,537
Total Expenses	\$834,095	\$808,684





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