



Vessels of Mercy International celebrates its 25th year of bringing Hope and Healing to the nations!



Your partnership allowed us to serve over
76,000 people in 2019.

You are such a tremendous blessing to the kingdom of God. Your selfless and sacrificial giving in 2019 helped to transform lives both physically and spiritually around the world. Thank you!

Vessels of Mercy International is a worldwide charitable relief and development organization that alleviates poverty and human suffering by providing practical assistance and offering hope through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

With your support, the gospel was proclaimed, and the love of Christ was shared in practical ways with people who were hurting and in need here in our local area and in sixteen countries.



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them,
'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 35-40

In **2019**, you helped us fulfill this scripture. You made it possible to...

- * provide small livestock to widows and families in Kenya
- * rescue children from crisis and human trafficking
- * provide for families recovering from natural disasters
- * provide medical relief for the sick in Haiti and Kenya
- * provide food for the hungry in RVA, Kenya, Honduras,
- * visit and care for prisoners in Virginia
- * keep young girls in school through our sustainable hygiene kit project in Kenya and Lebanon
- * provide mentoring, coats, food, toiletries, stockings to children, families at risk, and those forgotten in local nursing homes
- * expand our sewing project for women to meet the growing need for vocational skills which helps them provide for their families. They also have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ on a regular basis in India.
- * assist with building and furnishing a new center for women in crisis, and providing vocational bakery training
- * provide adaptive equipment, wheelchairs, and bicycles for those suffering from leprosy
- * provide blankets for India and RVA
- * build a children's cultural center that will be used for elementary school and adult vocational training in Rwanda
- * assist refugees living in resettlement camps, and provide sustainable hygiene kits to the women
- * provide support to our local veterans



- * provide the presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the portable media and the Jesus film project in Kenya, Uganda, India, and Liberia.

In Acts 20:35 (amp), the Bible says: We ought to assist the weak, being mindful of the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, it is more blessed (makes one happier and more to be envied) to give than to receive.

Please know that your gifts **this past year made an amazing difference** for families and children in need. Thank you so much for your friendship, prayers, partnership, and your generosity!

Your gift goes further

73¢ of every dollar *Vessels of Mercy International* spends goes straight to our field operations to provide food, medicine, education, vocational training, to care for those who have no other hope. Just 27¢ is set aside for overhead expenses, fundraising, and general costs.

We are committed to transparency

Vessels of Mercy International is a member of the Better Business Bureau which provides accreditation to charitable nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate compliance with established standards for financial accountability, fundraising and board governance.

Vessels of Mercy International has earned a 2020 Gold Seal of Transparency for our Nonprofit Profile on GuideStar. GuideStar is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Be sure to check us out! <https://www.guidestar.org/Profile/6814303>

Financial Accountability and Stewardship

To ensure that *Vessels of Mercy International* is a good steward of financial resources, an independent accounting firm conducts an annual audit. *Vessels of Mercy International* is governed by a board of directors that maintains legal control of the organization's assets, making certain that contribution designations are honored and that the work of the organization remains consistent with its stated philosophy, purpose, and mission. *Vessels of Mercy International* is also registered with the Virginia State Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, the Combined Federal Campaign, and United Way. Our financials (990) can be obtained by visiting our website.

We believe that all we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand (1 Chronicles 29:14b, Dutch paraphrase).

Our Board of Directors

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| Bev Gibson | Barbara Fatt | Brenda Raney | Cerena Griffith |
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Any questions? Please call us. We appreciate talking with our partners about all we do to reach the world's forgotten poor with the practical love of Jesus Christ.

**Vessels of Mercy International* serves in many restricted nations, for the safety of our partners exact locations cannot be disclosed

