

Good News + Compassion

With deep poverty blanketing Africa, Haiti, and South Asia, we cannot share the love of Christ with words alone. We must be ambassadors of Christ in both word and deed, demonstrating God's love through compassion for the whole person in a lasting, sustainable way. Our goal is to transform communities

mentally, physically, and spiritually with the Good News of Jesus Christ demonstrated through ministries of disaster relief, clean water, education and literacy, aid to orphans and widows, medical assistance, sustainable agricultural assistance, meeting hunger needs, micro-enterprises, and anti-exploitation ministry.



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Annual Report 2018

*We Are the Compassionate
Hands and Feet of Jesus*

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Dedicated Board

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Board (see list on page 15) that is interested in expanding our compassion work globally and broadening the geographic footprint of our partner base across the United States. Pray that we will remain committed to serving the Lord full time and with a sense of urgency as we seek to share God's compassion as we reach the unreached.

Thank You

To you, our prayer and financial partners across the United States, joining us to be the compassionate hands and feet of Jesus in ministry, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Gratefully,

Doug Hoffman, Executive Director, Mercy, Inc.

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From the Executive Director

In January 2018, the Board of Trustees for Mercy, Inc. named me as the new executive director. Throughout the year, Mercy served as the compassionate hands and feet of Jesus in several countries throughout Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In this 2018 annual report, we are pleased to share with you a snapshot of accomplishments thanks to your prayers and donations.

Strategic Partnerships in Africa

As Mercy's Bridge to Reading literacy ministry joins hands with One Mission Society's Village Church Planting ministry and Empowering Lives International, our partnership forms the new *Shalom Africa Initiative*, a cooperative effort to bring transformation to remote villages in Africa's "tension belt," or the portion of the continent where Christians and Muslims live within proximity of one another. Pray with us that much-needed transformation will come about as we provide the opportunity for communities to learn to read and write by empowering them with new farming techniques and by making disciples who will themselves become disciple-makers. This three-pronged approach is intended to bring peace to villages and communities that will be impacted economically, socially, and spiritually.





Through the Bridge to Reading adult literacy program:

In 2018, Mercy was involved in several initiatives that touched lives through reading/literacy programs in churches, water sanitation training in response to an Ebola outbreak, and initial engagement with agricultural cooperatives in Togo.



"I felt sad that I did not have the ability to read and write before coming to this training center. The fact that my mother was not able to send me to school created a feeling of resentment toward her. When I saw a sister in church reading or writing, it hurt me. Since starting to learn to read and write, little by little, I like it."

Catherine Lihou

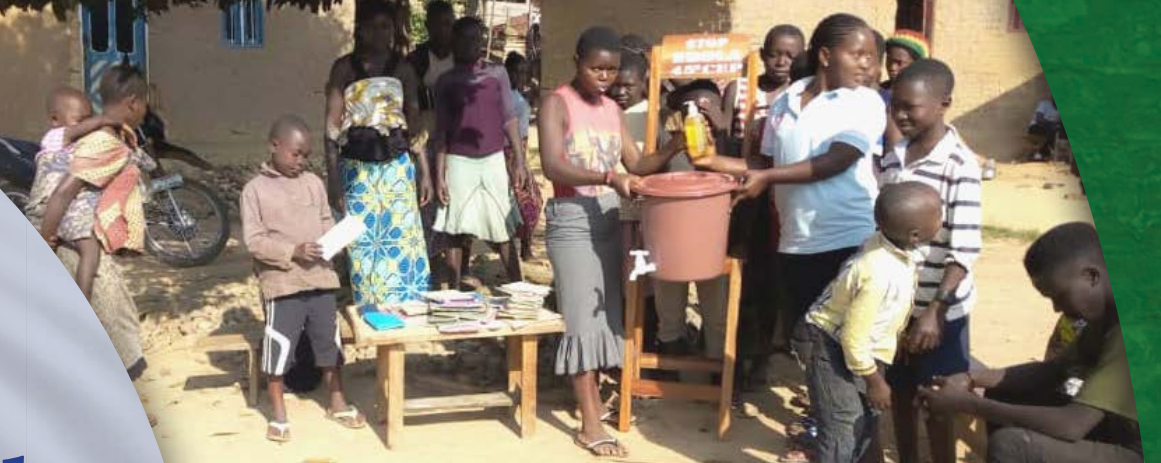




Ebola Education and Intervention

"The danger was so great! Many people died, and we were about to close the doors of the church, but your prayers, financial support to purchase the prevention kits, and the training we received saved our VCP center pastors, trainers, and church members, as well as the population around the city of Beni, the epicenter of the virus outbreak," shared Pastor Noah Kyota, an OMS village church planting (VCP) coordinator in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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In the summer of 2018, the DRC declared an outbreak of Ebola in the North Kivu Province when four cases tested positive. Mercy provided 140 life-saving prevention kits, which included water sanitation containers, chlorine tablets, and soap to community members. We also offered community health education programs to train 237 people how to prevent the spread of the disease. No further infections were reported from those villages where Mercy and OMS teams conducted the health training.

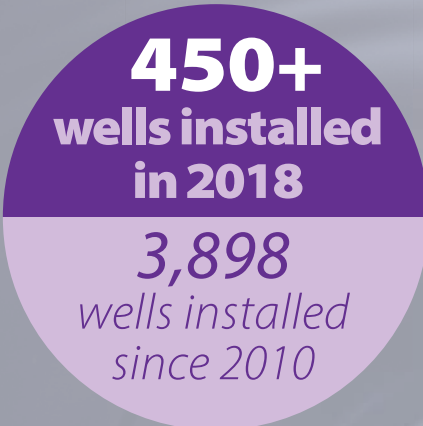


Jesus Well Project

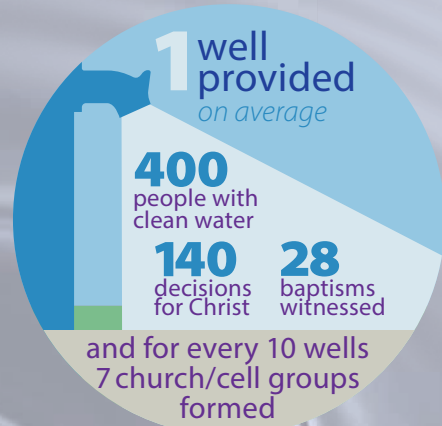
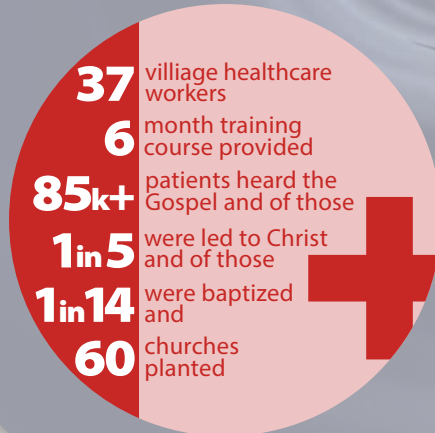


South Asia Village Healthcare Workers

Aroty (pictured lower right in white coat), 17 years old, lives with her family under difficult conditions since her father passed away, leaving Aroty, her mother, and her four siblings to care for themselves. Her mother works hard to provide food and shelter for them, but when a pastor in their village invited them to church in 2006, they accepted. At the church, they were taught the Word of God, and Aroty was given the opportunity to complete her



These results are from the work of many local partners, serving through installing clean water



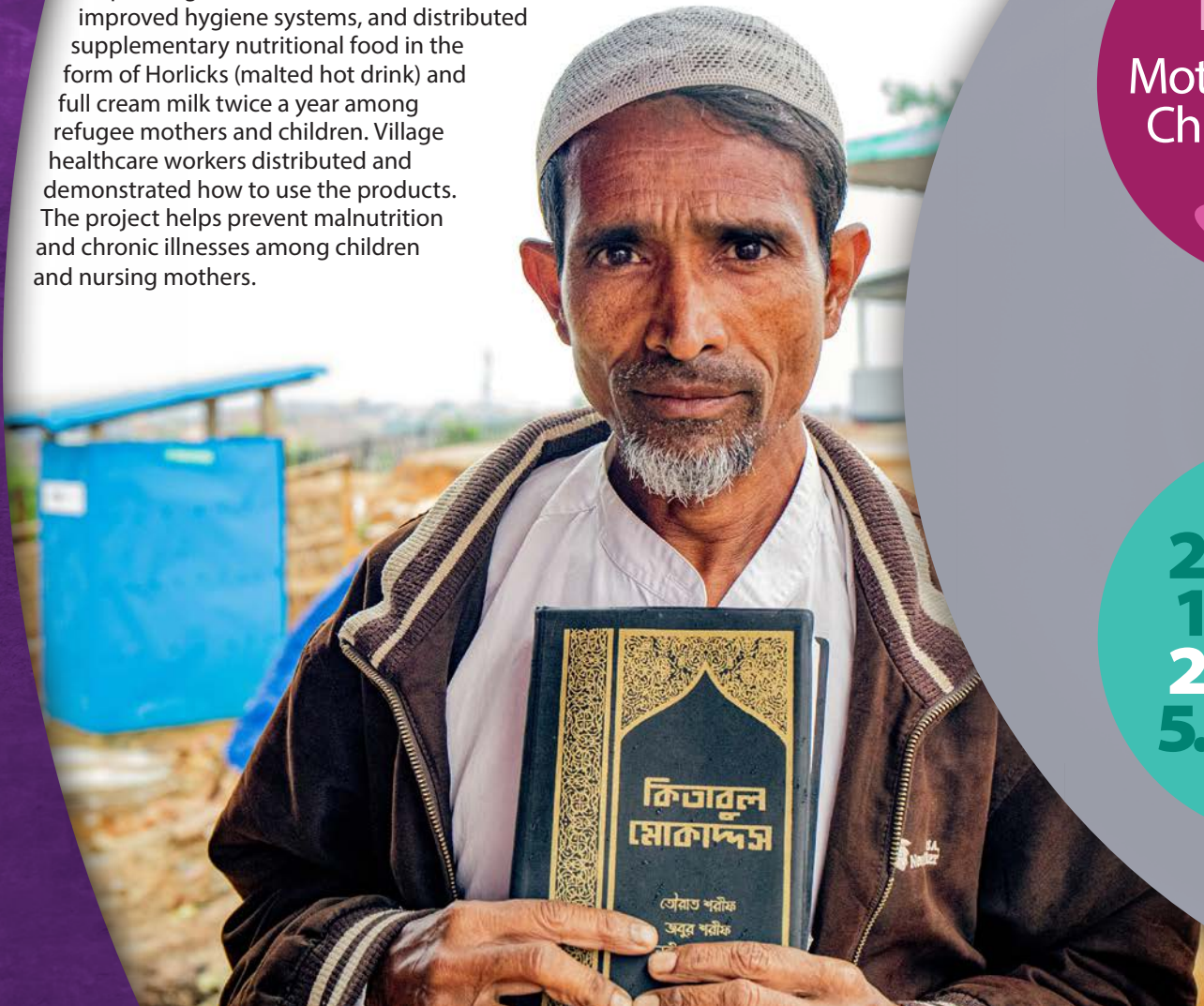
wells, distributing Bibles and tracts among refugees, and training village healthcare workers.



secondary education. When she passed her exams with good scores, the teachers encouraged her to take the healthcare workers training course in the capital. Aroty says this opportunity prepared her to serve the poor in her village by becoming a nurse. She says, "My father died without being treated, so I don't want to let anyone else die without treatment." Now Aroty shares about the Lord with each patient.

Ministry to Rohingya Refugees

Refugee families, who live in harsh and unsanitary conditions in makeshift camps, are in urgent need of life-saving food, water, shelter, healthcare, and other support. In addition to meeting some of these needs, along with partners in South Asia, Mercy helped prevent outbreaks of waterborne diseases by expanding safe water and sanitation services, improved hygiene systems, and distributed supplementary nutritional food in the form of Horlicks (malted hot drink) and full cream milk twice a year among refugee mothers and children. Village healthcare workers distributed and demonstrated how to use the products. The project helps prevent malnutrition and chronic illnesses among children and nursing mothers.



ASSISTED
1,250
Mothers & Children

5k tracts given in two camps
20k heard the Gospel
14k made decisions for Christ
20k local language Bibles given
5.6k believers facilitated in **140** church cell groups

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Disaster Relief

Typhoon in the Philippines

When two back-to-back typhoons hit the islands in the Philippines, greatly affecting their crops, Mercy stepped in to provide financial assistance for the sustenance of their daily lives and funds to assist with crop replacements, as well as purchasing seedlings and fertilizer so that the farmers could plant new crops.



Earthquake and Tsunami in the South Pacific

Mercy also provided assistance to the people of the South Pacific after a devastating earthquake, followed by a tsunami hit the island hard. One resident who received help said, “Nine days after the earthquake and tsunami struck my city, we can start to smile again. We are amazed by the Father’s love, even though we must worship in a tent because our church cannot ever be used again. Still, through his servants, we can feel that the Lord is among us. Thank you so much for the love which we have received.”

Bridge to Reading in Colombia

In Colombia, the Bridge to Reading literacy ministry works in partnership with Saturacolumbia, an OMS church multiplication network. Since 2014, Bridge to Reading has empowered churches to use literacy as a tool to minister to unreached communities, giving every person a chance to hear, understand, and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the past four years, Bridge to Reading in Colombia has:



CONDUCTED
18
Tutor Trainings

TRAINED
184
Tutors

TAUGHT
81
people to read
ages 16 to 67

In 2018,
Mercy, Inc
sponsored the
**Director
of Literacy**
in Colombia to attend
a five-week literacy
training workshop
in the U.S.



Bethesda Clinic in Haiti

Roughly 40 percent of Haiti's population lacks access to essential healthcare. Bethesda Clinic (BC) exists to provide this essential care. BC treats nearly 150 patients daily.

Each patient that walks through the doors hears the Word of God. The BC staff shares the Gospel and prays with patients as they feel led throughout the day.

The Lord has faithfully sustained the ministry of BC under OMS' leadership for the past 50+ years. In 2018, Mercy, Inc., a longtime partner ministry of OMS, took over the leadership due to its expertise in compassionate ministries.

Mercy is now spearheading efforts, with the clinic director, Dr. Rodney Baptiste, to search for and purchase a new location and facility.



Jennie, a middle-aged Haitian woman, woke up one morning not feeling well. Her local hospital diagnosed her with typhoid, gave her some medicine, and sent her home. A few days later, she became even sicker, and her body began to swell. A friend told her she should go to Bethesda Medical Center in Vaudreuil, even though it was far from her home.



She arrived at Bethesda and Dr. Rodney told her she was very sick and should go to another hospital, but Jennie said she had no money to pay. Dr. Rodney said he would treat her at Bethesda for free. After many tests and two weeks of treatment and TLC from the Bethesda staff, Jennie was well. "I really believe that if I had not come to Bethesda Clinic, I would have died."



Called to Love the Whole Person

"If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"

—James 2:15-16

Presenting the Gospel Message Around the World by Meeting Humanitarian Needs

Mission Statement

Share the Good News of Jesus, along with acts of compassion, transforming whole communities in a lasting, sustainable way.

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