

# A Shining Light

## 2024 Annual Report

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# Transforming Lives, Changing Communities: 50 Years and Going Strong!



A child in Kenya smiles at her desk

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## Dear Friends of International Needs,

That scripture in Matthew 5 so beautifully represents the impact of International Needs not only last year, but for the 50 years that International Needs has been in existence. In 2024 we celebrated 50 years of transforming lives and changing communities. While we enjoyed many beautiful celebrations over the year, my mind went to the future – **building on our past for an even brighter future.**

**Thank you for sowing into International Needs this past year.** You made a difference in this world and for eternity for so many around the world and I just want to say thank you.

The love of Christ is shining brighter today even though the world is getting darker. In this report, I've included a story of a boy named Wycliffe. His story exemplifies the impact of International Needs and gives testament to what Scripture tells us – that light pierces the darkness.

That truth continues to be lived out through the impact of International Needs. Here are just a few examples from our 2024 impact:

- 578,645 individuals reached by IN programs and projects

- 358 vulnerable children given anti-trafficking education and/or rescue services
- 212,000 individuals heard the gospel message for the first time

Our founder Ray Harrison once said, “The best people to build the Kingdom of God in every country are the people of that country.” Then he went on to say, “and everyone must do something.”

That is what 2024 has represented. People in their own countries doing something on behalf of the Kingdom of God. A light piercing the darkness. In this report you'll see examples from across the globe of how this is happening. Sit back, relax, and enjoy a quick glimpse of the glory of God shining brightly around the world.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Jeff Johnson".

**Jeff Johnson**

President, International Needs US





## Our Approach to Ministry

**“Give thanks to the God of heaven.  
His love endures forever.”**  
Psalm 136:26

In 1974 our founder, Ray Harrison, pioneered a unique model for missions. He believed that supporting local leaders with local knowledge and acceptance would be an effective way to reach the lost. Today International Needs has evolved into a Christ-centered global partnership spanning over 30 countries with a network of gifted

leaders, with a strong calling from God, and possessing a strong vision and purpose.

IN USA directly supports 19 of those countries, helping to build trusting relationships and open doors for effective, gospel-centered programs across a wider range of ministry service areas. All designed to bring light to a dark world.

# Shining Light in the World

40% of the world has not heard the gospel.

Most live in relative poverty.

Every ministry within each service area proclaims the gospel; many include a form of discipleship. All demonstrate a tangible expression of the love of Christ!

## 2024 Service Area Impact



### Gospel Outreach

**234**

newly established  
discipleship groups



### Health & Sanitation

**79,345**

received  
healthcare services



### Education Assistance

**2,114**

children received  
educational support



### Refugees & Relief

**4,040**

individuals received  
emergency assistance



### Economic Empowerment

**812**

economic/agricultural  
assistance grants given

**189**

pastors trained

**316**

evangelistic  
outreaches

**35,972**

got access  
to clean water  
and sanitation

**858**

educated in  
anti-trafficking and  
abuse prevention

**1,450**

refugees or displaced  
people were supported

**6,642**

people  
vocationally trained



Children in Zambia smile for the camera



# Shining Light in Africa

Through all five service areas, the light of Christ shone brightly. In Africa, over 314,850 individuals were impacted by our partners' initiatives.

## Burkina Faso

**857** refugees fleeing war were supported

**25,000** heard the gospel through crusades

**750** students educated at the IN school

**3** unreached people groups heard the gospel

## Ghana

**12,949** people heard the gospel

**62** young adults received university scholarships

**4,624** community members received medical services

**185** women received vocational training through CEED

## Kenya

**800** children participated in Saturday Bible Clubs

**120** children received education assistance

**145+** young adults received economic training and support

## Uganda

**278** vulnerable children received education assistance

**5,751** households received clean water access

**17,905** individuals heard the gospel

## Zambia

**146** widows and orphans supported through Misaka ministries

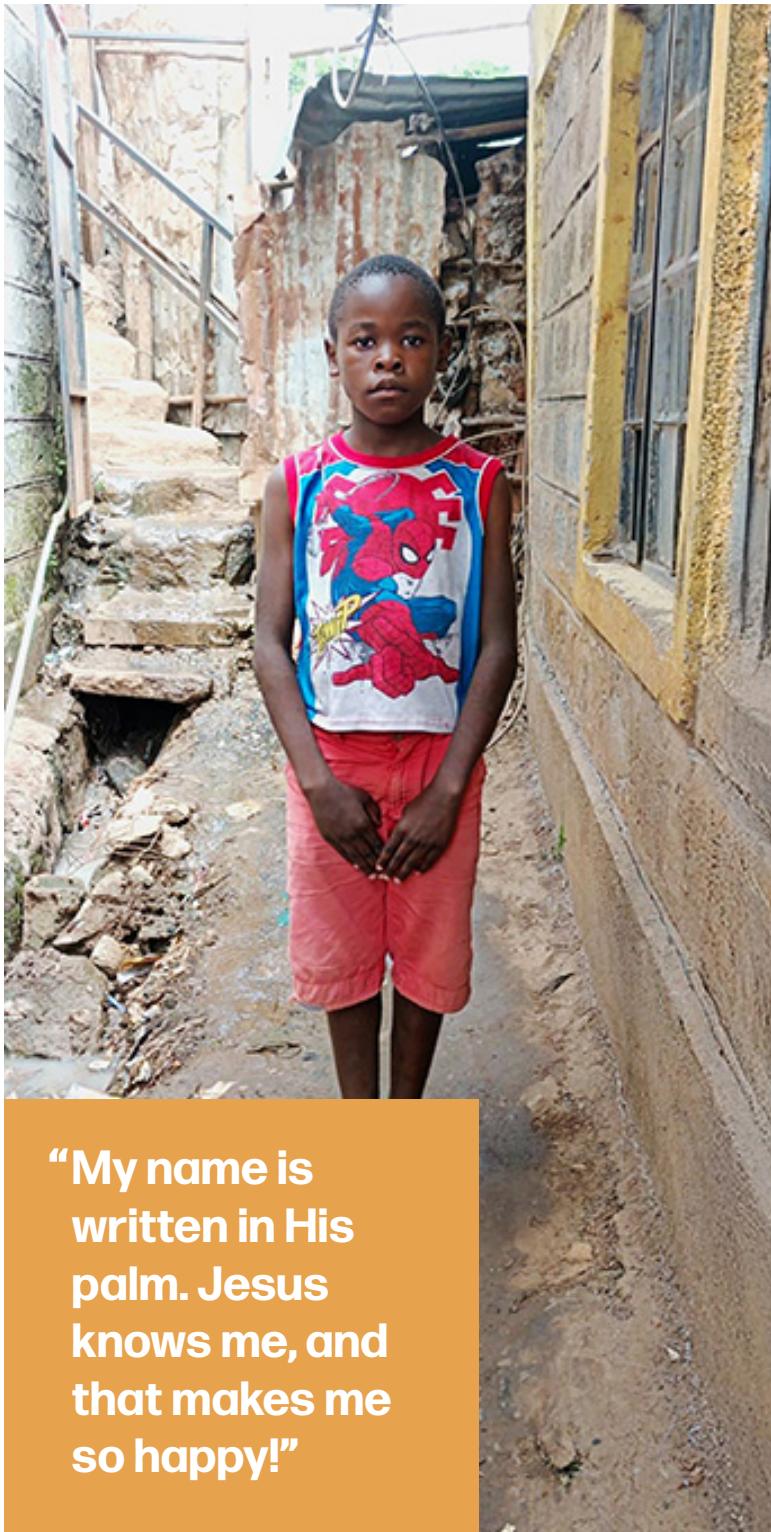
**1,000+** children educated through ZACTS School

**15** young adults completed the MASTERS discipleship and entrepreneurial training course

**3** livelihood projects implemented at the ZACTS farm

## Ethiopia

**2,415** individuals heard the gospel



**“My name is written in His palm. Jesus knows me, and that makes me so happy!”**

## Shining Light in Africa A Beacon of Hope at Bible Club

Wycliffe, a bright and hopeful young boy from Kibera, finds his world transformed through the Trinity Bible Club. At just 12 years old, he shares that the Bible Club is everything to him. “My parents don’t go to church,” he explains, “but the Bible Club taught me how to pray and helped me understand God’s love.”

Living in poverty, Wycliffe once feared that he, too, would be trapped in a cycle of hardship. “I thought my life would always be like this,” he says, reflecting on his struggles. But one day, his Bible Club teacher shared a powerful message from Jeremiah 29:11. This scripture ignited a spark of hope within Wycliffe, transforming his outlook on life. “It brought me new life and hope,” he smiles.

At home, Wycliffe often has only one meal a day, but Saturdays are different. “On Saturday, I get to enjoy a delicious meal and porridge at the Bible Club,” he shares with joy. “This makes me very happy.”

Wycliffe has learned that Jesus loves all children, including him. “My name is written in His palm,” he says, beaming with confidence. “Jesus knows me, and that makes me so happy!”

# Shining Light in Asia

Through all five service areas, the light of Christ shone brightly. In Asia, over 96,190 individuals were impacted by our partners' initiatives.

## Bangladesh

**724** students received education and a secure place to live

**600+** families received relief after catastrophic flooding

**200+** children trapped in bonded labor were cared for and educated

## India

**85** children received education assistance

**15,000+** people reached through online gospel outreach

**50** Bible school students received scholarships

**350+** children attended weekly Bible Clubs

## Vietnam

**12,000** individuals heard the gospel

**27,000+** pieces of Christian literature were distributed

**1,800+** children participated in Christian activities

## Nepal

**22,000** individuals heard the gospel

**168** Lydia ladies received vocational training and discipleship

**478** students received education assistance

**450** church/house fellowships met regularly

## Philippines

**30** children received education assistance

**8,975** individuals heard the gospel

**120** families received typhoon and flood relief

## Sri Lanka

**327** children and 8 teachers received educational support

**110** families received economic empowerment support

**326** households received clean water and sanitation



Students from IN Bangladesh smile for the camera



# Shining Light in Asia

## Sun Maya's Story

Sun Maya is a former Lydia Vocational Training Center graduate. She is a well-known leader, actively engaged in her community. She runs a small shop in the village where she sells commodities of daily need, alongside her tailoring job. The income from her business is helping to meet her family's needs.

She leads the women's fellowship at her church, assists her husband's ministry, alongside taking care of her two children. Her character is a testimony to the villagers. She says, "In this village, people have good faith and trust in me, especially in my truthfulness. My yes is yes, and no is no. People trust me as a truthful person and a believer."

She gives credit to the Lydia training for teaching her and instilling biblical values during her training.

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*Sun Maya at her shop*



# Shining Light in the Middle East

Through all five service areas, the light of Christ shone brightly. In the Middle East, over 54,790 individuals were impacted by our partners' initiatives.

## Egypt

**468** individuals received skills training or a micro-loan  
**1,500+** backpacks with school supplies distributed  
**36** Bible students trained  
**10,000** Christians reached through publications and training materials  
**Completed** Sunday School curriculum for children and teens

## Turkey

**335** face-to-face meetings with online seekers  
**247** heard the gospel for the first time  
**200+** families received earthquake relief support  
**3,000+** reached with online Christian messages  
**265** children attended Christian summer camps



*Family receives earthquake relief in Turkey*



*Selma attends a church service for the first time*

**“As a Muslim, all my life, I have been strongly compelled to learn more about the Jesus that you always talk about and attend your church. Can I come with my headscarf on?”**

## **Shining Light in the Middle East**

### **Can I Visit Your Church with My Headscarf?**

Selma is a 65-year-old woman, among the many beneficiaries of our earthquake relief efforts.

A week after we distributed the grocery card gifts during the weekly visitation, she shared, “For over a year, I have seen your work coming and helping many families you do not know. As a Muslim, all my life, I have been strongly compelled to learn more about the Jesus that you always talk about and attend your church. Can I come with my headscarf on?”

What a joy it was to hear Selma’s question! It reminded us of 1 Samuel 16:7, “Truly, God does not see what man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord sees the heart.” Our conversation about the Word and His Truth deepened as we shared a cup of tea in the small corner outside their temporary shelter.

# Shining Light in Latin America/Eastern Europe

Through all five service areas, the light of Christ shone brightly. In Europe and Latin America, over 112,790 individuals were impacted by our partners' initiatives.

## Colombia

**45** ladies received sewing training, plus 20 more participated in an advanced sewing course

**336** vulnerable children, including 78 Venezuelan refugees, received educational assistance

**200** families reached in an unreached area through a church plant

**2** additional books of the Bible translated to the Kogi language

**1,000+** individuals provided medical/dental care

## Slovakia

**7,577** people heard the gospel

**6** trips brought emergency relief and Bibles to Ukrainian churches

**140** youth attended summer camps

## Czech Republic

**74,000** youth are reached through school lectures by youth workers

**120** youth attended summer camps

**100+** follow-up meetings with young adults wanting to learn about Christianity

## Romania

**28** pastors trained via Seminary in a Suitcase

**378** young adults trained via WINGS and DIALOGOS leadership classes

**18** ladies received trauma training for their work with Ukrainian refugees

**12** Roma (Gypsy) churches planted

**6,723** heard the gospel for the first time





# Shining Light in Latin America/Eastern Europe

## Revival in Romania

Due to our involvement among Roma (Gypsy) families, especially among the children, we have a great openness to invite their parents, especially their mothers, to various activities and events at the church.

One of the most vocal and violent women in the Roma community in Daneş has become an exemplary Christian, a model of faithfulness, modesty, and passion for God.

Angelica can neither read nor write. She has a large family and has always made her presence known in the village, but only through negative actions. All the strength she once directed towards doing evil, God has transformed into a continuous stream of blessing that flows from her mouth through the heartfelt songs she sings.

She has confessed to us that God has given her the voice she now uses wholeheartedly for Him, to His glory. Even though she cannot read, God helps her to remember all the songs by heart and melodies.

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# Special Projects

Each year we not only support ongoing existing programs, but also respond to the emerging needs and opportunities for special projects highlighted by our partners. These special projects complement their existing programs and include an intentional aspect of gospel proclamation. **2024 was a banner year in our ability to say yes to the special requests!**

## 2024 Special Projects Assistance

- **102** special projects funded
- **\$596,130** disbursed for all special projects
- **\$11,851** provided to Ukrainian refugees

## Types of Projects Supported

- **32** evangelism and discipleship projects
- **9** skills training projects
- **18** education projects
- **19** health, sanitation, and medical projects
- **10** refugee and relief project
- **14** building and capital projects



Workers in Romania preparing soup



A pump is distributed to group in Burkina Faso



Village in Colombia gathers to watch Jesus film



Student in Bangladesh in class



Children in Zambia smile for the camera

# Reaching A Million

Our four-year campaign to reach a million people with a clear presentation of the gospel is nearly complete. Three years into the campaign, we are nearly there! \$753,840 distributed and 868,339 individuals have already heard a clear gospel message.

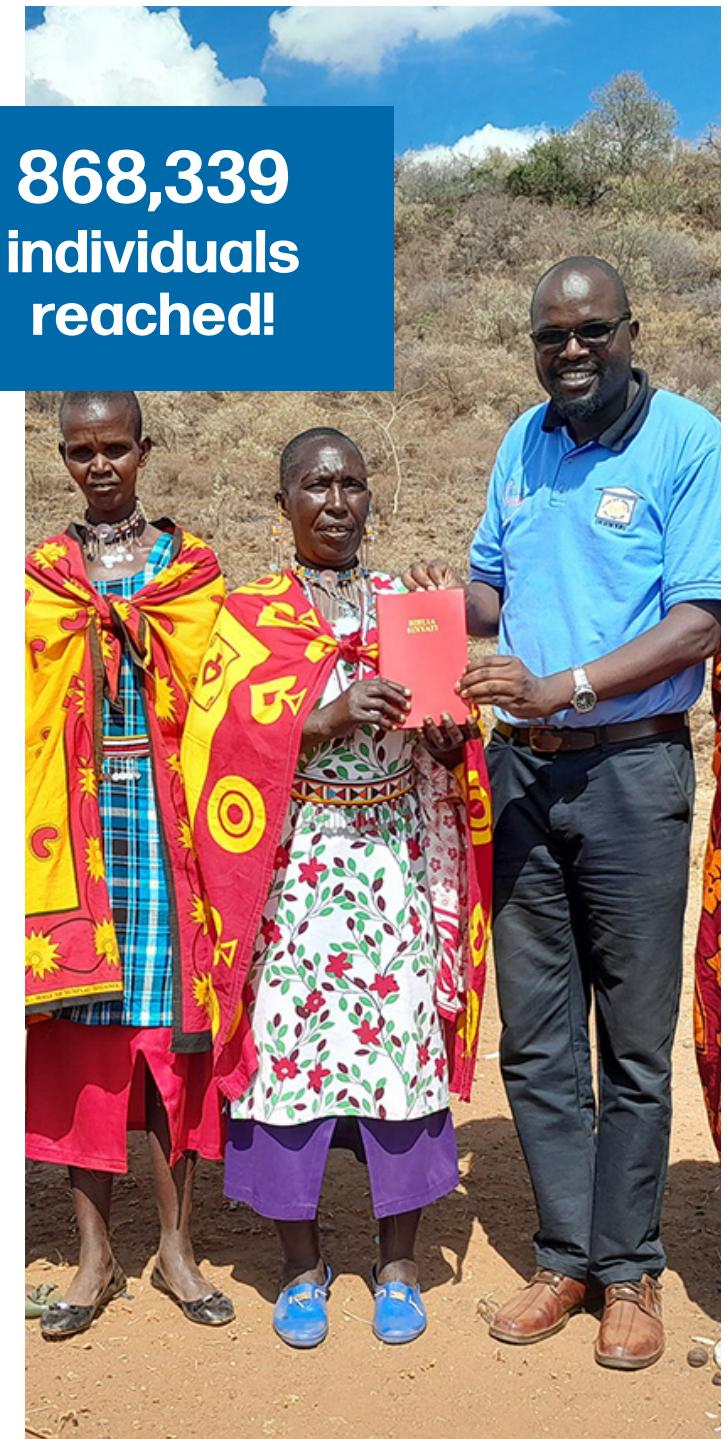
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## Number Who Have Heard the Gospel

Region	2022	2023	2024
Eastern Europe/Latin America	48,839	78,680	66,629
Asia	60,835	83,324	68,331
Middle East	31,976	42,658	7,895
Africa	119,823	189,818	69,531
<b>Total</b>	<b>261,473</b>	<b>394,480</b>	<b>212,386</b>

## Activities Conducted

Activities	2022	2023	2024	Total
Outreaches	15	39	25	<b>79</b>
Bibles distributed	10,680	20,680	26,120	<b>58,480</b>
Churches planted	12	24	12	<b>48</b>
Pastors trained	48	72	69	<b>189</b>
Children ministries	18	39	12	<b>69</b>



*Giving a Bible to a group in Kenya*

# New for 2025

## Exciting New Programs

We have been working hard in 2024 to respond to emerging needs experienced by our ministry partners. We are excited to launch three new program initiatives!

### 1. Group Education Assistance

One Child, One Chance enhances our existing 1:1 child sponsorship program (One Child) by adding a second option (One Chance). One Chance gives individuals an opportunity to join a group of donors to provide educational support to a defined group of children in need of educational support. These defined groups will include children at risk for abuse, neglect and/or those required from conflict situations.

### 2. INSPIRE Trauma Training

Many of our partners work with people in their programs who have experienced trauma. War, conflict, abuse and much more. Often, they feel ill-equipped to help.

INSPIRE is a faith-based training curriculum equipping ministries, pastors, caregivers, community leaders and lay people with resources to bring understanding and faith in the journey of hope and healing to those suffering the effects of trauma and loss.

### 3. Reach4Life

Youth and young adults are the future and a key to reaching the world for Christ. Reach4Life is a comprehensive Bible-based discipleship program targeted toward young people, developed by an international ministry called Biblica. The program is centered around four journeys:

1. Believe: in the gospel
2. Grow: through discipleship
3. Live: handle lifestyle pressures
4. Change: impact the world

Reach4Life has already been launched in IN Zambia with 2025 plans to launch in several more IN countries!



Kids gather around the school in Burkina Faso



Reach4Life has been launched in IN Zambia

# Shining Light in the World



Children smile at a service in Vietnam



Backpacks are handed out to kids



Children run races at Nepal school

## Vietnam

God gave me the opportunity to share God's love at church to more than 500 children and more than 100 parents. All of them were willing to pray and receive Christ. Their faith is very simple, but very sincere.



## Middle East

We started distributing the school bags last Saturday. We met with 300 kids, all refugees from Syria, Sudan, and Yemen. All Muslim. They are so happy to respond to this gift in the name of Jesus. Even our staff was able to share the word of God with some of the parents.



## Nepal

"Boys, stop!" I reasoned with them, explaining how senseless violence only leads to more pain and suffering... and I took that moment to share the gospel with them. They realized that their anger and desire for revenge stemmed from a deeper spiritual void. They understood that true healing comes not just from physical recovery, but from spiritual rebirth.



# 2024 Financial Summary

## Revenue & Support

			Total (USD)
Contributions			\$3,979,363
Individual	2,923,686		
Business	835,018		
Church	160,392		
Foundation	53,561		
Non Profit	6,706		
Other Income			\$23,395
Investment Income			\$104,707
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$4,107,464</b>

## Expenses

			Total (USD)
Program Expenses			
Middle East & North Africa		\$314,357	
Sub Saharan Africa		\$1,806,153	
Eastern Europe		\$449,161	
Southeast Asia		\$551,817	
South America		\$197,904	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$3,319,392</b>	
General & Administrative		\$259,789	
Fundraising		\$266,630	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,845,811</b>	

## M4M Breakdown by Region

	Total (USD)
Eastern Europe/South America	\$73,680
Asia	\$78,636
Middle East	\$38,742
Africa	\$55,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$246,858</b>

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## **Leadership**

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In 2024 we said goodbye and mourned the passing of a beloved leader of IN, Rody Rodeheaver. Rody served as president for INUSA for 18+ years and on the INUSA Board as President Emeritus for another three years.

Rody was beloved across the IN Network. Much of the impact contained within this and other annual reports is a direct impact of Rody's service to the Lord and the world.

