

2022 REPORT



VENTURE



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TOUGH PLACES

Some of the greatest injustices happen where people are the least reached by the hope of the Gospel.

That's where you'll find us.

UNSAFE

High rates of some of the world's greatest injustices happen in the areas we target.

- Refugee Crises
- Human Trafficking
- Extreme Poverty
- Persecution

UNREACHED

Less than 2% of those within our target area have received the message of the Gospel.

UNDER-RESOURCED

Less than 1% of all Christian giving is directed towards the areas that we've targeted.

TOUGH IS OUR **TARGET**

The Gospel Shines **BRIGHTER**

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ince the beginning, Venture has sought to address the greatest injustices in the world's most dangerous and unreached places. While we grieve the surges in violence we saw in 2022 and mourn the loss of partners who have given their lives in service to the Gospel, we are also filled with hope at how much brighter the Gospel shines in these moments.

In the face of increased danger and a diversity of issues, we find the same three-part strategy is bringing radical transformation to the least-reached corners of the world.

Meeting Tangible Needs

Immediate relief and long-term development open the doors for victims of oppression to find healing.

Equipping Local Leaders

We come alongside and resource leaders from the places we serve. Many of our programs are led by survivors of the injustices we address.

Bringing the Hope of the Gospel

This unshakeable hope awakens people to their own worth and flips systems of injustice upside down.

On behalf of our partners and all the people we serve, thank you for meeting the needs of those in the toughest places. Thank you for bringing them the unquenchable light of the Gospel.

RYAN SKOOG

PRESIDENT

Ryan Skoog





Your **IMPACT**

9.18M

MEALS DISTRIBUTED

532

FARMERS SUPPORTED

4,970

WOMEN COUNSELED

At Border Patrol Stations

532

INDIVIDUALS RESCUED

From Human Trafficking

4,000

CHURCHES PLANTED

In The Last Four Years

3,840

CHURCH PLANTERS

And Pastors Received Training

6,100

WOMEN EMPOWERED

Through Feminine Hygiene
Training & Kits

1,828

CHILDREN BENEFITTED

From Education & Childhood
Development Programs

Refugee **CARE**

When children and families were displaced by war, you sent relief and hope.



7,952,865

Meals distributed to displaced people

9,179,265

Total meals distributed



1,577

Children in this region benefitted from education & childhood development programs



The military junta in Myanmar (Burma) continues its assault on ethnic minorities within its own borders. Bombings in villages force many children and families to abandon their homes and seek refuge in surrounding regions where they face starvation, disease, and extreme poverty.

In 2022, the junta strengthened its crackdown on efforts to aid these minority groups, making it extremely dangerous to deliver food to these areas.

No one should live in constant fear or danger. That's why our strategy involves:

Meeting Needs: Meals, Shelter, & Education

In addition to distributing nutritious meals and refugee kits, we are funding education and building playgrounds so displaced children have safe spaces to learn, play, and heal.

Equipping Leaders: Resourcing Local Partners

In spite of life-threatening dangers, our partners in the region continue to deliver as much food and aid as we can supply them with. Their grit and ingenuity only grow to overcome the growing risks they face every day.

Delivering Hope: Bringing the Gospel

When we ask refugees why the Gospel is important to them, they tell us that it's a story of a God who overcomes death. With death and destruction all around them, the Gospel lets them hope in a God who brings life.



Rescue & Safety from **HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

When young women were being trafficked,
you gave them a way out and the care they
need to heal.



532

Individuals rescued
from trafficking

4,970

Young women counseled
at border patrol stations



222

Rescued girls receiving
safe housing & education

9

Homes built to ensure
safety for at-risk children

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In Nepal in 2022, ripple effects from the pandemic intensified poverty and hopelessness for low caste people groups. Traffickers are leveraging this growing desperation to lure young people into crossing the border of India to find better jobs. There, they are often sold into the sex trade.

No young woman should ever be sold into slavery or forced into prostitution. That's why our strategy involves:

Meeting Needs: Supporting Rescue & Prevention

We support border patrol stations that identify women who are being trafficked and give them a way out. We also work preventatively in high-risk villages. Rescued and at-risk women are given safe housing, medical care, nutritious meals, and education.

Equipping Leaders: Facilitating Survivor-Led Care

We come alongside brave local leaders, many of whom have been affected by or rescued from a life of trafficking. These survivors use their personal stories to rescue women facing the same dangers.

Delivering Hope: Bringing Healing & Restoration

These women have been repeatedly shown that they exist solely to fulfill other people's needs and desires. The Gospel tells them they are valuable, that God knows their name. This new identity as daughters of God brings radical healing.



You Can Bring Lasting Change

To break the cycle of poverty that leaves women vulnerable to trafficking, we are pioneering a women's vocational program to empower women who are at-risk, so they will finish their education with the skills they need to support themselves.

Is your church or business interested in supporting this program? Let's talk!





Rescue & Redemption IN NEPAL

A lie lured her to India.

Nisha had no idea she was sold into sex trafficking until much, much later. "If someone could have shared the truth with me when I was in school," Nisha said in an interview with Venture, "I might not have become a victim."

This is Nisha's story, but countless Nepali girls have experienced the same deception and violence, being forced into a life of trafficking.

A woman from her village in Nepal invited Nisha to the movies, but they never arrived at the theater. Instead, Nisha was brought to a man's home and pampered with expensive clothing and spa treatments. They lavished her with attention and care, winning her trust. The traffickers flaunted their money and told her she could make a similar living by becoming a housemaid in India. It's nearly impossible for most women in Nepal to make a living like this, because they don't have an education.

Nisha went to India trusting a false promise. Once there, she learned the real nature of her work: being forced into a physical relationship with paying clients.

She was confined, drugged, intoxicated, and posed for photographs. Her captors shared these pictures of her with potential buyers. The first client bought her body for 3,000 Rupees, about \$36 USD. As time went on, she would see up to 19 clients per day. Her captors kept the money.

"If someone could have shared the truth with me when I was in school, I might not have become a victim."

After a year and a half, Nisha gained the trust of her captors. She was given a cellphone, and her clients could contact her directly for visits. One day, Nisha attended to a client without her handlers knowing, causing her to miss appointments that day. This enraged her captors. Fearful of their violent outburst, Nisha asked a client for side cash and used the money to return to Nepal and her family.

This should be where the story ends, but Nisha was targeted again. The same woman who trafficked her the first time promised Nisha she could open a parlor of her own if she would just return to India. Seeing no hope around her, Nisha complied.

Approaching the border this time, Nisha was identified as a possible victim of human trafficking. The Border Station Surveillance Team with Venture's partner, Our Daughters International (ODI), pulled her aside and educated her about trafficking in India. This was the first time she learned about trafficking and understood what was happening to her.

Her captor was detained while Nisha was brought to a Safe Home. At first, Nisha loved meeting girls her age, weaving friendship bracelets, and sharing stories. Yet it was during this time she started feeling uneasy. She wondered what life could possibly hold for her now and in the future. Was this really it?

Hearing the other girls share their traumatic experiences made her realize she was not alone and that trafficking was a much, much bigger problem than she imagined. This gave her life a newfound sense of purpose.

“Share your stories. If you keep what you suffered to yourself, you and your society will never change. If you go public with your story, your family and society will change in the future.”



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:

Our Daughters International

Our Daughters International is one of Venture's key partnering organizations in Nepal. ODI exists to bring an end to human trafficking. Their holistic approach enables rescued victims of trafficking to be restored as "daughters" and developed as leaders impacting their communities for today and tomorrow. We are proud and privileged to be able to support their mission to rescue and restore these girls and women, who are truly our daughters and sisters.

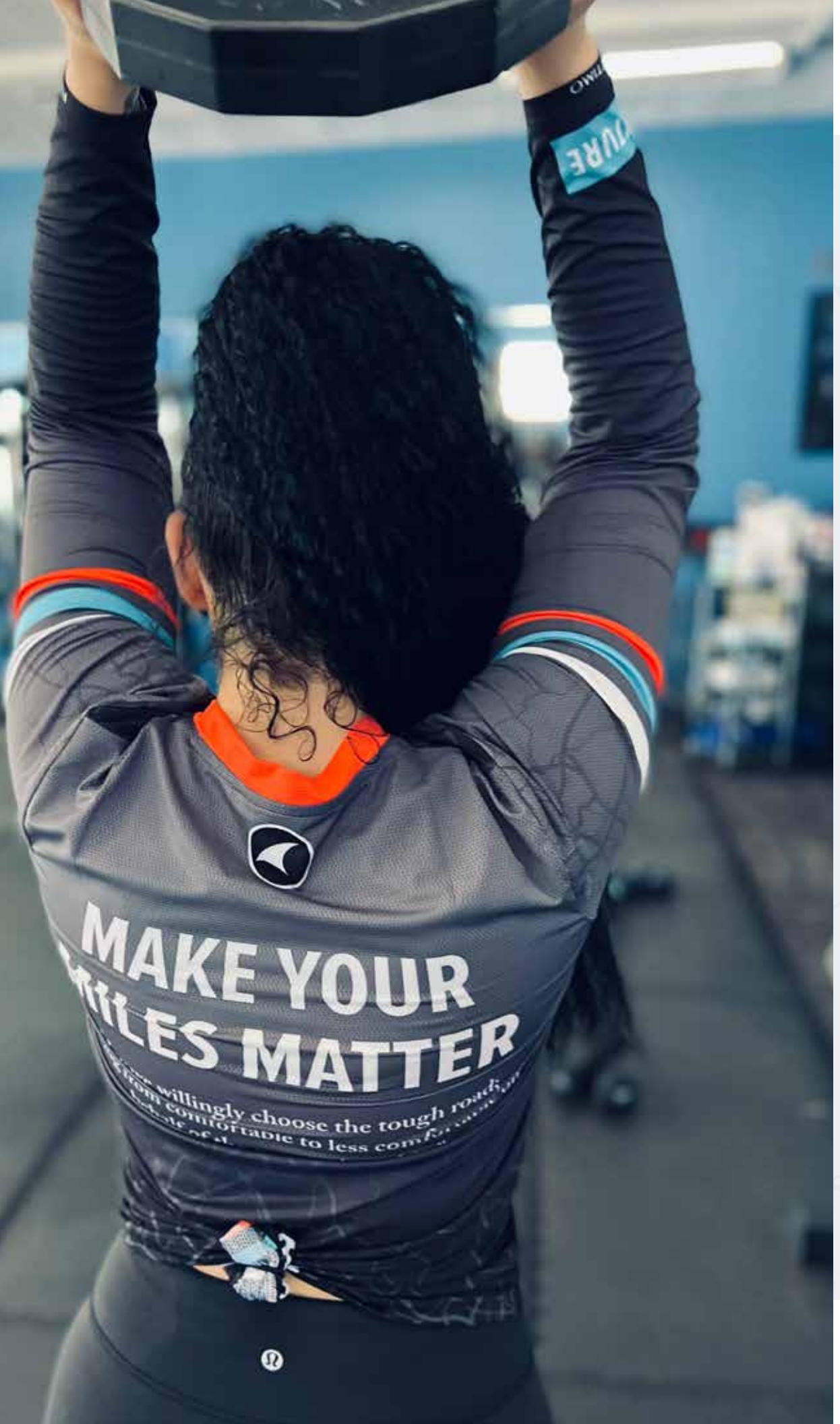


"Share your stories," Nisha said. "If you keep what you suffered to yourself, you and society will never change. That's why if you go public with your story, your family and society will change in the future."

Today, Nisha tells her story to anyone who will listen. As a leader and spokesperson for ODI's partners in Nepal, Nisha educates government officials and school children, using her story as a vehicle to bring change. She brings awareness of human trafficking and advocates for women in Nepal to receive education. This way, her sisters can learn a dignified trade and provide for themselves and their families.

Nisha enrolled in leadership development training and an English as a second language class that were sponsored by ODI to make this possible. There, she learned legal literacy, public speaking skills, and is now able to share her story in English with the hopes of expanding the reach and impact of her redemption story.

To ground herself, Nisha keeps a picture of the woman who trafficked her. It reminds her of what happened and represents how far her people could fall if the cycle of trafficking doesn't end. The photo also prompts Nisha to pray for the woman to find transformation and hope in her own story.



FAITH'S STORY

12 Rounds for **FREEDOM**

Faith is not a runner.

But she didn't let that stop her from starting her own Venture Miles event. She wanted to do something for women caught in trafficking, and she felt inspired to do it in a way that honored her strengths and passions of boxing and weight training.

Her vision resulted in the creation of *12 Rounds*, named after the maximum number of rounds in professional boxing. On May 14, 2022, eight women pushed their physical limits through weight lifting and strength training to raise nearly \$7,000 that will go to free women and girls from sex trafficking.



Venture: What compelled you to do something about injustice with Venture?

Faith: I've been through my own trauma, and I believe God gave me favor. I was fortunate to walk away. I fight for these women and these girls who were born into the system of trafficking and don't have the freedom to walk away. I will continue fighting for them because I believe they were created with a purpose for so much more.

Venture: How did you develop this idea for a Venture Miles event?

Faith: It was at Venture's Gala of 2021, when I prayed God would give me something creative, to leave further impact. It was then where He laid it on my heart, women fighting for women and girls who can't fight for themselves.

Venture: Why did you choose to do 12 HIIT rounds?

Faith: I'm not a runner. I prefer lifting and boxing. Those are my two go-to's. So I wanted to take what Venture does for their anti-trafficking campaigns, just without the cardio. I wanted to make a space and bring other women to the table who prefer lifting, who might never do a Venture fundraiser like a run or a bike ride.

Venture: What have you learned through your strength training for this event?

Faith: Honestly, that I can do it. Sometimes we allow ourselves and our minds to get in the way. We get in our heads, and we doubt. We second guess ourselves. I also learned that when God gives you this vision, you can't just hold it. You have to take the first step. If you don't, the idea just sits there, and nothing happens.



Rise up.

Will you match the tenacity of our international partners?

\$50/mo

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Provides 100 women with feminine hygiene education and period kits for one year.

\$500

REFUGEE CARE

Provides 5,000 meals for displaced people and refugees.

\$100

RESCUE FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Provides one day of border patrol station operations, rescuing 1 girl every 3 days, and counseling many.

\$1080

SAFETY FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Provides safe housing, education, and essential care for one girl for a year.



[VENTURE.ORG/DONATE](https://venture.org/donate)



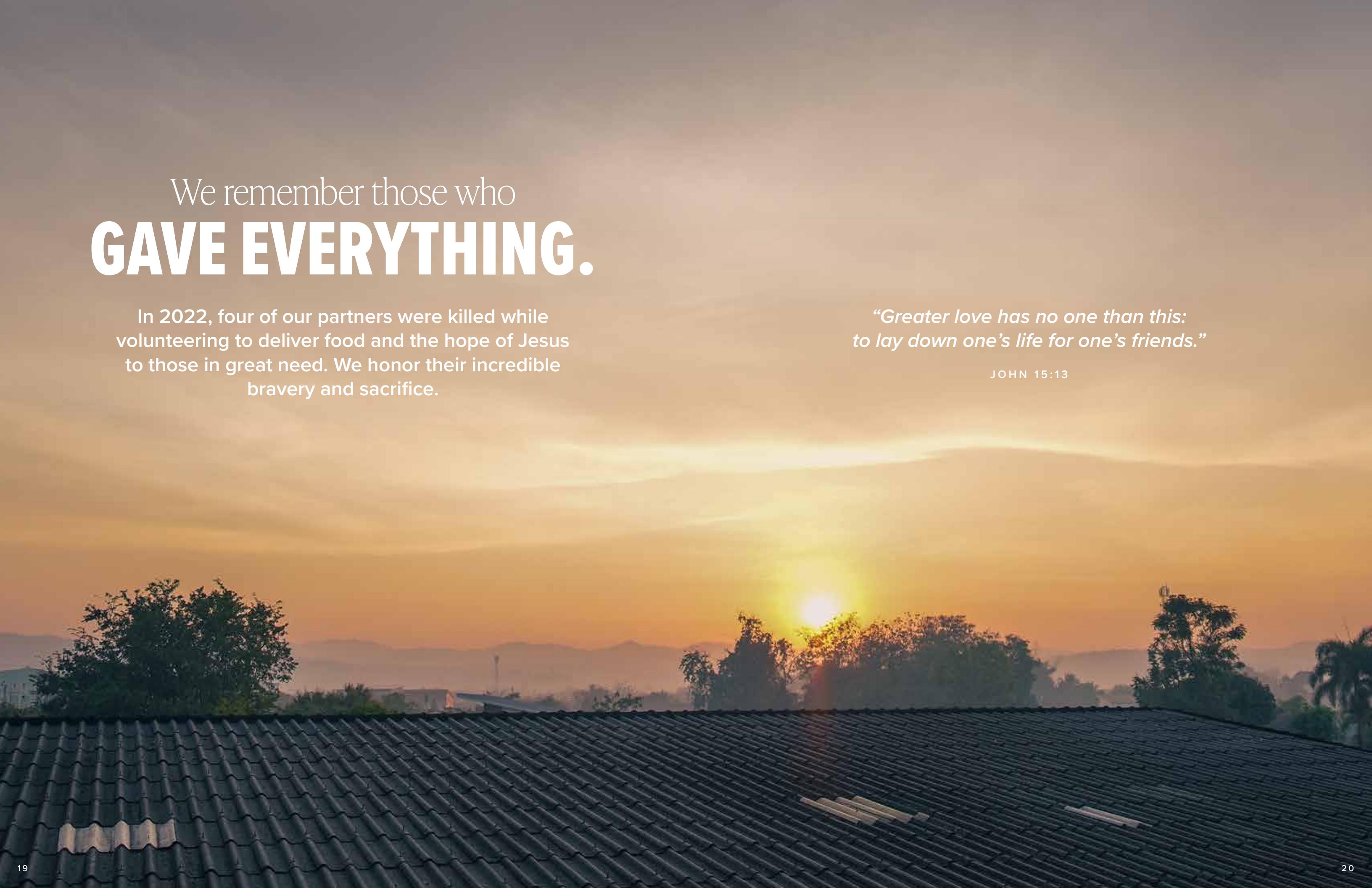
FULL IMPACT

100% of your donations go straight to Venture programs. Every dollar equals one *full* dollar, every time.

TOP 1%

We are ranked in the top 1% of charities in the nation for fiscal accountability.





We remember those who
GAVE EVERYTHING.

In 2022, four of our partners were killed while volunteering to deliver food and the hope of Jesus to those in great need. We honor their incredible bravery and sacrifice.

*“Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*

JOHN 15:13

Church PLANTING

When communities were plagued by hopelessness, you equipped pastors to plant churches.



In 2022, there was a rise in persecution in the regions we serve. Christians are being imprisoned - some have even lost their lives. Yet even in the face of danger, many of the pastors we support refuse to stop sharing about the hope they found in Jesus. They know firsthand the freedom it brings.

Spiritual darkness and poverty go hand-in-hand. Many of the populations we serve grow up with the mindset that suffering is punishment for sins they committed in a past life. This cycle builds an ecosystem of normalized poverty and abuse. That's why our strategy involves:

Equipping Leaders: Local Pastors

We train pastors and church planters who are indigenous to the regions they serve. We help them obtain the skills or resources that will make the greatest impact in their communities.

Meeting Needs: Serving the Outcasts

These pastors use their skills and resources to serve their communities. This includes food distribution, agriculture programs, and hygiene education. They give special care to widows, orphans, and other marginalized groups.

Delivering Hope: Planting Churches

The Gospel invites people into a worldview where everybody is valued and everybody can thrive. Our partnering church planters invite their communities to worship together, to spend time in Scripture, and to invite others to do the same.

As individuals embrace the Gospel, systems of oppression change. Communities stop trafficking their children and begin protecting them. People begin supporting each other. They find steadfast hope.

3,840

Pastors & church planters received training

4,065

Churches planted in the last four years

800+

2nd and 3rd generational churches planted



The Five Pillars of Church Multiplication

**Daily Prayer + Scripture****Meet Corporately****Time with the Poor****Time with the Unreached****Train Others**

A Historic Gospel **MOVEMENT**

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If you have a problem, Jesus can help you.”

With this statement, many people in rural areas of Thailand hear the name of Jesus for the first time. “Just pray to Jesus and ask for help.”

The Association of Free Churches in Thailand (AFT) brings this message to unreached villages in central Thailand. AFT is the fastest church planting movement in the history of Thailand, a country that is primarily Buddhist and less than 1% Christian – even though missionaries first arrived there 200 years ago.

Since 2017 AFT has planted 2,817 house churches – which is about a third of all the churches in Thailand. They have documented 37,130 new believers, and have baptized 9,978 people.

In the past few years, Venture has partnered with AFT to accelerate its church planting efforts by providing funds for gas money, literature, training centers, and support with media. With Venture’s help, AFT was able to reach an entire province last year – establishing a house church in every village (108 churches) and a training center in every district (17 districts). Because of Venture’s involvement, our staff was invited to witness close to 4,000 people being baptized in the summer of 2022.

Venture has a goal to see 10,000 churches planted in the next 10 years by partnering with local Christian leaders and helping to accelerate their efforts.

“We just try to do what we see in the Bible,” said Ajarn Somsak when asked about where they learned their model of church planting. Ajarn Somsak and his family started a church in his motorcycle repair shop after reading the Bible together. At first, their church was small but over many years it grew to about 1,000 people.

“I don’t want a megachurch, I want many churches.” Ajarn Somsak heard God say after he built a boundary wall for a new building that would accommodate the church members. God’s word changed everything for them. Instead of inviting people to come to their church, they trained their church to go out to the people.





When AFT goes to a new village, its goal is to introduce Jesus as a loving God who cares about each person and wants to help them with their problems. The goal is to help people develop a relationship with Jesus and encourage them to pray to Jesus about their problems. They don't tell people what to pray for, they just help them to pray.

After the first visit to the village, AFT church planters come back 2-3 times a week for six months to pray with people and teach them about Jesus until the home church can start meeting by itself. During that time many people have their prayers answered. People are healed of diseases, addictions are broken, marriages are restored, and much more.

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"My problem is that I don't have a new TV," said one lady to the church planter after the first visit to her village. After a few months, the lady came to the group and said that Jesus told her that her problem wasn't that she needed a new TV, but that she drank too much alcohol. Through prayer, and with the support of the new home church, she stopped

drinking and was able to save enough money for a new TV.

As an organization, we are thankful that we can play a small role in seeing God transform people, like the lady in Thailand, and communities that are full of spiritual darkness. We are thankful for the role that each donor has played in making this happen.



BRING YOUR CHURCH INTO THE STORY.

Venture partners with local churches to engage their congregations in the great commission. Together, we can meet needs and plant churches in the world's toughest places.

Let's connect!



Women's EMPOWERMENT

When women were stigmatized and isolated, you gave them dignity and the means to care for themselves.

During their periods, many women in the rural places we serve are forced to stay away from their homes and are unable to attend school or go to work. Without access to feminine products and hygiene education, they often silently suffer from painful infections—most of which are preventable.

All women should have access to live pain-free in their community. That's why our strategy involves:

Meeting Needs: Feminine Hygiene Kits & Hygiene Education

We're mass-producing feminine hygiene products through a local manufacturer at a low cost, so our partners can distribute them to women in need. Our local partners teach women about feminine health so they can heal from trauma and care for their bodies.

Equipping Leaders: Led by Local Women

Brave women have overcome the stigmas against them, found healing, and yearn to share this empowering way to live with other Nepali women. We learn from these female leaders and equip them to bring radical change to the women in their communities.

Delivering Hope: Bringing Women Dignity

For a woman in Nepal, the Gospel is good news. They are told throughout their lives that they are unclean. The Gospel tells them they were created with love and have a purpose, that they belong in God's kingdom.

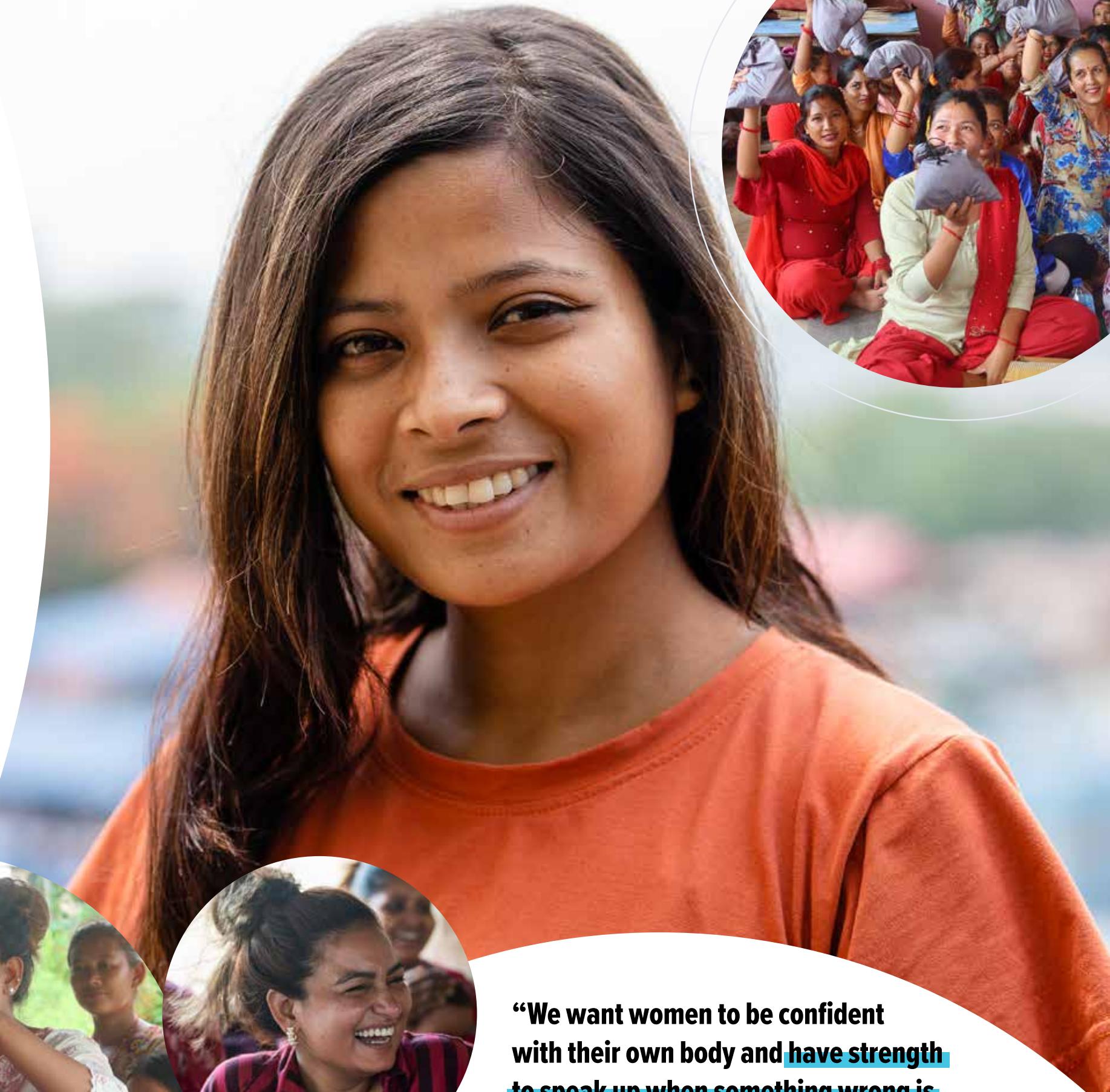


6,100

Women received feminine hygiene kits & education

135

Women received trauma counseling



"We want women to be confident with their own body and have strength to speak up when something wrong is going on—to fight injustice."

- Hannah Badi
Founder, Himalayan Entrepreneurial Resources

MAKING MILES MATTER

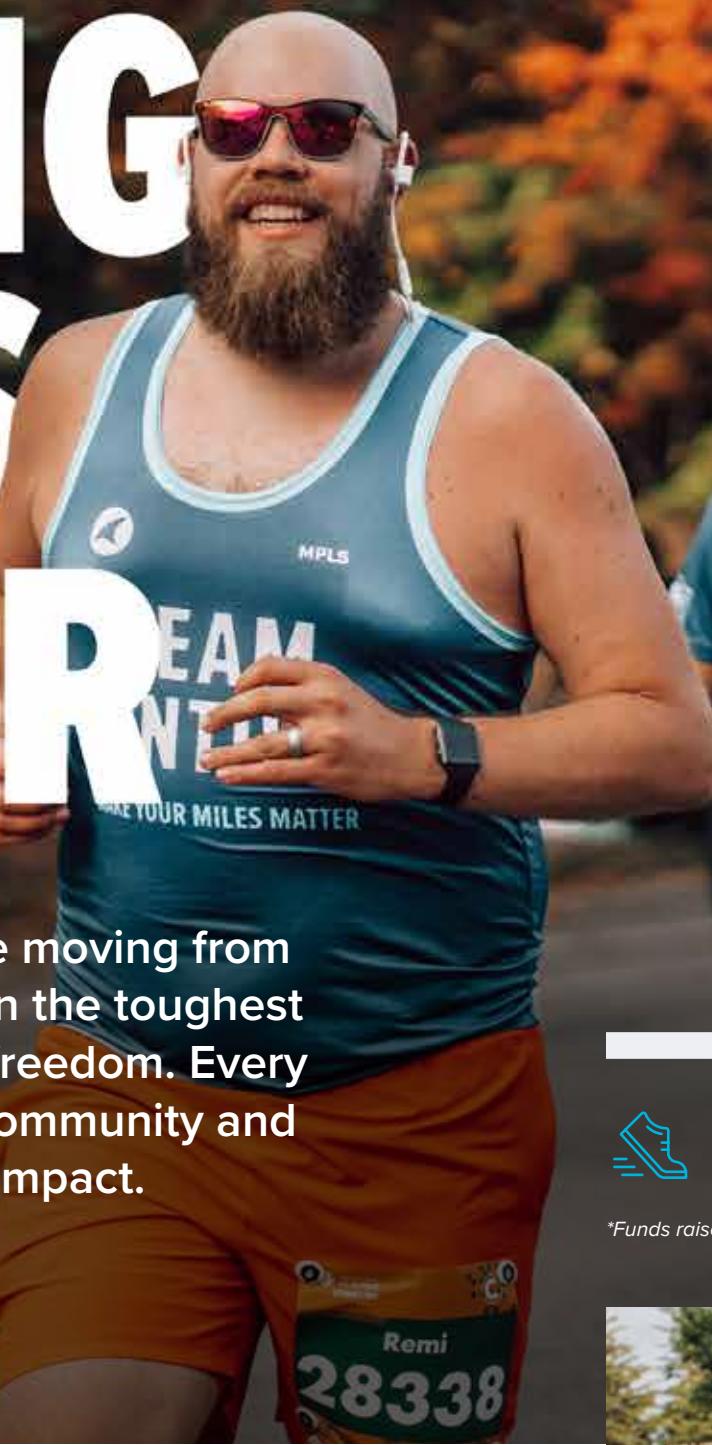
Hundreds of people of all fitness levels are moving from comfortable to less comfortable, so those in the toughest places can gain critical care and profound freedom. Every mile they log and dollar they raise builds community and makes a lasting, Kingdom-building impact.



Amanda Stank | Run For HER

Amanda received the 2022 Extra Mile Award for founding Run for HER, a trail-running event where 64 women, mostly moms, raised an astounding \$40,529 to support and empower women.

Amanda's Story



5,312
participants engaged

219,925
miles logged

\$972,329
funds raised*

*Funds raised through Venture Miles & offerings connected to Miles Events



Leading Challenges + Movements

FJ 3x0



30

12 ROUNDS



2½ CHALLENGE



FINANCIALS

Balance Sheet

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	4,266,749
Inventory in Transit to Donee	195,955
Total Current Assets	4,462,704
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment	5,865
Automobiles	61,254
Computers	6,024
Accumulated Depreciation	(30,272)
Total Fixed Assets	42,871
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	
Technology Assets	121,020
TOTAL ASSETS	
	\$4,626,595
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Promise to Give	195,955
Accrued Compensation	48,190
Total Current Liabilities	244,145
EQUITY	
Without Donor Restrictions	1,516,600
With Donor Restrictions	2,865,850
Total Equity	4,382,450
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
	\$4,626,595

Statement of Cash Flows and Reconciliation is available upon request.

Income Statement

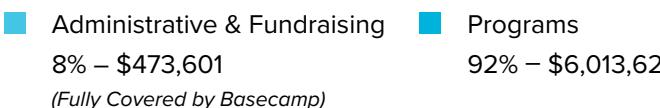
INCOME	
BaseCamp	648,126
International Programs	2,025,401
Gifts in Kind	1,863,071
Mission & Missionaries	604,649
Venture Miles	872,380
TOTAL INCOME	
	\$6,013,627
EXPENSES	
General Admin	257,323
International Programs	1,972,814
Gifts in Kind	1,863,071
Mission & Missionaries	630,537
Venture Programs	556,657
Venture Miles	437,274
Fundraising	216,278
Total Expenses	5,933,954
NET INCOME	
	\$79,673



100% Promise

We Guarantee the **Full Impact** of Your Donation

Venture's administrative expenses are 100% covered by *Basecamp*, a generous group of individuals and businesses. This means that 100% of your donations go straight to Venture programs. Every dollar equals one *full* dollar, every time.



Transparency

We are an **Open Book**

- ▶ We have an annual 3rd party audit done by Boulay & Co.
- ▶ All of our 990's and financials are posted online.
- ▶ Our independent board is made up of seasoned organizational leaders in diversified disciplines.

Accountability

Ranked in the **Top 1% of Charities in the Nation** for Fiscal Accountability



BUSINESS FOR GOOD:

Doing Good is Good Business

Share a mission and purpose with your customers with a meaningful giveback strategy. Partner with Venture at venture.org/businessforgood



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THANK YOU!

For Responding to the World's Greatest Needs

*"Learn to do right; seek justice.
Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the
fatherless; plead the case of the widow."*

ISAIAH 1:17



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GALA

Friday, October 13th

SAVE THE DATE



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TO BRING
JUSTICE TO
THE UNREACHED.**

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