

# **ABOUT US**

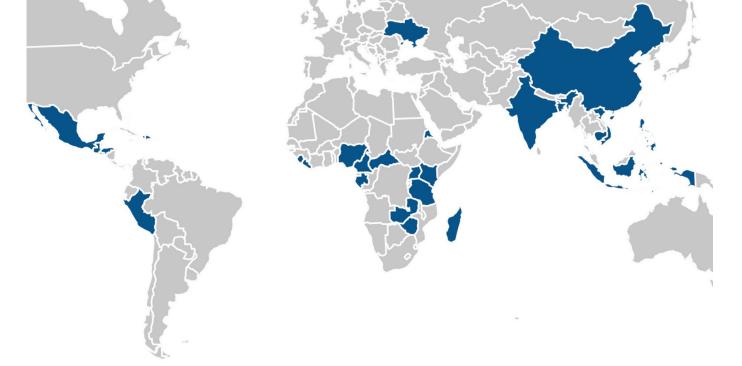
Improving health among some of the world's most vulnerable people is more than a project. We see it as a call from God. God's steadfast love (chesed) inspires our own acts of mercy, compassion and justice in a world where the life God intends for all people remains elusive for many. Global Health Ministries (GHM) distributes medical supplies and equipment, supports communities in their own grassroots efforts to improve health, and sponsors training for tomorrow's health leaders. Over 1 million people in 13 countries were directly impacted by our partnerships to improve health in 2018.

In 2018, GHM organized 2,100 volunteers in 23,375 hours of service to make this ministry possible. We maintained our goal of spending 90% of our income on programs directly benefiting international partners. Thanks to you our income was strong, with a modest reduction.

GHM is an effective and faithful network helping international partners improve health in places where too many people struggle to survive. Because of you, more people today have access to healthcare, and indeed, health itself. This is "soul-fulfilling" work, as the steadfast love of God is expressed daily in and through this ministry. Thank you for investing in this work, as volunteers, as donors, with *your* steadfast love.

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Pastor Doug Cox Executive Director



# Helping the Hands that Heal Around the World

# SHIPPING MEDICAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

\$3,383,378

Most mission hospitals lack important medical equipment and even basic supplies. Global Health Ministries (GHM) gathers donated medical items, from exam gloves to ultrasounds, and matches them to requests from partners in developing countries. We purchase and ship new equipment as well, helping make quality health care accessible for some of the world's most vulnerable people. In 2018 GHM shipped 11 sea containers in support of hospitals and clinics in 5 countries. Travellers hand carried 145 suitcases of medical supplies and equipment to 29 different countries.

#### GRASSROOTS SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING

\$819,674

GHM supports grassroots efforts to improve community health, partnering to train and sustain village health workers who share information about disease prevention and basic first aid and promote the importance of clean water, nutrition and prenatal care and wellness for moms and babies. Research shows 80% of rural health problems in developing countries can be solved by efforts like these. GHM also helps our partners build their capacity for improving health through support of construction projects, access to water, equipment purchases and other strategic projects.

CONSULTING \$39,375

Our consulting services, Global Health Administration Partners (GHAP), partner with healthcare leaders to craft strategies to boost effectiveness and sustainability. In 2018 GHAP consultants conducted 6 consultations in 4 countries.

EDUCATION \$154,800

A shortage of trained health workers in many developing countries jeopardizes lives and compromises people's health, especially in rural areas. GHM made training possible for 862 nurses, midwives, doctors and other health workers in 6 countries in 2018, expanding access to skilled leaders that can save lives.

OUR MISSION . . . Continuing the holistic ministry of Jesus Christ by partnering with Lutheran efforts globally to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the communities served.



# IN LIBERIA ...

For 30 years, in a country where the future has often seemed uncertain, GHM's commitment to our partners in Liberia has remained constant. Every year boxes and boxes of medical supplies and equipment have left GHM's warehouse bound for Liberia, sending everything from sutures to sterilizers. In 2018 we included pallets designated for rural clinics and other low-resource hospitals in addition to Phebe and Curran Hospitals. We call these pallets "Joy in a Box," because that is how they're received by our partners overseas.

# IN THE CAR ...

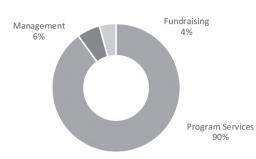
The "mission" of a mission hospital is to serve all people in the name of Christ, but especially the poor. Most have what they call a "poor fund" for patients who cannot pay. In the Central African Republic, staff at Emmanuel Health Center initiated a special committee in 2018 to assess patient situations and work out payment plans, even if payment is in eggs. It's working, and people are proud to pay what they can. Our partners are resolute in their commitment to provide healing and hope - often the only hope - for people on the margins.



# **SOURCE OF FUNDS**



# **HOW YOUR GIFTS WERE USED**



Si	ummar	y of Activties		
		2018		2017
Revenue	\$	4,705,713	\$	5,006,989
Expenses	\$	4,885,970	\$	4,701,403
Revenue less Expense	\$	(180,257)	\$	305,586
Su	mmary	of Net Assets	5	
		2018		2017
Total Assets	\$	4,435,400	\$	4,624,190
Total Liabilities	\$	45,696	\$	54,229
Net Assets	\$	4 389 704	\$	4 569 961

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