

### We refuse to stand idle while suffering persists. We are called to more—more than comfort, more than complacency, more than watching from a distance. We choose to step into the margins, to give ourselves fully on behalf of the poor and the oppressed, not out of obligation, but because the Gospel compels us. We run toward those fleeing violence, bringing relief to the Because this is who we are refugee. We confront the darkness of human trafficking with unwavering resolve. We stand against extreme poverty, believing that justice and provision should know no borders. And above all, we bring the hope of the Gospel to the unsafe, the unreached, and the unresourced. This is not charity; this is calling. It is not optional; it is obedience. We will not settle for passive faith when the world groans for active love. We are hands and feet, voices and advocates, laborers in the fields of restoration. For the sake of the whole Gospel, we sacrifice our comfort, our security—so that others may know hope, freedom, and life. We will go where others will not. We will love when the world turns away. We will not stop until justice rolls like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream. Because this is who we are. This is what we do. We give ourselves fully. No turning back.

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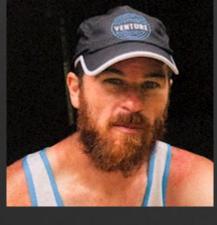
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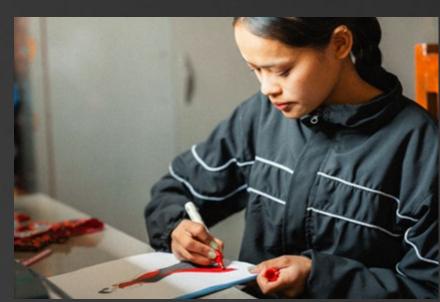


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Lives Fully Given

This year has been a remarkable testament to what happens when people give themselves fully to advancing the Kingdom.

This community has shown up in powerful ways—from making room in your budget to give, to mile participants pressing toward a finish line, to church partners moving their communities to engage in the Great Commission, and to business owners expanding their platforms for doing good in the world. Your unwavering support continues to rise, meeting the growing needs and dangers our partners face daily.

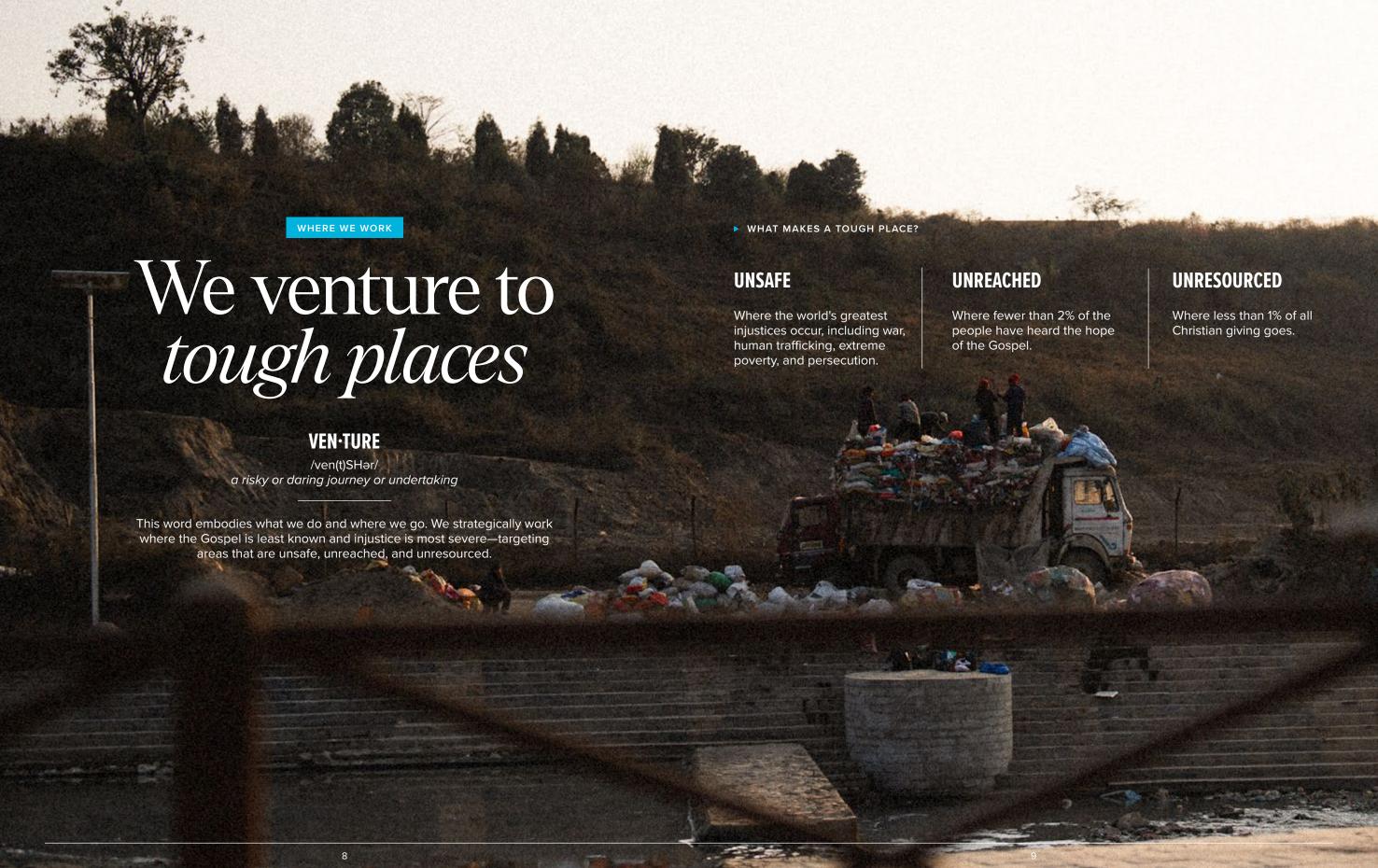
Because of your response, lives are being transformed. Families displaced by war are receiving food, safety, and education. Girls rescued from trafficking are healing from trauma and stepping into new beginnings through vocational training. House churches are being planted in remote, mountainous areas where the name of Jesus has never been spoken.

In all of it, the Gospel is advancing, but not without significant cost—some of our partners have laid down their lives to share the hope only found in Jesus. Their legacy is a powerful reminder of what is at stake, and why we must not grow weary.

Thank you for being a part of this work, and for your ongoing sacrifices—running, giving, praying, and believing that unshakable hope fuels transformation in unsafe, unreached, and unresourced places. Know that the impact of your generosity will reach generations.



Ryan Skoog



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## Year in Review

Thanks to your generosity, the total number of individuals served across all international programs in 2024 was:

133,973





13,190,765

MEALS DISTRIBUTED

TO THOSE IN NEED

600

**PROVIDED RESCUE & SAFETY** 

FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

8,337

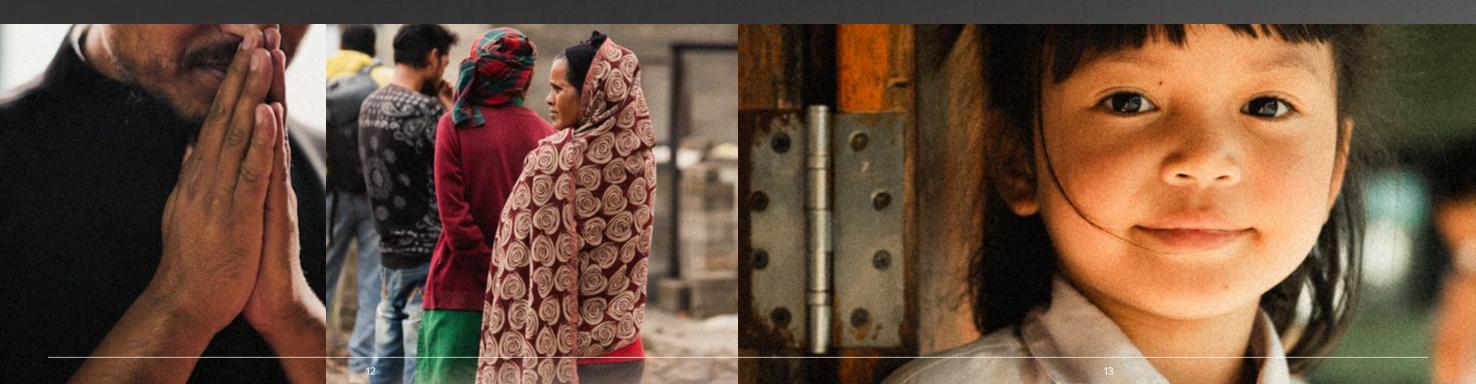
**CHURCHES PLANTED** 

IN UNREACHED AREAS

14,622

KITS DISTRIBUTED

FOR FEMININE HYGIENE & TRAINING



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

# Making the Gospel known and fighting injustice are inseparable.

Together, they form the intersection where societal change begins, and lasting transformation can occur. This approach, made possible through our courageous partners, is carried out through our four programs.





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600 **PROVIDED RESCUE & SAFETY** 

FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING

7,426

COUNSELED

ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**BORDER STATIONS** 

OPERATING IN NEPAL



Growing up in extreme poverty, Sarmila owned just one outfit. Trapped by hardship and the rigid constraints of a caste system, a better life seemed like a distant dream. Yet, her curiosity and passion for design began to form.

She was captivated by flowing dresses—the way they danced with movement, how seams and stitches transformed fabric into something beautiful. With no resources to her name, Sarmila scavenged through piles of trash, collecting discarded scraps in hopes of crafting her own creations.

At 14, tragedy struck. Sarmila's world collapsed when her father killed her mother, leaving her orphaned and alone. Nearing the end of her education, she worried she'd have to beg on the streets to survive or worse—all into the hands of traffickers.

But hope arrived when Sarmila graduated from grade 10. One of our partners welcomed her into a safe house, offering her a chance to dream up a new future.

Sarmila is thriving in advanced tailoring classes, channeling her creativity into award-winning designs—like a stunning dress crafted entirely from newspaper. Beyond her skills, she's finding deeper transformation: healing from past trauma and embracing God's love in ways she never thought possible.



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**MEALS DISTRIBUTED** 

TO FAMILIES DISPLACED BY WAR

642

**CHILDREN SERVED** 

THROUGH EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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**SELF-SUFFICIENT FARMS** 

OPERATING AMONG REFUGEES



In the remote mountain regions of Myanmar, children are running for their lives.

Many have watched their villages burn, seen their parents taken or killed, and fled into the jungle with nothing. Alone, afraid, and often malnourished, they survive in hiding, unsure if help will ever come. Some eventually find their way to overcrowded monasteries, where monks offer what they can—but the need far outweighs the resources.

During a recent mission, one of our partners reached one of these remote areas with much-needed food. As meals were served, children who had gone days without anything to eat received

their first full meal in weeks. Hunger was replaced with relief. And a simple meal, made possible by your support, became something more—a reminder that they are not forgotten.

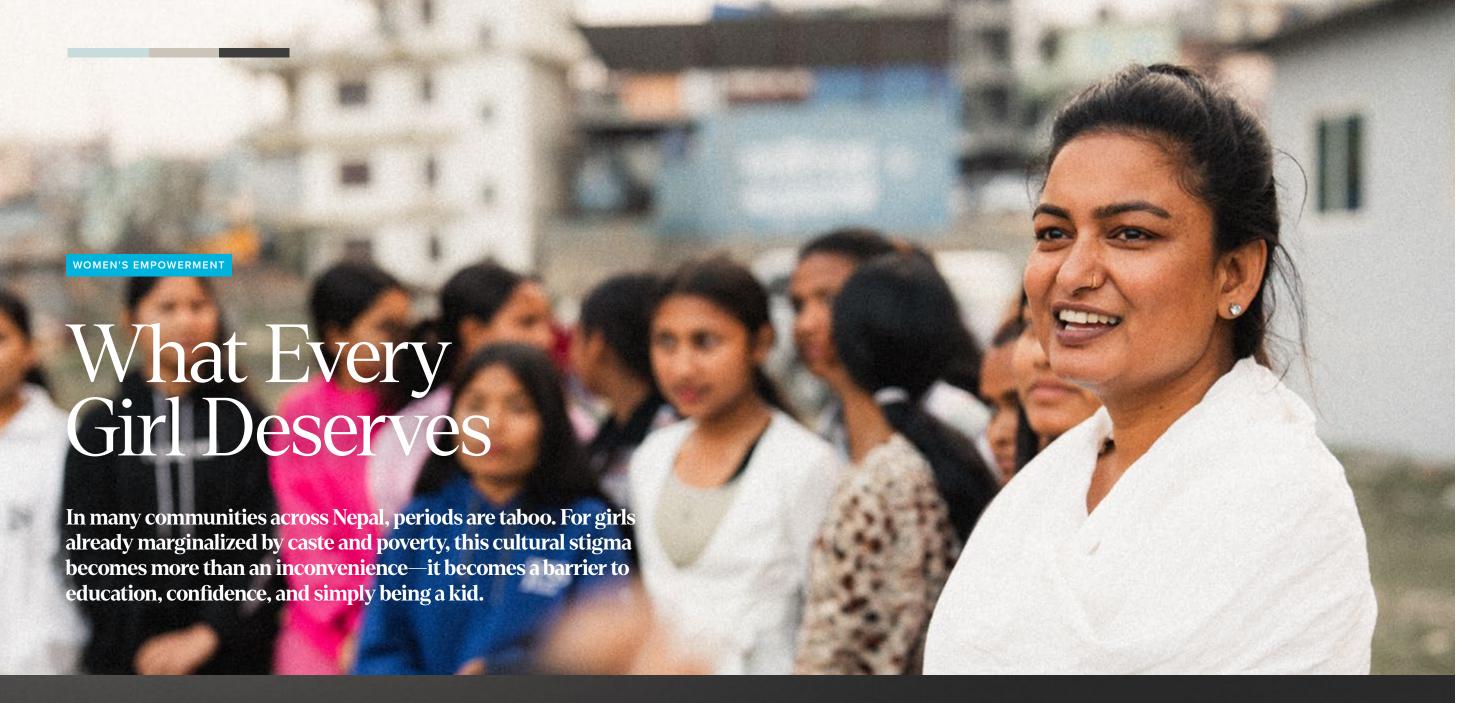
This is just one story among thousands.

In 2024, thanks to your generosity, 12.4 million meals were provided to people displaced by war. And with every meal, a message was delivered: you are seen, you are loved, and you are not alone.

"For many children, it was their first full meal in weeks. That meal, made possible by you, was more than food—it was *hope*."

-VENTURE PARTNER





Nisha is a 14-year-old who just wanted to run and play with her friends at school. But without access to proper hygiene products, play sometimes felt out of reach.

Each month became a discouraging reminder of what she lacked. Her family, already

struggling to make ends meet, couldn't afford to buy her the products she needed.

Then, Nisha met one of our incredible partners who gave her a reusable hygiene kit and training. Nisha learned practical ways to care for her body, and everything began to shift.

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Now, Nisha plays with confidence. The fear and shame that once held her back have been replaced by the freedom to be a kid, and the cost of disposable products no longer burdens her family. Because of your generosity, our partners are able to reach girls like Nisha. Her story is one of 14,622 girls and women who received feminine hygiene kits and training last year. Now, they're gaining confidence and freedom to live as they were meant to.



8,337 **CHURCHES PLANTED** IN UNREACHED AREAS

1,156 **FARMERS EQUIPPED** THROUGH CHURCH PLANTING

**AVERAGE SIZE** OF TYPICAL HOUSE CHURCH

7,408 **NEWLY TRAINED LEADERS** IN CHURCH PLANTING

CHURCH PLANTING

## A Legacy Unsilenced

In a country where sharing your faith can cost you your life, one of our partners lived with unwavering courage—and paid the ultimate price.

From his home, Kanit\* helped plant nearly 100 churches, mentored young leaders, and created room for people to have a place to worship.

His house overflowed with life—students living under his roof, visitors seeking prayer, and a community growing in faith. Despite repeated government warnings, he continued to share the Gospel boldly.

But his impact didn't go unnoticed.

One evening, as he returned from the market with his wife, two men on motorcycles approached under the guise of offering help. He greeted them with kindness. They shook his hand—and then six shots rang out.

He died instantly.

The shock of his death rippled through the community. "We'll meet him in heaven," said a fellow pastor. "We will not stop."

Kanit's legacy lives on—not just in the churches he helped plant but in the faith and resilience he left behind.

Since his death, more than 200 churches have been planted, and thousands more have heard the Good News, led by those continuing the legacy he began.

\*Name has been changed to protect identity.



DOMESTIC PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

## Year in Review

Your partnership helped fuel all of Venture's international work. Thanks to our generous donors, Miles participants, Business for Good, and Church Partners, 2024 was a historic year.

The total raised in 2024 was:

\$9,601,741









### IMPACT THROUGH MILES

Venture started with a simple invitation: to move from comfortable to less comfortable on behalf of others. Decades later, our community continues to respond in bold, courageous, and sacrificial ways—using their greatest energies to bring hope to tough places.



\$1,027,643

**FUNDS RAISED** 

THROUGH MILES & MOVEMENTS

43

**EVENTS & CHALLENGES** 

LED BY THE VENTURE COMMUNITY

3,442

**PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS** 

**ENGAGED IN MILES & MOVEMENTS** 

57,380

MILES LOGGED

THROUGH VENTURE MILES APP



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## Tough Things Over Time

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TOUGHTHINGS . TOUGH PLACES

Nate Kemper has tackled some crazy challenges over the years and is nowhere near slowing down. He aims to do one tough thing every year to raise funds and awareness because the need is critical—thousands of girls being trafficked in Nepal need rescue and hope.

Last year, Nate lapped a high school track for 100 miles. Even freezing rain and a nasty blister in the final stretch couldn't hold him back. In 2023, he faced the long night in a 24-hour run, refusing to stop until the morning light. In 2022, Nate ran the Grand Canyon from rim to rim and back again, covering 50 miles of varying elevation.

### **HOW DOES HE DO IT?**

Nate says he can strain his body through these tough challenges partially because he's chosen to do small things consistently, even when it may have been easier not to.

His habit of consistency began with the 2% Challenge in 2019 when he and his wife, Jenny, committed 2% of each day (28 minutes and 48 seconds) to exercise. Altogether, they spent 20,790 minutes, logged over 4,000 miles, and raised over \$34,000 to help rescue girls in immediate danger at the Nepallndia border. To date, Nate has raised over \$100,000 to help rescue girls from human trafficking.

We cannot thank Nate and the Miles community enough for tackling crazy challenges, through small consistency, creating a huge impact for people in tough places.

### Nate's Tough Things Through the Years

2019

Ran 100 Miles on the Superior Hiking Trail

2020

Ran the Calendar of November

2021

Ran 1,000 Minutes on Day 1,000

**2022** 

Rim to Rim to Rim of the Grand Canyon

2023

Ran 24 Hours Consecutively

**2024** 

Ran 100 Miles on High School Track



SCAN TO SEE HOW YOU CAN USE YOUR MILES TO MAKE AN IMPACT

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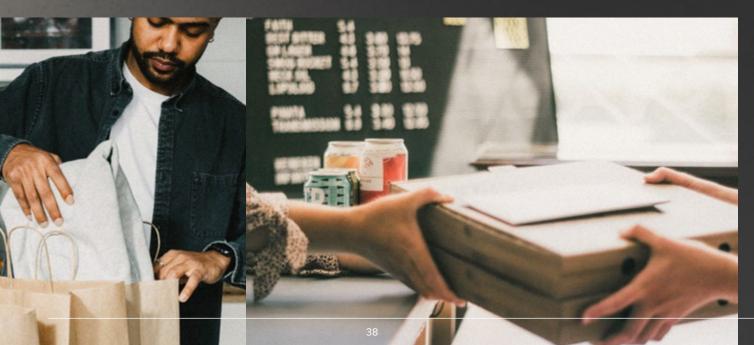
Venture launched *Business for Good* as a way to invite businesses to weave generosity into what they do best—building impact through everyday work. This year, dozens of business leaders partnered with us to help fund critical programs in tough places. We're grateful for these creative, purpose–driven partners who are using their work to bring hope to tough places.

\$726,475
FUNDS RAISED

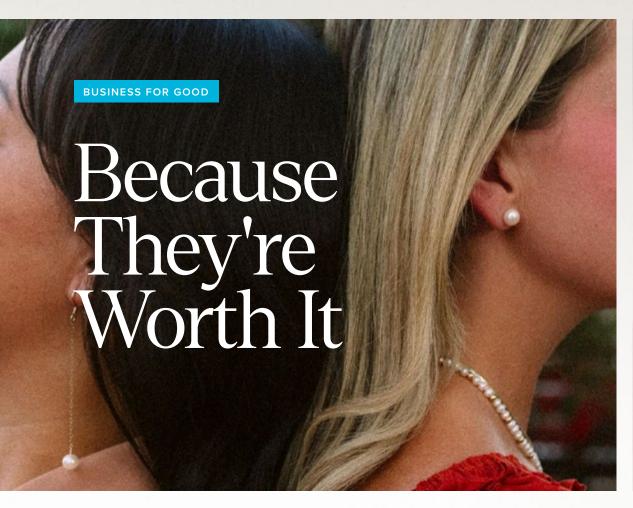
THROUGH BUSINESS FOR GOOD PARTNERS

35
PARTNERING BUSINESSES

MAKING AN IMPACT











Brooke wanted to combine her love for business with her desire to make a difference in the world. Her vision for a jewelry business called Purity Pearls sparked after visiting a safe home for girls rescued from trafficking. She planned to use its profits to help girls who were trafficked find rescue, safety, and restoration.

Last year, Brooke dialed up her impact by partnering with Venture's anti-trafficking work along the Nepal-India border, where thousands of girls are deceived or coerced into trafficking every year.

"Venture made it super easy to partner with them, providing testimonies, media, and incredible causes to support," Brooke said. "Because Venture is on the frontlines, in some of the world's hardest and darkest places, my business can partner in bringing the Kingdom of God and light and hope where it's most needed."

Now, whenever customers wear jewelry from Purity Pearls, they can remember they helped fight for the value and protection of girls vulnerable to trafficking—because they're worth it.

"Because Venture is on the frontlines, in some of the world's hardest and darkest places, my business can partner in bringing the Kingdom of God and light and hope where it's most needed."



BROOKE PARKS
FOUNDER & CEO | PURITY PEARLS











### IMPACT THROUGH CHURCHES

Venture has always been committed to coming alongside local churches as they lead their people into an active response to the Gospel. Time and again, we've seen churches step out in faith—meeting urgent needs and planting churches in some of the toughest places on earth.

\$1,262,706

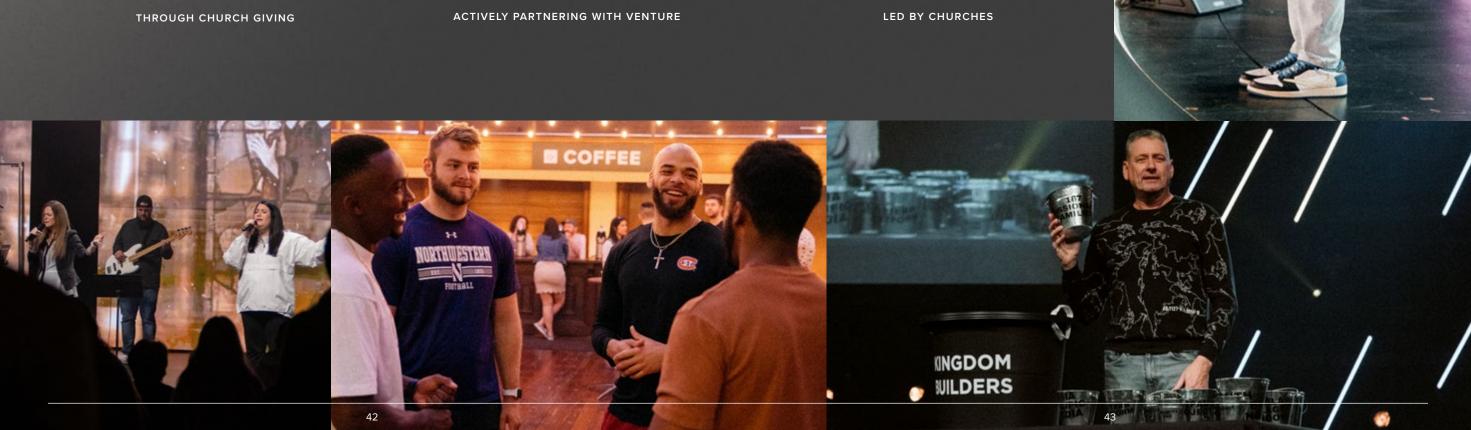
**FUNDS RAISED** 

87

**CHURCHES** 

21

**CHURCH-BASED MILES EVENTS** 







Desiree, as the women's director and head of HR, fosters her church community into passionately building relationships and showing Christ to the world. Because of shared missions, her church has supported Venture's anti-trafficking program for ten years. She recently saw the impact firsthand during a vision trip to Nepal with a small group of women. Being there completely changed her perspective on the need and her church's part in the story.

"Venture works with such excellence to bring hope to hopeless situations," Desiree said. "The quality of work was very evident as I witnessed the care given to a girl on day one of her rescue. The lifetime of restorative care she receives afterward is breaking the cycle of trafficking. Generations are being impacted."

Desiree returned from Nepal with a deeper resolve to support the girls at risk. Moved by her experience, her church chose to increase its financial support for the year to bring more rescue, freedom, and hope to girls rescued from trafficking in Nepal.

Venture partners with local churches, inviting them to become part of making the Gospel known and fighting injustice. "Partnering with Venture has been an incredible blessing because it allows us to be part of both rescuing lives and sharing the Gospel holistically. This past year, I had the opportunity to witness the impact firsthand, and I was deeply moved and grateful to see God at work. Knowing that 100% of donations go directly to the programs makes this partnership even more meaningful."



DESIREE ST. JOHN
RIVER OF LIFE | COLD SPRING, MN





### Balance Sheet

### **Current Assets**

Total Cash 4,612,789
Outstanding Donations 119,402
Other Current Assets 24,775
Inventory in Transit to Donee 473,558
Total Current Assets 5,230,524

### **Property & Equipment**

Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment	28,001
Technology (Venture Miles)	322,597
Computers	5,398
Vehicles	51,154
Real Estate	300,000
Accumulated Depreciation	(219,070)
Total Fixed Assets	488,080

### **Intangible Assets**

Technology Assets 16,500

**Total Assets** \$5,735,104

### **Liabilities & Net Assets**

Accounts Payable	133,896
Accrued Wages	39,111
Accrued Vacation/Sick	48,328
Notes Payable	-
Promises to Give	473,558
Total Current Liabilities	694,894
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### **Equity**

Without Donor Restrictions	2,106,312
With Donor Restrictions	2,933,898
Total Equity	5,040,210

**Total Liabilities & Equity** \$5,735,104

Statement of Cash Flows and Reconciliation is available upon request.

### Income Statment

6,065,759
3,535,982

**Total Income** \$9,601,74

### Expenses

Programs (Int. & Domestic)	7,774,633
Management & Administrative	487,934
Fundraising	553,682
Total Expenses	8,816,249

**Net Income** \$785, 493

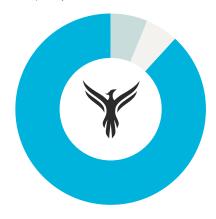
### 100% Promise

100% of all Administrative Costs and Fundraising are covered by Basecamp.\*

Programs
88% – \$7,774,633

Fundraising 6% – \$553,682

Management & Administrative 6% – \$487,934



\*Basecamp is comprised of a generous group of individuals and businesses committed to ensuring the full impact of every donation.



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## Thank You

Thank you for partnering with us to bring hope to tough places. Your generosity is making an impact.

### **Top 1%**

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







### 100% Promise

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





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